

Subject: Health and Social Care Bill and NHS
Operating Framework 2011-12: Update

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report provides a basic summary of recent developments in national healthcare policy, specifically in terms of the publication of the NHS Operating Framework 2011-12 and the Health and Social Care Bill 'command paper': "Liberating the NHS – Legislative Framework and Next Steps". (More detailed information on these documents is included as **Appendices 1 and 2** to this report.)
- 1.2 Subsequent to the compilation of this report, the Health and Social Care Bill was published. However, the measures included in the Bill do not differ significantly from those outlined in the command paper (it would have been surprising had they done so), and therefore the briefing is still relevant.
- 1.3 Full texts of both the Annual Operating Framework and the Health and Social Care Bill command paper can be found on the Department of Health website.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members:
- (1) Note the content of this update.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 In 2010 The Government released a white paper, “Equity and Excellence”, detailing its plans to improve NHS healthcare. Published alongside the white paper were a series of consultation documents focusing on various aspects of the Government’s plans. These consultations have now ended, the Department of Health (DH) has considered the submissions received, and, in some instances, the Government has amended its policies. In December 2010 the DH published “Liberating the NHS – Legislative Framework and Next Steps” which set out the Government’s revised plans for health and social care. This was followed in January 2011 by the Health and Social Care Bill which is currently progressing through parliament.
- 3.2 A précis of the command paper is included as **Appendix 1** to this report.
- 3.3 In December 2010 the Department of Health also published the 2011-12 NHS Annual Operating Framework. This document outlines the national NHS priorities for the coming year, and details significant changes to NHS management structures, tariff regimes, quality initiatives etc.
- 3.4 A précis of the Annual Operating Framework is included as **Appendix 2** to this report.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 None

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 None to this report for information

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 None to this report for information

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 None to this report for information

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None to this report for information

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 None to this report for information

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None to this report for information

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 None to this report for information

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Additional information on “Liberating the NHS – Legislative Framework and Next Steps”;
2. Additional information on the NHS Annual Operating Framework 2011-12

Documents in Members’ Rooms:

None

Background Documents:

1. “Equity and Excellence”: DH White Paper (2010)
2. NHS Annual Operating Framework 2011-12 (2010)
3. “Liberating the NHS – Legislative Framework and Next Steps”: DH command paper (2010)
4. The Health and Social Care Bill (2011)

