This chapter examines the structure of the National Health Service (NHS) and some of the key issues facing those dealing with its management. Topics discussed include policymaking and central planning in the NHS; quality control; commissioning and planning services; the provision of services; structural issues; rationing; health inequalities; the General Medical Council; and efforts to control infectious diseases and prevent illness. The chapter also discusses the complex issue of the rationing of healthcare resources. The case law on the topic is set out and there is a consideration of the ethical issues which are raised when decisions need to be made about who gets medical treatment.