

We work at the Department of Health to help people stay in good health and live independent lives

We lead the health and care system to ensure people experience a service that protects and promotes health and provides safe, effective and compassionate care

## We have three goals for the future

**Living and ageing well** – helping people live healthier lives, making this country the best place in the world in which to grow old

In 2014, our priorities are preventing disease and poor health, improving care for people over 75, reforming social care, integrating health and care, and improving care for people with dementia

**Caring better** – raising standards in health and care, ensuring everyone is treated with compassion and respect

In 2014, our priorities are improving the quality of care and the use of technology, encouraging greater openness and taking significant steps towards parity of esteem between mental and physical health

**Preparing for the future** – making the right decisions today so that the health and care system can meet the needs of people in the future

In 2014, our priorities are ensuring the long-term sustainability of the system by maintaining quality, access and financial performance, working more efficiently and investing in research and innovation

## We will improve our work to achieve these goals

**Leading confidently** – being an effective steward of the health and care system by providing strategic direction, building partnerships and being accountable and connected to patients and the public

**Building capability** – improving leadership and change management, programme and project management, and increasing digital skills

**Improving policy making** – ensuring we have the knowledge and strategic capability to address our major policy challenges

**Increasing openness** – having clearer priorities, reducing bureaucracy and providing the public with more accessible information on the performance of services



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