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Using information to improve quality & choice

The emerging national policy framework

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Outline of talk

- **The Coalition Government White Paper**
- **The outcomes framework**
- **The Cancer Reform Strategy Refresh**
- **National Audit Office**

The White Paper

Equity & Excellence - Liberating the NHS:

- Upholding the values & principles of the NHS – a comprehensive service, available to all, free at the point of use & based on clinical need, not ability to pay
- Increase in health spending in real terms in each year of this Parliament
- And NHS which achieves results that are among the best in the world

The White Paper

Equity & Excellence - Liberating the NHS:

- Putting patients and the public first
 - No decision about me, without me
 - Choice and voice
 - The Information Revolution
- Improving healthcare outcomes
 - “To reduce mortality and morbidity, increase safety and improve patient experience and outcomes for all”
 - Outcome measures not process targets (Outcomes Framework)

Consultations arising from the White Paper (1)

Commissioning for Patients

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_117587

Transparency in Outcomes: A framework for the NHS

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_117583

Increasing Democratic Legitimacy in Health

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_117586

Regulating healthcare providers

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_117782

Closing date for consultations is 11 October 2010

Commissioning for Patients

- Putting local consortia of GP practices in charge of commissioning services to best meet the needs of local people
- Establishment of an independent NHS commissioning Board

Better commissioning for cancer

- What services should be commissioned by GP consortia?
- What services should be commissioned at regional/national level?
- What is the future role of networks?
- What would good commissioning look like?

Increasing democratic legitimacy

- Giving local authorities a stronger role in supporting patient choice and ensuring an effective local voice
- Local authorities taking on local public health improvement functions
- Promoting more effective NHS, social care and public health commissioning arrangements

Regulating healthcare providers

- Proposals on Foundation Trusts
- The establishment of Monitor as an independent economic regulator
- Role of CQC
- Registration of hospitals and Primary Care

Transparency and Outcomes: A framework for the NHS

Key principles

- Accountability and transparency
- Balanced
- Internationally comparable
- Focussed on what matters to patients and clinicians
- Promoting excellence and equality
- Focussed on outcomes that the NHS can influence, but working in partnership with other public services as required
- Evolving over time

Transparency & Outcomes: 5 domains

1. Prevent people from dying prematurely
2. Enhancing quality of life for people with long-term conditions
3. Helping people to recover from episodes of ill health or following injury
4. Ensuring people have a positive experience of care
5. Treating and caring for people in a safe environment and protecting them from avoidable harm

The Cancer Reform Strategy Refresh

Aims of the Refresh

- To align cancer strategy with the White Paper
- To set the direction for the next 5 years
 - Taking account of progress since December 2007
- To show how outcomes can be improved despite the cold financial climate

Process for reviewing the CRS

- CRS Advisory Board: July and October
- Existing initiatives (NAEDI, NCSI, NCEI, Transforming Inpatient Care, NCIN, PEAG etc.)
- Existing advisory groups (e.g. Prostate, lung, bowel, breast, CYP, radiotherapy, chemotherapy)
- Charities and Cancer Campaigning Group
- Industry
- Professional groups/societies
- crsreview2010@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Progress on CRS Initiatives

- Early diagnosis
 - Profile of early/late diagnosis has been raised through ‘NAEDI’ (BJC supplement; CRS second annual report)
 - “10,000 avoidable deaths pa” now widely accepted
 - International benchmarking underway
 - Local and national initiatives planned
 - New research on bowel screening (flexiscope); Routes to Diagnosis and views of GPs about cancer
- Survivorship
 - Survivorship vision published January 2010
 - 5 key shifts identified
 - Testing of new models is underway (NHS Improvement)

Progress on CRS Initiatives

- Inequalities
 - New evidence on inequalities by race, age and gender from NCIN
 - Vision published 2010
- Transforming Inpatient Care
 - 23 hour surgery for breast cancer
 - Enhanced Recovery – elective surgery
 - Reducing emergency admissions/lengths of stay

Progress on CRS Initiatives

- Better Treatment
 - Laparoscopic colorectal surgery (Lapco)
 - Radiotherapy: Capacity and waiting times
 - New drugs? (International variations report)
- Better Intelligence
 - **National Cancer Intelligence Network** well established
 - Important new analyses on combined HES/Registry dataset
 - “Profiles” (e.g. by PCT, general practice, NHS Trust) being developed

Key challenges in cancer

1. Rising incidence
2. Poor survival (late diagnosis)
3. High mortality (especially in older people)
4. Rising prevalence (3%pa)
5. Suboptimal care/QOL for survivors
6. Inequalities
7. Slow diffusion of new technologies
8. Managing costs of cancer

The National Audit Office Report

- Commissioning
- Better Information
- Value for Money
- Public Accounts Scrutiny
Committee – early December

Other factors to take into account

- Comprehensive Spending Review (20th October 2010)
- Operating Framework (?January 2011)

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