

Department of Health Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update	April 2012
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(1) Actions due to be completed in April 2012

Section	Action	Status
1.1 iii	Introduce choice of named consultant-led team for outpatients	Complete
1.1 iv	Begin to introduce choice of care for long term conditions and in diagnostics and post-diagnosis	Complete
1.1 vi	Give patients the right to register with the GP practice of their choice if it has an open list	Not complete
1.2 iv	Complete the evaluation of NHS 111 pilot sites and, informed by its findings, begin implementation in England as appropriate	Not complete
1.10 ii	Publish proposals for closer integration as part of the Social Care White Paper	Not complete
1.9 iii	Launch the UK Clinical Trials Gateway to make it easy for patients, their doctors, friends, and families to access information about clinical trials	Complete
2.2 iv	Begin extension of Payment by Results to community services and mental health	Complete
3.3 v	Develop a national learning programme for early implementer health and wellbeing boards, which brings together partners from local areas to share learning	Complete
4.2 iii	Establish local public health budget allocations in shadow form and announce the high level design of a “health premium” for local authorities that tackle public health challenges among the disadvantaged	Not complete
4.4 ii	Monitor information sharing and evaluate its impact	Not complete
5.1 iii	Publish a White Paper with full proposals for reform of adult social care, and a progress report on funding reform	Not complete

(2) Actions due to be started by April 2012 and ongoing

Section	Action	Status
1.1 v	Implement choice of treatment and provider in some mental health services, and extend this where practicable (due to complete Jul 2014)	Work started
1.11 iv	Publish clinical audit data, detailing the performance of publicly funded clinical teams in key conditions (ongoing)	Work started
1.11 vi	Publish data on quality of post-graduate medical education by provider (ongoing)	Work started
2.1 iv	Develop incentives to improve access to primary care in disadvantaged areas (due to complete Apr 2013)	Work started
2.3 iii	Undertake pilots for a new funding system for palliative care (due to complete Apr 2014)	Work started

2.8 ii	Introduce legislation to regulate practitioners of Chinese and Herbal Medicine (due to complete Jan 2013)	Work started
A3 ii	Implement the piloting of second tranche of drugs recovery wings, including at a women's prison and a young offender institution (due to complete Oct 2013)	Work started
1.2 v	Roll out NHS 111 to the whole of England (due to complete Apr 2013)	Work ongoing
1.4 i	Explore and develop best practice for integration of personal budgets across health and social care as part of the personal health budget programme (due to complete Oct 2012)	Work ongoing
1.10 i	Extend and revise policy around emergency readmissions and post discharge care, requiring the NHS and social care services to work jointly to support people in the 30 days after discharge from hospital (due to complete Oct 2012)	Work ongoing
1.11 i	Publish comparative clinical outcomes of GP practices (ongoing)	Work ongoing
1.11 ii	Publish GP prescribing data (ongoing)	Work ongoing
1.11 v	Publish data on staff satisfaction and engagement by NHS provider (ongoing)	Work ongoing
2.1 v	Implement NHS Outcomes Framework (due to complete Apr 2013)	Work ongoing
2.4 ii	Establish NICE on a firmer statutory basis (due to complete Apr 2013)	Work ongoing
2.4 vi	Develop new pricing process with drug companies and introduce it after the end of the current Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme (due to complete Jan 2014)	Work ongoing
2.6 iv	Implement a service transformation project to extend access to best available/NICE approved talking therapies for children and young people (due to complete Sep 2015)	Work ongoing
2.7 i	Co-design and establish pilots to provide payments based on outcomes to providers to help individuals achieve sustained recovery from drug dependency (due to complete April 2014)	Work ongoing
2.7 ii	Roll out liaison and diversion services for mentally ill offenders, working with the Ministry of Justice (due to complete Nov 2014)	Work ongoing
2.7 iii	Pilot and roll out drugs recovery prison wings (due to complete Oct 2013)	Work ongoing
2.7 iv	Develop and pilot alternative forms of treatment based accommodation for drugs and mentally ill offenders (due to complete Apr 2013)	Work ongoing
2.8 i	Prepare for the implementation of regular revalidation of doctors, subject to a test of affordability and practicability (due to complete Dec 2012)	Work ongoing
2.8 iii	Abolish the General Social Care Council and transfer functions to Health and Care Professions Council (due to complete Jul 2012)	Work ongoing
2.8 iv	Transfer Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence to independent and self-funding status (due to complete Apr 2013)	Work ongoing

2.8 v	Abolish the Office of Health Professions Adjudication (subject to passage of necessary legislation) and modernisation of General Medical Council (GMC) legislation on adjudication of fitness to practise cases (due to complete Dec 2013)	Work ongoing
2.9 ii	Provide support to individual NHS organisations to assist them in producing plans to deliver the quality and productivity challenge the NHS Chief Executive has set them (due to complete Mar 2015)	Work ongoing
3.3 iv	Begin to introduce enhanced role for local authorities, through health and wellbeing boards, to promote integration across health, public health and care based on strengthened Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and new joint health and wellbeing strategies (due to complete Oct 2012)	Work ongoing
3.7 i	Working with HM Treasury, other public sector schemes and current NHS Pension Scheme governance arrangements to deliver changes in terms of employee contributions for delivering the Spending Review commitments, including necessary changes in regulations (due to complete Apr 2014)	Work ongoing
3.7 ii	Working with HM Treasury, other public sector schemes and current NHS Pensions Scheme governance arrangements to deliver any changes arising from Lord Hutton's recommendations (due to complete Dec 2015)	Work ongoing
4.3 iii	Continue to update online registry of Responsibility Deal partners (ongoing)	Work ongoing
A2 ii	Collect data from adult liaison and diversion pathfinder services to assess service models and their impact, and develop the business case for wider roll-out (due to complete Nov 2012)	Work ongoing
A1 iv	Publish payment by results information as data comes in, subject to commercial confidentiality and ONS guidance (due to complete Apr 2014)	Work ongoing
A4 vi	Commence piloting of test sites (due to complete Nov 2012)	Work ongoing

(3) Explanation of missed deadlines

In April 2012, the Department missed the following deadlines:

Deadline missed	Reason
1.1 vi Give patients the right to register with the GP practice of their choice if it has an open list	The Government is committed to giving patients far greater choice over which GP practice they can register with, and consulted widely in 2010, looking at the practical issues involved in enabling people to access services away from where they live. The agreement reached with the General Practitioners Committee of the BMA as part of the annual GP contract negotiations was to pilot new models of GP choice in areas of central London, Nottingham and Manchester/Salford from April 2012. The pilot process is now underway and will allow us to test the practical issues involved and work out how best to expand choice for patients.

1.2 iv Complete the evaluation of NHS 111 pilot sites and, informed by its findings, begin implementation in England as appropriate	The evaluation process concluded on schedule, but due to complexities of the data collected, the final report is now expected to be completed for publication in June. The evaluation is an independent piece of work being undertaken and published by the University of Sheffield.
1.10 ii Publish proposals for closer integration as part of the Social Care White Paper	Due to recess and local election purdah, it is not possible to publish the planned White Paper in April. Work is progressing to publish the White Paper before the summer. The White Paper will include proposals to improve integration.
4.2 iii Establish local public health budget allocations in shadow form and announce the high level design of a “health premium” for local authorities that tackle public health challenges among the disadvantaged	Due to recess and local election purdah, the announcement of the high level design has been subject to delay. The announcement is now expected to be made later in May.
4.4 ii Monitor information sharing and evaluate its impact	This action has been delayed by the need to go through Review of Central Returns processes in order to gain clearance to audit NHS delivery on information sharing (the process took two months). The audit is currently underway and we will have a final report of findings by start of June 2012.
5.1 iii Publish a White Paper with full proposals for reform of adult social care, and a progress report on funding reform	The timing of the White Paper has changed due to recess and purdah, as explained in 1.10ii above.

The status of missed deadlines from previous reports is:

Deadline missed	Status	Reason
2.7 v Consider and agree how wider health reforms will impact on health services for offenders in custody and the community (due to complete in March 2012)	Still not complete	Progress has been made in respect of arrangements for offender health services and the delivery of interventions for offenders with alcohol issues. Work continues on enabling criminal justice agencies to contribute to local health decisions, as in action A5 ii below. Policy developments will be reflected in the 2012 issue of the Structural Reform Plan due to be published later in May.
3.5 v Review current legislative powers relating to the governance and operation of NHS Charities to preserve and extend their independence from central government (due to complete in March 2012)	Still not complete	The review timetable has been extended to allow for further engagement work with NHS stakeholders and Cabinet Office officials. We expect to submit the Review's conclusions and recommendations to DH Ministers in June 2012.

<p>A5 ii Develop and agree proposals about how, at a local level, criminal justice agencies are enabled to contribute fully in local health decisions that will be made by the planned Health and Well-Being Boards, or other relevant local structures (due to complete in March 2012)</p>	<p>Still not complete</p>	<p>Work is currently underway to link offender health services into the national development of Health and Wellbeing Boards. A workshop was held on 23 February under the auspices of the National Health and Wellbeing Board Learning Set programme. The date for completion was set prior to the 'pause', when the new NHS and PHE structures were scheduled for completion by April 2012. Now the wider timetable for the NHS Reforms has been set, the new arrangements will not be in place until April 2013.</p>
<p>2.3 ii Consult on the principles to underpin a new funding model for palliative care (due to complete Jan 2012)</p>	<p>Still not complete</p>	<p>We are not consulting at this stage because of the extensive consultation on the principles undertaken by the Palliative Care Funding Review that published its final report Funding the Right Care and Support for Everyone in July 2011. The Review concluded that piloting and data collection were essential for progress. The Department decided to move straight to that phase of the work. Pilots began in April 2012 and will run for two years. The revised timetable will be reflected in the 2012 issue of the Structural Reform Plan due to be published in May.</p>
<p>1.3 v Publish plan and timetable to deliver greater patient control of records (due to complete Dec 2011)</p>	<p>Still not complete</p>	<p>This action was dependent on the NHS Future Forum's further recommendations on information, published 10 January 2012, which are now being used to develop and finalise the Information Strategy, to be published in May 2012. It is also linked with the broader cross government transparency agenda.</p>
<p>A1 ii Work with the selected pilot sites and the Expert Group to co-design the detail of the payment by results model, including how to measure and verify outcome payments (due to complete Oct 2011)</p>	<p>Complete</p>	<p>DH provided ongoing support to individual pilot sites as they developed their pricing proposals and their systems went live in April 2012.</p>