

What we've achieved in Quarter 2 of 2012-13

This is a snapshot of our achievements in Q2 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 launched several high-profile public health campaigns, including the successful “Stoptober” where support was provided to those staff who wished to use this opportunity to stop smoking;
- we published a detailed action plan across all five DH Directorates to ensure delivery of equality objectives;
- we recruited a team of volunteers to develop, support and maintain a high-quality DH emergency response capability;
- we successfully launched the Pertussis (whooping cough) programme for pregnant women;
- we are monitoring the ‘climate ready’ preparedness of the health sector via the Public Health Outcomes Framework indicators and the board-level approved sustainable development management plans.

Better Care

- We published the Care and Support White Paper and Bill;
- we published the Progress Report on funding reform;
- we renegotiated the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) and around £200m has been returned to NHS through lower fees and allowances;
- we launched the new national NHS Staff Survey;
- we published the 2012 performance tables and heat maps, which showed the extent of clinical research activity across the NHS in England;
- we announced our plans for PbR tariffs and currencies in 2013-14 to reflect a continuation of the priorities set out in *Equity and Excellence*.

Better Value

- We have agreed all 2013/14 budgets for newly formed organisations which have been signed off by Secretary of State;
- we delivered the necessary changes to enable Hutton Pension Reform and increased employee pension contributions as set by HMT;
- we are delivering enhanced routine reporting to the Departmental Board on finance and performance including QIPP delivery, monthly reporting to No 10 and HMT and the Quarterly Data Summary for Cabinet Office and the public;

Successful Change

- We have successfully managed the transfer of functions from Medical Education England to Health Education England;
- we have transferred the regulatory functions of the General Social Care Council (GSCC) to Health Professions Council (HPC);
- we have appointed a Chair, a substantive Chief Executive and three non-executive directors of the Health Research Authority (HRA);
- we have held the first Board meeting of NHS Property Services, an organisation that will give estates and facilities support to the NHS Commissioning Board and Clinical Commissioning Groups;
- we have published the annual report on the state of the health system and the review of the effect of the NHS Constitution;
- we have either closed or abolished a number of ALBs - the AERC, the GSCC, the NPSA and the Appointments Commission;

Our Partners

- we announced funding for Medical Research Council and NIHR Phenome Centre;
- we hosted session and exhibition in the Britain is Great Life Sciences Olympic event;
- we published the draft Mandate and the Outcomes Framework for the NHSCB;

The DH itself

- We responded to 98-99% of correspondence within 18 days, 100% of FOIs within 20 days and 99-100% of PQs on time;
- we have completed the second round of the DH Open Competition for AO-G6;
- we maintained business as usual during the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games period - 45% of staff reduced or positively changed their travel during the Games period; there was a 7% increase in remote working and a 40% reduction in Leeds to London travel;
- we have successfully completed planned accommodation programme moves which has seen ALBs in new accommodation.