



# Delivering services amidst a new political landscape: the hospice perspective

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## What a difference a year makes

- New coalition government
- Drive to eliminate the budget deficit
- Radical transformation of public services
- Expanded role for communities and charities through the Big Society



## A contemporary snapshot of hospice care

- UK hospices spent £687m in 2009, £179m comes from the government
- Two-thirds of hospice patients cared for in their own homes
- Increasing demand for hospice care (15% increase in the last four years)
- 64% of PCTs froze funding for hospice care in 2010/11, 6% cut funding

## NHS White Paper – Liberating the NHS

- Substantial reform of the NHS
- Creation of an Independent NHS Commissioning Board
- Devolution of commissioning to GP Consortia
- Abolition of PCTs and SHAs
- Introduction of new outcome measures
- Creation of a regulated 'social market' in health care
- Increased role for local government



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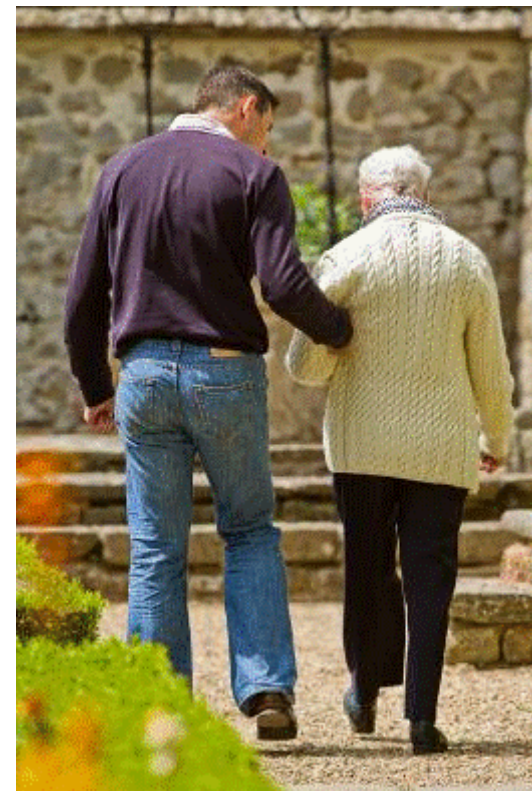
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## Commissioning for patients

- Consortia should collaborate on commissioning hospice and palliative care
- Hospices have expertise to support GP commissioning
- Commissioning must take an integrated approach
- Hospices as 'co-commissioners'





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## Regulating healthcare providers

- The introduction of a 'social market' for healthcare must not increase the regulatory burden on charities like hospices
- Risk of destabilising existing provision





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## Transparency in outcomes

- The shift to outcomes must encompass health and social care
- The outcomes framework must reflect outcomes in palliative care
- There should be a focus on people living with complex co-morbidities



## Hospice care and the Big Society

- Local hospices provide social capital
- Engaging communities through fundraising and volunteering
- Educating and training the wider workforce
- Raising awareness of death and dying



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Hospice care is *"one of the great successes of the big society that we have in this country."*

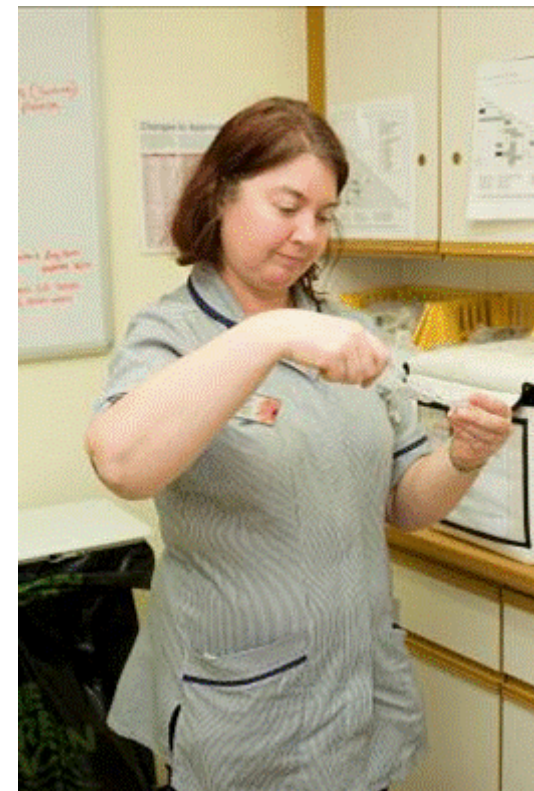
Prime Minister David Cameron  
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## Innovation in hospice care

- Partnerships with other providers, such as care homes
- Expanding new service models for non-malignant disease
- Developing new services, such as domiciliary care





## The great unknowns

- Sustaining the priority for palliative and end of life care
- Commissioning of palliative and end of life care
- Implications of a new competitive market
- Funding of hospice and palliative care
- Interface between health and social care