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# Welcome to Region Norrbotten



**25%**  
of Sweden's area

## This is Norrbotten

Norrbotten is largest county in Sweden. It's almost 100,000 square kilometres in size.

A quarter of a million people live in Norrbotten. This would imply that close to three percent of Sweden's population are residents in Norrbotten and live on a quarter of the country's surface.

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## Norrbotten is a world leader in sustainability

Norrbotten has taken the forefront in the green and global transition. Close to SEK 1,000 billion will be invested in climate-smart solutions by 2040.

LKAB, SSAB and Vattenfall are developing Hybrit in Luleå and Gällivare. H2 Green Steel is investing heavily in Boden. Unique and

world-leading solutions to produce fossil-free steel without carbon. LKAB will start mining and refining rare earth metals which are needed in the global transition for the climate.

Norrbotten is also Europe's space center and will soon launch small satellites for climate monitoring and research.





## 11,000 years of northerners

The first inhabitants of Norrbotten lived in Tornedalen going back 11,000 years ago. In Aarevaara, 3.5 miles from Pajala, settlements have been found which were then close to the edge of the inland ice.

The Sami people, Europe's only indigenous inhabitants, are an important part of Norrbotten's history and future.

Norrbotten has several national minorities and minority languages, all of which contribute to building a strong multicultural and inclusive county.

## Region Norrbotten works for the good of the inhabitants of Norrbotten

Region Norrbotten is governed by all inhabitants of Norrbotten through general political elections. We work for the good of the inhabitants of Norrbotten and conducts health and medical care, dental care and regional development.

The turnover was approximately SEK 9 billion and we are the county's second largest employer. We have circa 6,500 employees, where most of them work in health care.



# All inhabitants of Norrbotten must have safe and secure care

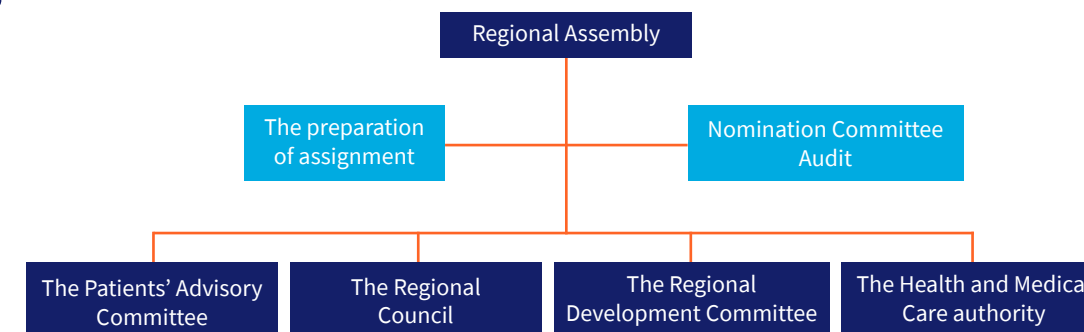
Annually, we receive roughly **1.2 million patient visits**, perform circa **23,000 operations** and help nearly **2,500 new inhabitants** to the world. Our committed and competent staff work around the clock, year round, to provide safe and secure care for the people of Norrbotten.

The vast majority of people in Norrbotten is of the opinion that they have access to the care they need. Cancer care in Norrbotten is among the best in Sweden. Anyone who becomes acutely ill in Norrbotten will see a physician the fastest in the whole country. Emergency medical services and maternal health and obstetric care receive **very high marks from the people in Norrbotten**.

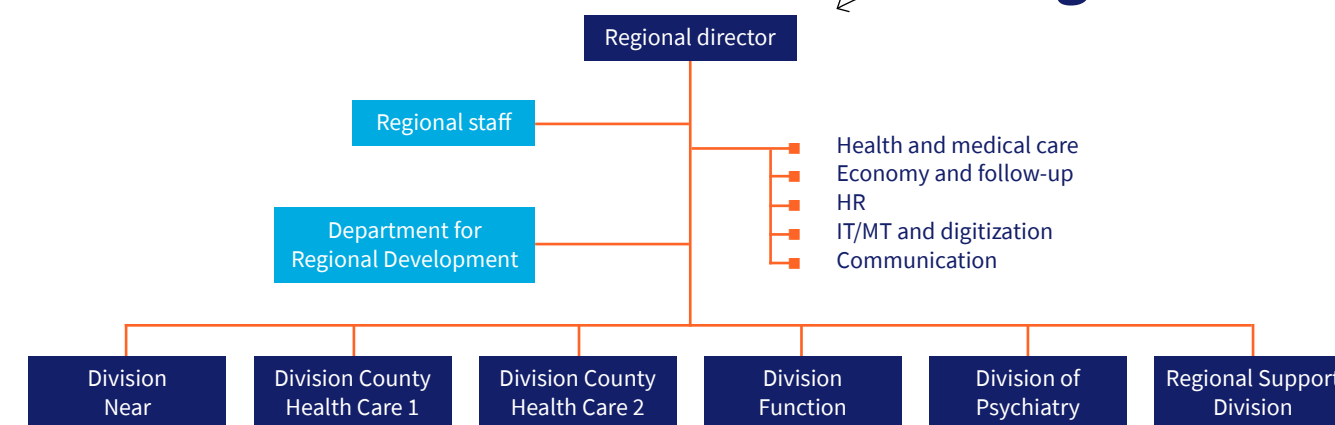
(Sources: SKR/the healthcare barometer, the cancer registry, the National Board of Health and Welfare, Fairlink, the pregnancy questionnaire)



## Political organization



## The service organization

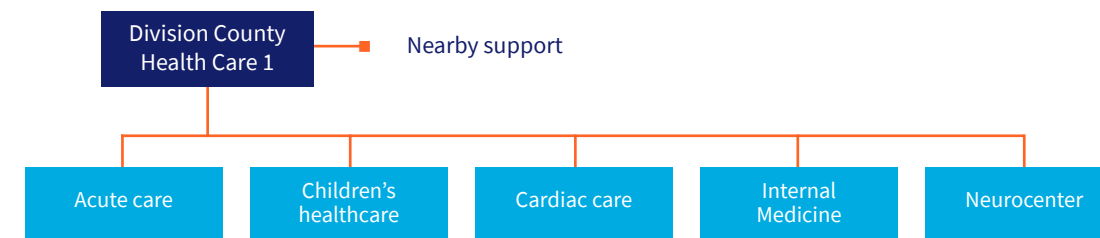






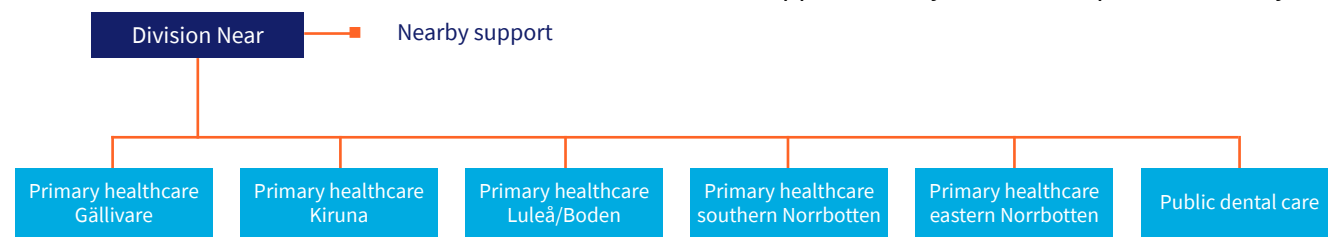
## Division County Health Care 1

**Division County healthcare 1 includes the following activities of the county's specialist care:** Acute care, paediatric care, internal medicine, neurocenter and cardiac care. In addition, there is a staff for County healthcare 1. About 1,900 people work within this division.



## Division Near

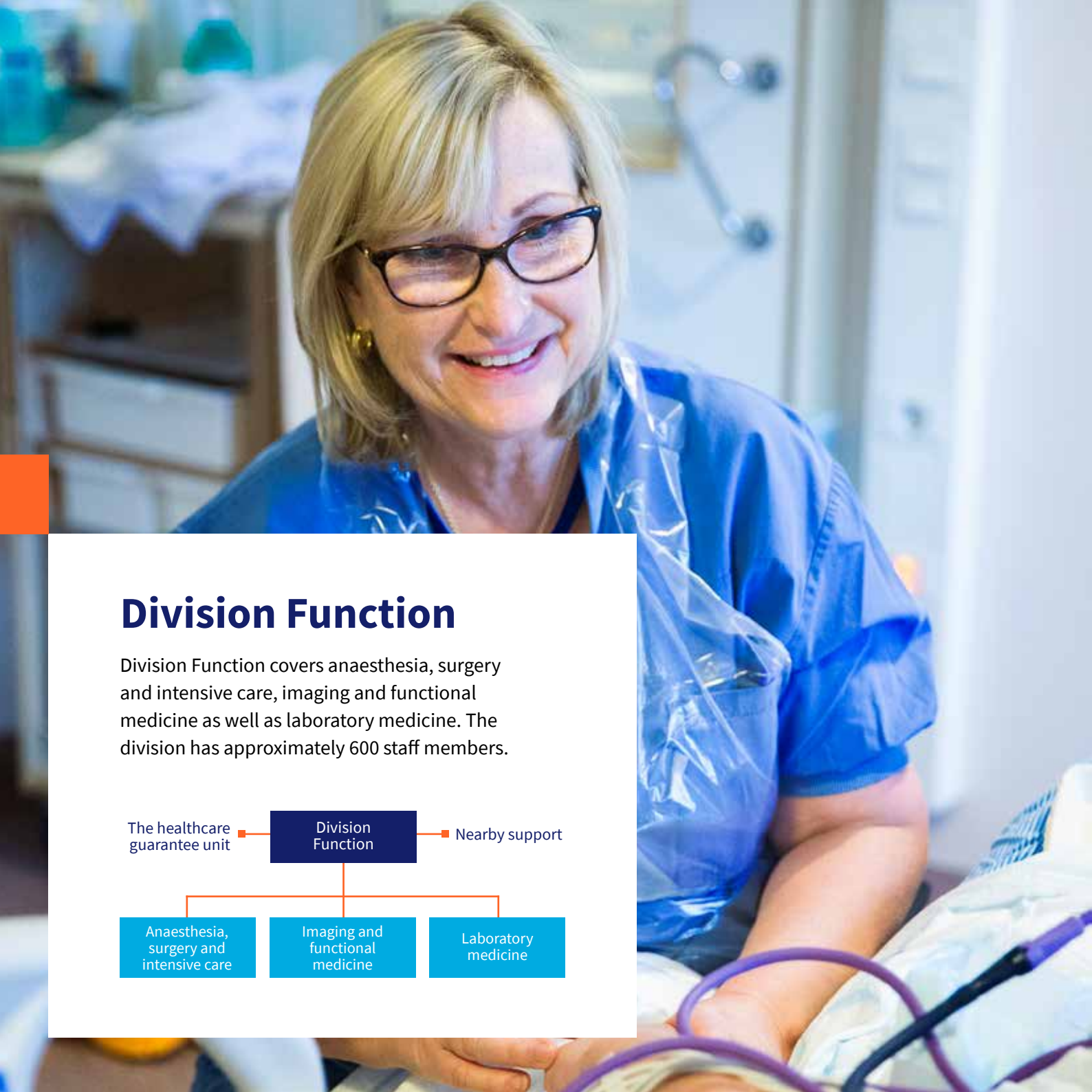
**Division Near includes the county's primary care and public dental care** as well as other activities connected to primary care, including vaccine receptions, tracing of contagion and telephone advice. The division has approximately 2,000 employees, of which approximately 500 work in public dentistry.



**Division County healthcare 2 includes parts of the county's specialist care and contains the following activities:** General surgery/urology, obstetrics/gynaecology, nursing, oncology, orthopaedics, infection/skin/rheumatism/lung, para medicine, eyes and ears/nose/throat/jaw/visual and hearing. In the division there are approximately 1,200 employees.

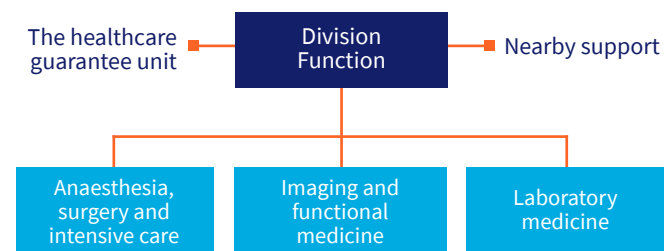
## Division County Health Care 2





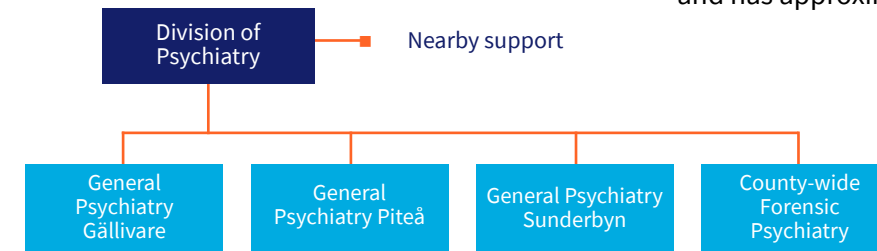
## Division Function

Division Function covers anaesthesia, surgery and intensive care, imaging and functional medicine as well as laboratory medicine. The division has approximately 600 staff members.



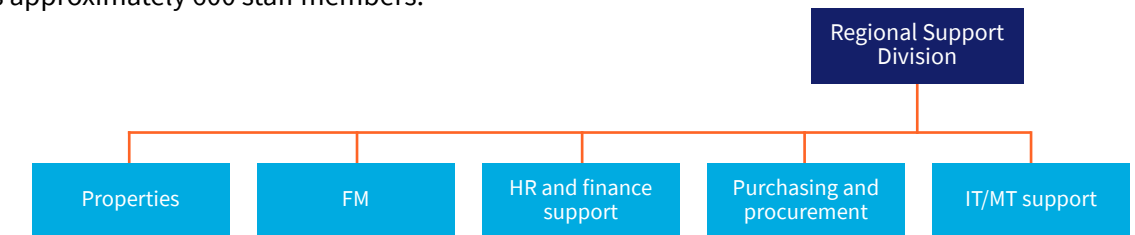
## Division of Psychiatry

The Division of Psychiatry's task is to provide specialized care and treatment in an equal way to all people of Norrbotten. The division encompasses the entire county's competence in the field of psychiatry and has approximately 500 employees.

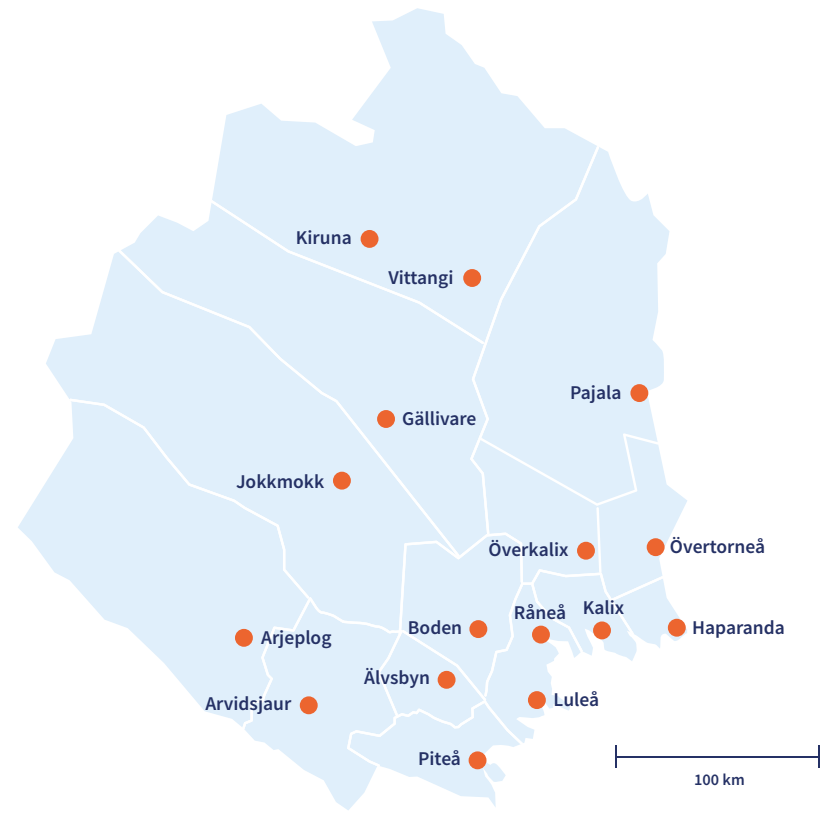


Division Regional Support is responsible for the support and service functions Facility Management, HR/Economy, IT/MT, Purchasing and procurement and property management. The division's task is to provide cost-effective coordinated support and development to divisions, departments and citizens. The division has approximately 600 staff members.

## Regional Support Division







## We are here

There are 28 health centers in Norrbotten. 23 health centers are run by Region Norrbotten and five are run by private healthcare providers.

In addition we have eight branches and 11 service points around the county. The aim is to enhance care and create improved accessibility in sparsely populated areas.

A branch is located 45 km or more from the nearest health center. In the locality, a minimum of 150 people in the population must be 65 years of age or older. At a branch one can receive medical assessment and treatment. It is staffed by nurses/physicians and other professional categories. The branch is open at least one day a week.

A service point is located 25-44 km from the nearest health center, in a fixed location or as a mobile solution. It is staffed by a nurse/assistant nurse and is open at least every other week. At the service point, one can leave samples and get help with simpler care.



## Our hospitals

There are five hospitals within Region Norrbotten, three on the coast and two in Malmfälten.



# Dental care in Norrbotten

The public dental care works for good oral health in Norrbotten and has circa 500 employees and 19 clinics around the county.

There is also specialist dental care in Luleå, Gällivare and Piteå. Patients with referrals from dentists, physicians and other healthcare providers are received there.







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# Region Norrbotten takes responsibility for the county's development

Region Norrbotten has an assignment from the government to coordinate the regional work of development and growth in the county. The department for regional development is responsible for the strategic and operational work. The department has approximately 150 staff members and a turnover of approximately SEK 470 million, excluding EU funds.

The regional development strategy, RUS, aims for Norrbotten to become Sweden's most welcoming and innovative county.

Together, we can build a long-term viable Norrbotten which quickly adapts to changes in the outside world and where we continue to take advantage of our unique conditions and opportunities.

# Culture is important for an attractive county

Region Norrbotten has a political mission to make art and culture accessible to all Norrbotten residents and our visitors. Responsible for that work is the cultural unit at the department for regional development.

**Region Norrbotten is the principal for the cultural institutions and the cultural promotion activities:**

- Music in Norrbotten
- Norrbotten museum
- Norrbotten Regional Library
- Resource Center for Art
- Resource Center for Literature
- Region Norrbotten Art Dance Consultant
- Handicraft Consultant
- Art Consultant







## Sustainability and the region

Norrbotten will become even more sustainable – environmentally, economically and socially.

Region Norrbotten has a government mission to develop Norrbotten in a sustainable direction. The project "Roads to sustainable development" aims to contribute to the work with Agenda 2030 and the global goals, where Norrbotten will become a more sustainable county with high attractiveness for residents, newcomers, visitors and investors.

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## Equality and the region

Equality is a priority issue for Region Norrbotten. The region works in line with the overall policy goal of gender equality:

Women and men must have the same power to shape society and their own lives.





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