

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 16 SEPTEMBER 2014

POSITION STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Barker Commission

The report outlines a radical vision for an integrated care journey and recommends removing the distinctions between social care and NHS continuing care.

Key Findings

- The commission recommends moving to a single, ring-fenced budget for the NHS and social care, with a single commissioner for local services.
- A new care and support allowance, suggested by the commission, would offer choice and control to people with low to moderate needs, while at the highest levels of need the battlelines between who pays for care – the NHS or the local authority – will be removed.
- Individuals and their carers would benefit from a much simpler path through the whole system of health and social care that is designed to reflect changing levels of need.
- The commission also recommends a focus on more equal support for equal need, which in the long term means making much more social care free at the point of use.
- The commission largely rejects new NHS charges and private insurance options in favour of public funding.

Policy Implications

- Proposals for a single, ring-fenced budget and single local commissioner will have major implications for central and local government and the NHS.
- Public spending on health and social care is likely to reach between 11 per cent and 12 per cent of GDP by 2025, the next government needs to consider how to respond to these spending pressures.
- The commission proposes funding changes, including changes to National Insurance contributions, to meet the additional £5 billion that would be required to improve social care entitlements.
- A comprehensive review of various forms of wealth taxation needs to be undertaken with a view to generating additional resources that will be needed for health and social care in future years.

Better Care Fund (BCF)

The Health and Wellbeing Board and Integration Executive have been updated on all the developments associated with the Better Care Fund over the summer, including via an additional briefing in August. A summary briefing paper is attached at Appendix A to this position statement which covers:

- The main policy developments
- The implications of the changes to the policy and performance framework for Better Care Fund Plans,
- The additional guidance and support that has been in place over the last few weeks
- The assurance process for BCF plans, which commences on 22nd September 2014.

Integrated Personal Commissioning

Following the initial announcement from Simon Stevens earlier in the summer, NHS England has published the [Integrated Personal Commissioning \(IPC\) programme Prospectus](#) in partnership with the LGA and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services.

The objectives of the programme are to align the integration and personalisation agendas to increase an individual's choice and control over how their health and care needs are met with care organised around the needs and abilities of individuals, helping them to remain independent in their own homes. A summary of the key points from the prospectus can be found at Appendix B to this report.

Public Health Funding Settlement

The Government confirmed that in 2015/16 local authorities will receive a ring-fenced grant of £2.79 billion, (e.g. no change to the 2014/15 allocation). The Government will allocate an additional £5 million towards a new Health Premium Incentive Scheme, where local authorities will be rewarded for meeting one mandatory national public health target, related to improving drug and alcohol services, and one local target of their choice. The scheme will be piloted during 2015 and 2016. You can find further information about the settlement in this LGA [briefing](#).

Cancer Research UK: Latest Findings on Mortality Rates in the UK

Death rates for four cancers which account for half of all cancer deaths in the UK have fallen by almost a third since the early 1990s, new figures show. Over the past two decades the combined death rates for breast, bowel, lung and prostate cancer have fallen by 30%, according to data from Cancer Research UK.

Between 1991 and 1993, 146 people out of every 100,000 could have expected to die from one of these four cancers but by 2010 to 2012 these figures dipped to 102 out of every 100,000. For breast cancer the death rate fell by 38% during this time frame while bowel cancer, lung cancer and prostate cancer fell by 34%, 27% and 21% respectively. Mortality rates in other cancers, including liver, pancreatic, melanoma, oral and some digestive cancers have increased.

NHS Confederation 2015 Challenge Manifesto



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The [NHS Confederation 2015 Challenge Manifesto](#) has been supported by a coalition of national organisations and sets out 15 “asks” of policy makers and politicians to shape the future direction and resources of the NHS including for example how the NHS is funded, the parity of mental health services, a large scale self care programme, and greater clarity on the workforce implications of seven days services.

NHS England Five Year Forward View

NHS England is currently engaging a five year forward view to consider the following

- A clear vision, setting out the particular contribution that the NHS and others can make to the health of our nation, and the transformation required to meet the changing needs of current and future patients.
- A shared understanding of the extent and nature of the gap between where we are and where we need to be, including: the ‘**financial**’ context for both demand and supply, the ‘**health**’ opportunity and the ‘**care**’ opportunity – transformation requires all three to be addressed.
- A range of care models that could deliver transformation (the what) identifying the actions required at the local and national level to support delivery (how).
- Priority areas for targeting transformation, identifying what needs to happen to support delivery and the potential benefits for patients and taxpayers.
- Actions that we can take nationally to create the conditions for local action

Further details at this link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2014/08/15/5yfv/>

NHS England Reorganisation

Reductions across the senior tier generally and a reduction in the number of area teams across NHS England from 24 to 12, were announced in early September. Further information is expected shortly on the implications for Area Teams by region.

New Congenital Heart Disease review: launch of consultation on draft standards and service specifications

NHS England is launching twelve weeks of consultation on the *draft standards and service specifications* for congenital heart disease (CHD) services. This will run until 5pm on 8 December 2014. More information about the new congenital heart disease review, of which this is part, is available on the NHS England [website](#).

The following key resources are available on the NHS England [consultation hub](#):

- a **consultation document**, introducing the standards and specifications and setting out the key questions we are asking;
- the **standards and specifications** on which we are consulting, combined together in a single document;
- an **easy-read version** of the consultation document; and
- a **reference pack** which pulls together useful background information which has been published during the review to date.

Audio-visual materials describing the draft standards for CHD services are also available and can be found on the [NHS England YouTube channel](#).

Responses to the consultation should be made via the [consultation hub](#), however if this is not possible a copy of the response form and contact details for submitting email and paper responses can be downloaded.

During the consultation period the review team will be hosting a number of open consultation events which will be suitable for all audiences. The events are designed to help those who attend to learn about and understand the standards and the changes these could mean to services. The events will be of an 'exhibition style' which will include panel displays, audio-visual materials, and team members to talk to. To view a list of these events and register to attend, please use our [booking system](#).

Appendices:

Appendix A: BCF Briefing Note

Appendix B: Key Points: Integrated Personal Commissioning