

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

Section	Action	Status
2.9 iv	Support commissioners in understanding the variation of services provided in their areas by annually updated the NHS Atlas of variation	Complete.
2.10 iii	Commission the NHS Institute of Innovation and Improvement to deliver targeted support of trusts that will benefit from implementation [Improve the quality and safety of nursing care across the health and care settings, reducing bureaucracy and freeing up nurses' time to care]	Complete. The NHS Institute undertook a survey into reducing bureaucracy as a first step. This enabled information to come from a wider number of organisations compared with the small, focused approach as anticipated in the original SRP action. The resultant report was presented to the Nursing and Care Quality Forum which will consider the implications and advise the Chief Nursing Officer on the best practice contained within the report.
5.1 ii	Develop an implementation plan for the full range of policy proposals set out in the Care and Support White Paper, working across Government and with the wider care and support sector to take forward and deliver the reforms	Complete

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

No actions were due to be started in December.

Section	Action	Status
1.4 iv	Informed by the evaluation, update and extend nationally the powers to make direct payments in healthcare (Ends Jul 2013)	Work on track
1.4 v	Informed by evaluation, introduce a right to ask for a personal health budget for everyone who is in receipt of NHS Continuing Healthcare, by April 2014 (Ends Apr 2014)	Work on track
2.8 x	Undertake a scoping and feasibility study to help inform the evaluation planning process for the drug recovery prison wings (Ends Jul 2013)	Work on track

3.4 i	Begin to abolish and transfer functions of ALBs, subject to Parliamentary approval (Ends Mar 2015)	Work on track
2.10 vi	Make a step change in how providers of NHS services collect patient feedback and act on it to improve services; in particular, implement a friends and family test to cover acute inpatient services (Ends Apr 2013)	Work on track

In December a total of 47 SRP actions were ongoing. More details can be found in the DH Business Plan 2012-2015, published on 31 May and available on our website, using the following link:
<http://transparency.dh.gov.uk/2012/05/31/department-of-health-business-plan/>

(3) Explanation of missed deadlines

In December 2012, the Department did not miss any deadlines.

The status of missed deadlines from the previous report is:

Deadline missed	Status	Reason
Publish the first part of an indicator in the NHS Outcomes Framework and a definition for the second part [dementia]	Partially complete	Data for the first part of the indicator was published on 25 th September. Work continues on the second part of the indicator – details were published in the NHS Outcomes Framework alongside the mandate for the NHS Commissioning Board on 13 th November.
Monitor information sharing and evaluate its impact [gun and knife crime data]	Partially complete	Monitoring of information sharing has been performed through a formal audit, and a draft report has been shared with DH & the Home Office. The report is ready for publication.