

Delivering efficiencies through partnerships

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An ageing society



The UK population is ageing rapidly and by 2033, almost a quarter of the population will be over 65.

Older people account for:

- **60% of hospital admissions;**
- **65% of hospital bed days;**
- **70% of emergency hospital readmissions;**
- **72% of social care services; and**
- **750,000 people with dementia**
- **There are 460,000 discharges from hospital with social care packages per annum;**
- **One million people have three or more long-term conditions**
- **5 million carers**

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The Political Context

The Coalition: our programme for Government (May 2010)

- “We will find intelligent ways to encourage support and enable people to make better choices for themselves”
- " We will look to recast the relationship between individual and state [with]: citizens empowered; individual opportunity extended; communities coming together to make lives better"

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- We will establish a **commission on long-term care**.
- We will break down barriers between **health and social care funding** to incentivise preventative action.
- We will extend the greater roll-out of **personal budgets** to give people and their carers more control and purchasing power.
- We will use **direct payments** to carers and better community-based provision to improve access to respite care.
- We will **help elderly people live at home for longer** through solutions such as home adaptations and community support programmes.
- We will prioritise **dementia research**.
- We are committed to an **NHS** that is free at the point of use and available to everyone based on need, not the ability to pay

White Paper: Liberating the NHS



- Equity and Excellence: *Liberating the NHS* is a NHS White Paper setting out a future vision for the NHS
- It describes a system where:
 - Patients are at the heart of everything the NHS does
 - Healthcare outcomes in England are among the best in the world
 - Clinicians are empowered to deliver results
- There are three key elements:
 - GP consortia
 - National Commissioning Board
 - Economic Regulator
- It seeks views on how the vision should be implemented
- A Health Bill will be introduced into Parliament later in the year and responses to this consultation will help inform the contents of the Bill

A bigger role for Local Government

- **Health and wellbeing boards**

To help ensure that the new integrated system works properly, it is proposed that ‘Health and wellbeing’ boards are set up in Local Authorities. These would ensure that:

- joint working takes place when commissioning NHS, public health, and social care services
- there is strategic oversight of health and care services
- GP consortia are responsive to the needs of patients

You are encouraged to respond to the more detailed consultation questions that are included in the separate consultation on “Increasing democratic legitimacy in health’

- **Role in health improvement**

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- Vision
- Law Commission
- Commission on Funding Care and Support
- White Paper
- Second session Legislation

Commission on the Funding of Care and Support



Choice, Fairness, Value for money, Sustainability

• Terms of Reference

- The Commission is asked to examine and provide deliverable recommendations on:
- How best to meet the costs of care and support as a partnership between individuals and the state;
- How people could choose to protect their assets, especially their homes, against the cost of care;
- How, both now and in the future, public funding for the care and support system can be best used to meet care and support needs;
- How its preferred option can be delivered, including an indication of the timescale for implementation, and its impact on local government (and the local government finance system), the NHS, and – if appropriate – financial regulation.

The Financial Context

- Immediate savings of £6bn public spending
- Emergency Budget - 22nd June
- Spending Review - October 2010
- Use of Resources
- Total Place and QIPP

Partnership working



- Older people are the biggest users of health and social care
- Joint working has potential for efficiencies
- Joined-up, personalised care delivers better outcomes for older people and their carers
- Coalitions are committed to breaking down the barriers between health and social care
- Prevention for older people can improve quality of life and allow people to live independently for longer
- We have the opportunity to deliver real change, improve outcomes for older people and their carers and realise vital efficiency savings

Facts and Figures



- POPP Evaluation indicated that investment in prevention in social care can result in savings for the NHS. Potential savings could be in a range from £0.73p to £1.34p for every £1 spent.
- 50 per cent of people who went through a re-ablement package needed no immediate care package, and 36 to 48 per cent continued to have no ongoing care package after two years
- 400,000 people use intermediate care services each year and around 90,000 people use home care re-ablement
- By March 2009, around £3.9bn was invested by PCTs and local authorities in pooled budgets including services for people with learning disabilities (70 pooled budget arrangements) and equipment and adaptations (65 pooled budgets)