

Department of Health Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update	October 2010
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(1) Actions due to be completed in October 2010

Action	Status
Incorporate Food Standards Agency nutrition functions into DH	Complete
Begin to implement Public Health Responsibility Deal recommendations	Not complete
Begin evaluation of dementia strategy's progress	Complete

(2) Actions due to be started by end of October 2010

Action	Status
Legislate to abolish unnecessary Arm's Length Bodies (end Nov 2011)	Work started
Consult on information needs and the best methods for structure, collection and distribution, encouraging more organisations to provide information to patients (end Jan 2011)	Work started
Implement proposals set out in White Paper, so that the Commission will inspect on the basis of essential standards (end Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
Develop initiatives and incentives to drive return to practice for Health Visitors (end Nov 2010)	Work ongoing
Develop plans to increase health visitor training places (end Nov 2010)	Work ongoing
Identify appropriate commissioning structure to deliver specified number of visits (end Nov 2010)	Work ongoing
Develop new curriculum reflecting enlarged scope of health visitor role (end Nov 2010)	Work ongoing
Continue piloting of personal health budgets (end Oct 2012)	Work ongoing
Revise public health marketing strategy - ensure all activity demonstrates a clear return on investment (end Dec 2010)	Work ongoing
Revise public health marketing strategy - include new requirements for private sector participants to demonstrate significant changes in business practices (end Dec 2010)	Work ongoing
Work with Home Office to ensure that hospitals share non-confidential information with the police so they know where gun and knife crime is happening (end Apr 2011)	Work ongoing
Review funding model for hospices (end summer 2011)	Work ongoing
Establish a commission on the funding of long-term care to consider a range of ideas, including both (a) a voluntary insurance scheme to protect the assets of those who go into residential care, and (b) a partnership scheme (end Jul 2011)	Work ongoing
Set up additional personal health budget pilot sites, and investigate how personal	Work ongoing



health budgets and personal budgets for social care can be joined together (end Oct 2012)	
Ensure greater access to talking therapies to reduce long-term costs for the NHS	Work ongoing

(3) Explanation of missed deadlines

In October 2010, the Department missed the following deadlines:

Deadline missed	Reason
Begin to implement Public Health Responsibility Deal recommendations	The first meeting of the Public Health Responsibility Deal partners took place in September 2010, where the scope of work to be undertaken was agreed. Work on the responsibility deal involves representatives from business, the voluntary sector and community interest organisations, and local government, grouped into five networks. Their work is ongoing, and the final timescales for implementation will reflect the outcomes of this work.

The status of missed deadlines from previous reports is:

Deadline missed	Status	Reason
Publish information strategy to put patients in charge of decisions about their care	Complete	“Liberating the NHS: an Information Revolution” was published on 18 October 2010
Consult on information needs and the best methods for structure, collection and distribution, encouraging more organisations to provide information to patients (end Jan 2011)	Work started	The consultation on “Liberating the NHS: an Information Revolution” began on 18 October 2010 and will run until 14 January 2011

