

Health Scrutiny Support Programme

Our health, our care, our say:
a new direction for community services

Outline of presentation

- Main goals of White Paper
- Action for health, independence and well-being
- Improved access to GPs
- Improved access to community services
- Support for people with long-term needs
- Bringing care closer to home
- Local Govt and Public Involvement in Health Bill
- Making change happen

Main goals

- Better prevention and early intervention
- More choice and a stronger voice for individuals and communities in how services are planned and provided
- Tackling inequalities and improving access to services
- More support for people with long-term needs and their carers

To be underpinned by...

.... a fundamental shift from hospital-based to community-based and integrated services aimed at health promotion, prevention, self-management and self-care

Health, independence and well-being

- Life checks and health trainers
- Mental well-being
- Holistic approach
- Partnerships for older people projects (POPPS)

Improving access to general practice

- Social enterprise companies
- Guaranteed acceptance on GP lists
- Info on GP practices, hours and services
- Incentives to encourage GPs to expand
- Access to GPs at convenient times
- PCTs to augment GP services with:
 - new providers
 - more evening surgeries
 - new improved walk-in centres

Improving access to community services

Emphasis on integration of health and social care

- Direct payments
- Individual budgets
- Improving urgent access to:
 - sexual health services
 - mental health services
 - cancer screening
 - end of life services
 - immunisation

Support for people with long-term needs

- Expert Patients Programme
- Better assessment and care planning
- Assistive technologies – demonstration projects under way
- Extension of national tariff to long-term conditions
- New deal for carers

Bringing care closer to home

“The right care in the right setting, with the right equipment, performed by the appropriate skilled person”

- Shifting resources to the community
- Shifting resources towards prevention
- Accessible community hospitals
- Payment by Results in community settings

Effective commissioning to make this happen

The Local Govt and Public Involvement in Health Bill

- PPI Forums replaced by LINKs
- LINKs supported by host orgs procured by LAs
- Based on social services areas
- Powers to monitor and visit NHS AND social care facilities
- Emphasis on monitoring commissioning

The Local Govt and Public Involvement in Health Bill (2)

- Duty to consult
- Scrutiny of partner organisations
- Enhanced role for LAAs
- Community call for action

Making change happen

- Good information
- Quality
- Developing the workforce