

Business Plan 2013–2015

Department of Health

The [2013 Business Plan](#) includes a structural reform plan, setting out the key actions the Department will take to implement its Coalition priorities.

Within these headline priorities, the Secretary of State for Health will seek to ensure that the Department of Health leads, shapes and funds a health and care system that –

- prevents people from dying prematurely by **improving mortality rates** for the big killer diseases, to be amongst the best in Europe, through improving prevention, diagnosis and treatment;
- **improves the standard of care** throughout the system so that quality of care is considered as important as quality of treatment, through more accountability, better training, tougher inspections and more attention paid to what patients and those who use services say;
- **improves treatment and care of people with dementia**, to be among the best in Europe through early diagnosis, better research and better support;
- **brings the technology revolution to the NHS** to help people, especially those with long term conditions, manage their health and care; and
- **puts mental health** on a par with physical health, reducing mental ill health, improving the physical health of people with mental health problems and reducing the stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness.

...while it continues to build strong working relationships with all its partners and ensure that engagement with patients and the public is central to everything it does.

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