

# Diagnostic landscape in Scotland

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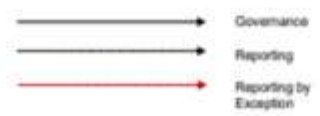
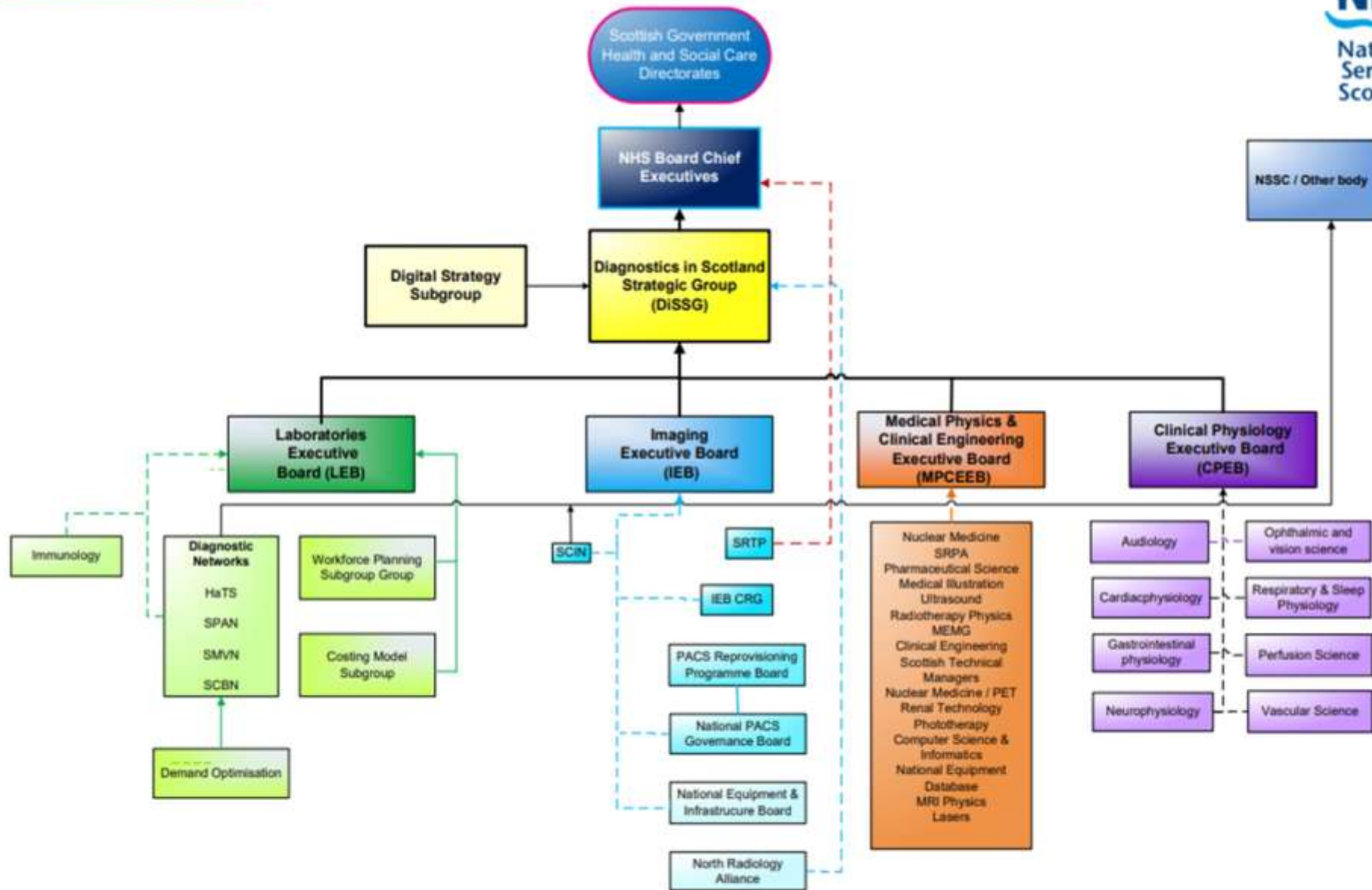
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# Diagnostic Landscape in Scotland

- Diagnostic Steering Group (DSG) provided oversight of diagnostics in Scotland
- 5 National Managed Diagnostic Networks with workplans aligned to the Healthcare Science Delivery Plan (2015-2020)
- **No policy lead at Scottish Government**
- **No diagnostic strategy**
- **No overarching coordination**
- **A policy vacuum**

# The changing Diagnostic Landscape in Scotland

- Diagnostic in Scotland Strategic Group (DiSSG) was established in 2020
- 4 Executive Boards to cover laboratories, diagnostic imaging, medical physics, clinical engineering and clinical physiology
- Policy Lead at Scottish Government was identified in 2021
- 5 National Managed Diagnostic Networks (NMDNs) bring professionals together to improve diagnostic services across disciplines
- The NHS recovery plan was published in August 2021

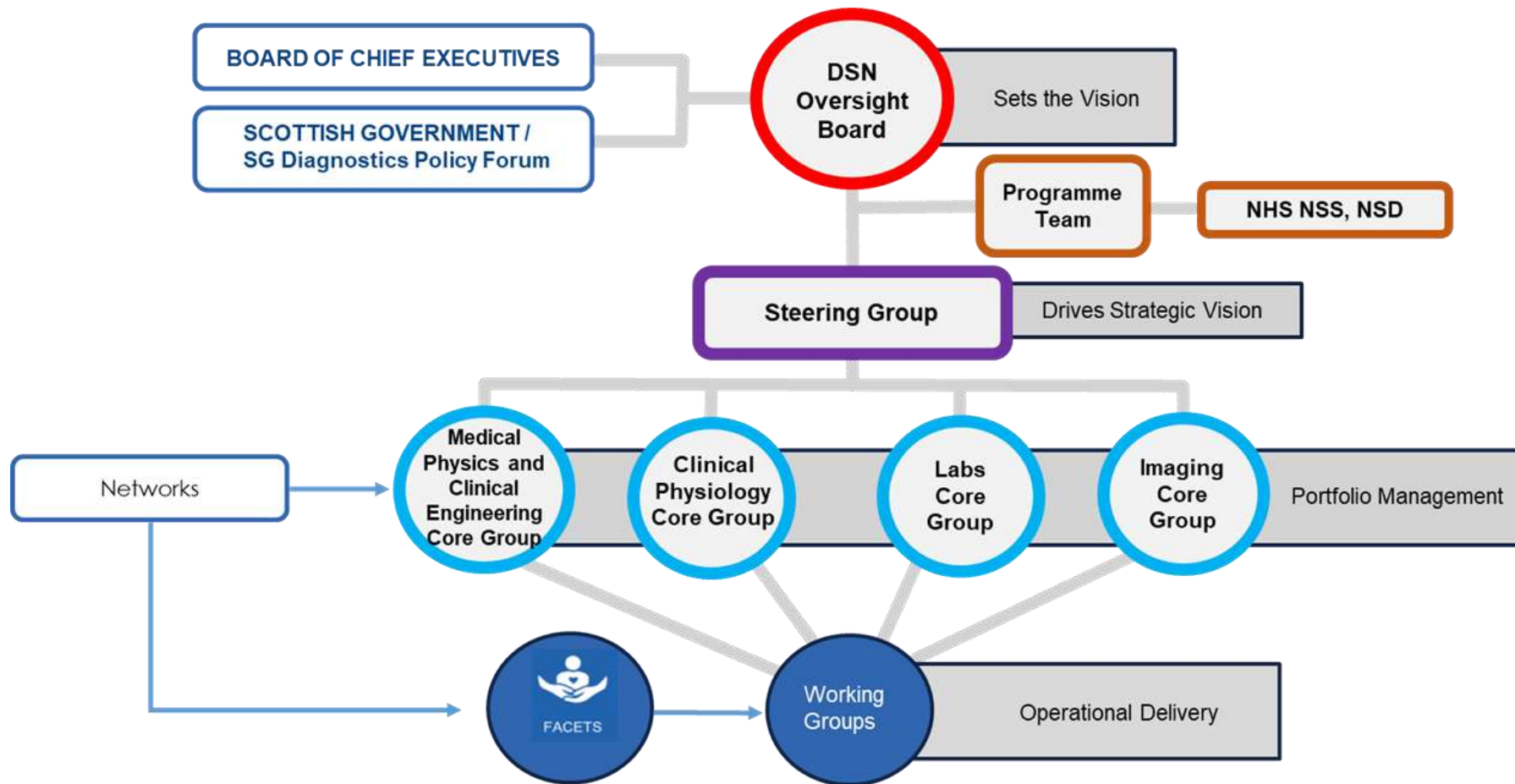


# Current work

- National LIMS procurement
- Workforce planning
- Diagnostic digital strategy
- Data benchmarking
- Demand optimisation including Primary Care Atlas of Variation
- Scottish Radiology Transformation Programme

# Very near future plans

- A review of DiSSG was undertaken on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021
- In September 2022 the Board of Chief Executives agreed the establishment of a Diagnostic Strategic Network
- To provide “an agile governance structure to keep pace with this evolution and bring stronger ties with government policy and strategy”
- Scottish Diagnostics Framework that aligns with the delivery of the NHS Recovery Plan “to enable the delivery of a once for Scotland person-centred, innovative and sustainable diagnostic service for the future”.



# Pros and Cons?

- Pros:
  - Policy framework?
  - Policy lead in SG?
  - Source of funding?
  - Two way communication/developments
  - National Issues eg workforce education
- Cons:
  - Untried
  - Reduced role of MDNs?
  - National issues only?
  - Funding?
  - SG interest?