

Department of Health Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update	July 2010
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(1) Actions due to be completed by end of July 2010

Action	Status
Amend the NHS operating framework to allow patients to choose any healthcare provider (from all sectors) to deliver care within the NHS, at NHS standards and within the NHS tariff	Complete
Begin regular publication of detailed performance data, in an open and standardised format, on all healthcare providers	Complete
Remove process targets with no clinical justification	Complete
Publish revised Operating Framework and pay for performance plan	Complete
Local authorities have the right to challenge health organisations over the closure of local services, and refer cases for national arbitration	Complete
Stop the centrally-dictated closure of A&E and maternity wards, so that people have better access to local services	Complete
Begin improvement of standards for occupational health by working with business, NHS+, Faculty of Occupational Medicine and the NHS Review	Complete
Work with business to implement the Responsibility Deal on health and employment	Complete
Publish proposals for extending choice in White Paper	Complete
Begin preparatory work to give every patient the right to register with the GP practice they want, without being restricted by where they live	Complete
Begin preparations for a 24/7 urgent care service (new 111 access number)	Complete
Outline “information revolution” proposals in White Paper	Complete
Publish proposals for HealthWatch in White Paper	Complete
Publish White Paper including proposals for the strengthening of the Care Quality Commission and include provisions in Health Bill	Complete
Instruct NICE to begin publication of quality standards	Complete
Consultation on outcomes measures framework published	Complete
Publish proposals in White Paper to reform NICE and place it on a firmer statutory footing	Complete
Publish commissioning proposals in White Paper	Complete
Launch engagement on proposals for GP commissioning consortia	Complete
Publish proposals in White Paper to reform Foundation Trust governance	Complete
Strengthen local democratic legitimacy by creating a greater role for local government in health and well-being - publish proposals in White Paper for consultation	Complete



Publish proposals for developing Monitor into an economic regulator	Complete
Set criteria for local decisions in major service changes	Complete
Establish a commission on the funding of long-term care	Complete

(2) Actions due to be started by end July 2010

Action	Status
Continue piloting of personal health budgets (end Oct 2012)	Work started
Revise public health marketing strategy - ensure all activity demonstrates a clear return on investment (end Dec 2010)	Work started
Revise public health marketing strategy - include new requirements for private sector participants to demonstrate significant changes in business practices (end Dec 2010)	Work started
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 started
Recruit 4,200 extra Sure Start health visitors, subject to the Spending Review - develop goals and scope of implementation programme (end Aug 2010)	Work started
Review funding model for hospices (end summer 2011)	Work started
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 started
Set up additional personal health budget pilot sites, and investigate how personal health budgets and personal budgets for social care can be joined together (end Oct 2012)	Work started
Ensure greater access to talking therapies to reduce long-term costs for the NHS	Work started

(3) Explanation of missed deadlines

As of July 2010, the Department has not missed any deadlines.

