

Policy Briefing: The 2015 Challenge Manifesto: A Time For Action

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Purpose of document

The 2015 Challenge Manifesto is a call for action which brings together a partnership of 21 leading national organisations, charities and royal colleges. They represent local government, health and care charities, communities, staff and leaders who signed up to the 2015 challenge. The manifesto has been produced ahead of the 2015 General Election, at one of the toughest times for health and care services where there is significant pressure on the whole system. The purpose of the document is to discuss the future of health and care, and identify what politicians, policymakers and the public should address after the election.

Summary of contents

The document sets out a vision of where health and care services should be heading for the future and how this will be delivered. This includes what are believed to be the necessary elements of a modern health and care system and how they may work for, and be experienced by people who use and work in health and care, and the wider public. It describes what the 21 major bodies from across health and care think that the political parties and policymakers must address before the General Election in order to achieve their vision. They cover 7 key areas: needs, culture, design, finance, leadership, workforce and technology.

Summary of outcomes

The report recognises that the health and care system is complex and diverse with respected differences in opinion regarding the best ways to achieve the vision. However, it is widely agreed that for the system to be fit for purpose in the future, it must do things such as encourage people to stay as well as possible for as long as possible, and ensure that care and services are shaped around current and future needs and resources, and delivered by highly trained and skilled staff.

Summary of recommendations

- Develop services to meet 21st century needs for all to benefit with particular consideration for those with specialist needs such as mental ill health.
- Create a strong, joined up health and care system with useful, accessible community-based services locally to support people to stay in good health.
- Sustainable, high-quality hospitals along with support for multi-professional teams to come together to deliver local community care and meet future need.
- Provision and availability of 7-day services to support urgent/emergency care.
- Support for self-managed care that is coordinated alongside medical and care professionals, and allows people to shape the care that they need.
- Maximising use of technology to continually improve quality and care outcomes for people, and generating enough money to help to achieve the reforms.

Further information and resources - NHS Confederation Resources

<http://www.nhsconfed.org/resources/2014/09/the-2015-challenge-manifesto-a-time-for-action>

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