

Department of Health Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update	December 2011
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(1) Actions due to be completed in December 2011

Section	Action	Status
1.3 v	Publish plan and timetable to deliver greater patient control of records	Not complete
1.9 ii	Establish the Health Research Authority as a Special Health Authority	Complete
A.2 i	Submit evaluation and impact assessment for youth justice diversion national programme	Complete

(2) Actions due to be started by December 2011 and ongoing

Section	Action	Status
1.11 i	Publish comparative clinical outcomes of GP practices (ongoing)	Work started
1.11 ii	Publish GP prescribing data (ongoing)	Work started
1.11 v	Publish data on staff satisfaction and engagement by NHS provider (ongoing)	Work started
1.2 v	Roll out NHS 111 to the whole of England (due to complete Apr 2013)	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
1.4 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
1.8	Review the rules on charging non-residents for NHS healthcare, including primary care, to provide fair, affordable and effective rules that are also consistent with the NHS' humanitarian principles and the protection of public health (due to complete Mar 2012)	Work ongoing
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 underway (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
2.1 v	Implement NHS Outcomes Framework (due to complete Apr 2013)	Work ongoing
2.3 ii	Consult on the principles to underpin a new funding model for palliative care (due to complete Jan 2012)	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
2.7 v	Consider and agree how wider health reforms will impact on health services for offenders in custody and the community (due to complete Mar 2012)	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
3.3 v	Develop a national learning programme for early implementer health and wellbeing boards, which brings together partners from local areas to share learning (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
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 Mar 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
4.4 ii	Monitor information sharing and evaluate its impact (due to complete Apr 2012)	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 December 2011, the Department of Health missed the following deadline:

Deadline missed	Reason
1.3 v Publish plan and timetable to deliver greater patient control of records	This action is dependent on the outcome of the NHS Future Forum's further advice on information (published January 2012) to inform the Information Strategy, which is to be published by April 2012. It is also linked with the broader cross government transparency agenda.

The status of missed deadlines from previous reports is:

Deadline missed	Status	Reason
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)	Still not complete	Work on developing the model, outcome measures and details on how to verify payments have been completed and this information is published on the Department of Health website. We will continue to provide ongoing support to individual pilot sites as they develop their pricing proposals and their systems before going live in April 2012.
A5 i Develop and agree proposals about how commissioning and delivery of interventions (including through implementation of payment by results) for offenders with alcohol issues will improve access to alcohol treatment services (due to complete Oct 2011)	Still not complete	Work with the Ministry of Justice to agree future commissioning arrangements for offender health services and the delivery of interventions for offenders with alcohol issues remains ongoing and will be concluded by the end of March 2012, to ensure consistency with the cross government alcohol strategy when it is published. This work is not being held up by any individual agency or government department, but is being held in abeyance as a collective decision of a cross-government Offender Substance Misuse Board. This is therefore a planned slippage.