

Policy Briefing: Five Year Forward View

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Purpose of document

NHS England has been working together with the leaders of key partnership organisations that deliver and oversee health and social care services, including Care Quality Commission and Public Health England, to create a new shared vision of the future of the NHS. The focus has been on how health services need to change and develop over the next five years to meet new challenges, while remaining affordable in times of increasing demands and financial pressures. The proposed new changes have been set out in a publication called the Five Year Forward View.

Summary of contents

The report describes a clear direction for the NHS, divided into four chapters. It explains why the NHS needs to change, for example due to changes in patterns of disease, and then describes what the future will look like with a focus on: 1) relationships with patients and communities and 2) based around seven new models of care. The final chapter describes the steps that should be taken by the NHS, and the actions needed from local communities, local authorities, employers and the government.

Summary of outcomes

The report recognises that although the NHS has performed very well despite experiencing its biggest financial challenge to date, it emphasises an urgent need for change and decisive action to be taken to protect the quality of services and ensure that the health service remains sustainable in the future. In order for this to be achieved, the focus needs to be on addressing the health and wellbeing gap, the care and quality gap, and the funding and efficiency gap. There must also be great effort from all partners in the health care system, the government, the public and the NHS itself to work together to bring about change.

Summary of recommendations

- Greater effort on preventing ill health and public health.
- Empowering patients by giving them more control of their own health.
- Integrated working partnerships between all areas of health- and social care.
- Make better use of the NHS budget to meet the changing demands of patients.
- Improve the efficiency of the health service to achieve a strong performance.
- More investment in new choices for the workforce, health technology, research, and in developing new ways of working.
- Take action to ensure that the way in which payment, rules and regulations about ways of working are applied are flexible to local needs.

Further information and resources - Five Year Forward View (Easy Read Version)

www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/5yfv-easy-read.pdf

News about the launch of the Five Year Forward View and Planning for 2015/16

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2014/10/nhs-leaders-vision/>

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2014/12/forward-view/>

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