

What we've achieved in Quarter 3 of 2012-13

This is a snapshot of our achievements in Q3 2012-13. They have been set out in the six priority areas outlined in the Corporate Plan: Better Health, Better Care, Better Value, Successful Change, Our Partners and the DH itself.

Better Health

- We have signed a Memorandum of Co-operation with the Equality and Human Rights Commission to continue improvement in equality
- in relation to Universal Credit implementation, we have agreed an approach to passported benefits, such as prescription charges, from April 2013 to April 2014

Better Care

- We have made £22 million available to 21 pioneering research projects to boost dementia diagnosis rates and trial ground-breaking treatments.
- we have invited the NHS to bid for £50m capital to fund improvements for people with dementia
- we have published the final report of the department's review following the events at Winterbourne View hospital, including clear timeframes for action to improve outcomes for people with learning disabilities, autism and challenging behaviours.
- we have developed the Care and Support White Paper implementation plan and launched a £300m specialised housing fund.
- over 70,000 people have signed up to the Information Service for Parents which we have extended to cover babies up to 6 months old.
- we have announced funding for 8 new Health Technology Co-operatives to provide solutions to improve patient care and quality of life.
- we have published an evaluation of NHS 111 which shows that it is improving access to appropriate urgent care services
- we have published the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework for 2013/14
- we have published the Patient Choice Framework which gives a clear statement to the patients and the public of the choice available to them.
- we have developed the new Patient Led Assessments of the Care Environment (PLACE) process.
- we have commenced the process of Medical Revalidation regulation to ensure doctors keep up to the professional standards expected of them

Better Value

- we have released an updated version of NIHR Clinical Research Network Costing Template for Faster contracting that will reduce costs for NHS trusts and life sciences companies conducting research.
- we have developed a process enabling faster more efficient decision making about contract research inclusion in the NIHR Clinical Research Network portfolio
- we have achieved £5.8bn in 2011/12 towards delivering £20bn QIPP savings by 2014/15 and we are on target for achieving £5bn in 2012/13 - ahead of trajectory.

Successful Change

- We have developed the NHS Property Services Limited to provide a solution for the future ownership and management of the PCT estate
- we have launched a consultation on the NHS constitution
- we have achieved successful closedown of NHS accounts for SHAs and PCTs in 2012/13
- we have launched the NIHR competition for new Health Protection Research Units bringing together HPA, scientists and universities
- we have ensured corporate governance and corporate services support meet the requirements of the emerging new organisational structures.
- we have enabled the Commissioning Board and Health Education England to accept transfers of transition responsibilities
- we have successfully abolished The Appointments Commission (AC)

Our Partners

- we have published the Armed Forces Covenant to meet requirement of Armed Forces Act 2011, providing transparency on delivery of Government commitments.
- we have started the Veterans Information Service for all those who have left the service since October 2010
- we have ensured that from October 29 2012 compensation payments to the seriously injured, under the Armed forces Compensation Scheme, will not need to be used to pay for social care.
- we have secured £50 million, from the Capital Funding Programme for Energy Efficiency funding, to support an NHS aim of carbon reduction of 10% by 2015

The DH itself

- we have published an evaluation of Personal Health Budgets
- we have launched the sale of DH company Plasma Resources UK (PRUK Ltd)
- we have completed a programme of refurbishment of areas of DH buildings