

Healthy Communities 2010 – Creating A People-Centred Service

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Priorities for health reforms

- A patient-led NHS
- Delivering better health outcomes
- A more autonomous and accountable system
- Improved public health through a new public health delivery system
- A focus on reforming long-term care

Reform agenda - headlines

- NHS Commissioning Board
- GP Consortia
- Public Health Service
- Strengthened role for local authorities
- New core role for Dept. Health
- Strengthened roles for Monitor, CQC and NICE

And underpinning this:

- Greater democratic legitimacy and patient involvement

And crucially:

- Reducing health inequalities a priority

New cross-government agenda

- Cabinet committee on Social Justice
 - Cabinet sub-committee on Public Health
 - Inter-Ministerial Group on Homelessness
 - Gypsies and Travellers
 - Social Mobility
 - Life chances and poverty
 - Early intervention
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- Big Society
 - localism

Increasing democracy and legitimacy

- strong local voice for patients
- Strengthened role of Local Authorities and councillors
- Local Authorities responsible for health improvement
- lead on ensuring that NHS, public health, social care and children's services are joined up.
- Local authorities commission HealthWatch.

Strengthened role for local authorities

Key functions:

- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
- promoting integration and partnership
working
- supporting joint commissioning and pooled
budgets
- carrying out scrutiny of major service redesign

... working closely with GP consortia.

New health improvement responsibilities

Options set out in the consultation, include

Creation of a statutory Health and Well-being Board in each Local Authority, bringing together elected councillors, patient representatives through HealthWatch, NHS commissioners, public health, social care and Children's services, to assess needs and join-up commissioning.

The possibility of bringing the health Overview and Scrutiny function into this Board, to maximise involvement in and influence over commissioning decisions

Clearer process for local resolution of issues around service reconfigurations, with a clear route for escalation where agreement can't be reached

Public Health Service

- Public Health White Paper,
- PHS not a separate legal entity from DH
- ALBs functions into DH
- Health Bill autumn 2010
- PH outcomes framework

Public Health Service and Local authorities

- DsPH jointly appointed by the PHS and LAs, employed by the LA
- DsPH will lead on health improvement for **their area; ring-fenced budget**
- ring-fenced budget will recognise **differences in need and good performance.**
- The first allocations to LAs in 2013/14
- Secretary of State relationship with DsPH