

Department of Health Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update	March 2012
--	-------------------

(1) Actions due to be completed in March 2012

Section	Action	Status
1.8	Review the rules on charging non-residents for NHS healthcare, including primary care, to provide fair, affordable and effective rules that are also consistent with the NHS' humanitarian principles and the protection of public health	Complete
2.7 v	Consider and agree how wider health reforms will impact on health services for offenders in custody and the community	Not complete
3.5 v	Review current legislative powers relating to the governance and operation of NHS Charities to preserve and extend their independence from central government	Not complete
A5 ii	Develop and agree proposals about how, at a local level, criminal justice agencies are enabled to contribute fully in local health decisions that will be made by the planned Health and Well-Being Boards, or other relevant local structures	Not complete

(2) Actions due to be started by March 2012 and ongoing

No actions were due to be started in March.

Section	Action	Status
1.2 v	Roll out NHS 111 to the whole of England (due to complete Apr 2013)	Work ongoing
1.4 i	Explore and develop best practice for integration of personal budgets across health and social care as part of the personal health budget programme (due to complete Oct 2012)	Work ongoing
1.10 i	Extend and revise policy around emergency readmissions and post discharge care, requiring the NHS and social care services to work jointly to support people in the 30 days after discharge from hospital (due to complete Oct 2012)	Work ongoing
1.9 iii	Launch the UK Clinical Trials Gateway to make it easy for patients, their doctors, friends, and families to access information about clinical trials underway (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
1.11 i	Publish comparative clinical outcomes of GP practices (ongoing)	Work ongoing
1.11 ii	Publish GP prescribing data (ongoing)	Work ongoing
1.11 v	Publish data on staff satisfaction and engagement by NHS provider (ongoing)	Work ongoing
2.1 v	Implement NHS Outcomes Framework (due to complete Apr 2013)	Work ongoing
2.4 ii	Establish NICE on a firmer statutory basis (due to complete Apr 2013)	Work ongoing

2.4 vi	Develop new pricing process with drug companies and introduce it after the end of the current Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme (due to complete Jan 2014)	Work ongoing
2.6 iv	Implement a service transformation project to extend access to best available/NICE approved talking therapies for children and young people (due to complete Sep 2015)	Work ongoing
2.7 i	Co-design and establish pilots to provide payments based on outcomes to providers to help individuals achieve sustained recovery from drug dependency (due to complete April 2014)	Work ongoing
2.7 ii	Roll out liaison and diversion services for mentally ill offenders, working with the Ministry of Justice (due to complete Nov 2014)	Work ongoing
2.7 iii	Pilot and roll out drugs recovery prison wings (due to complete Oct 2013)	Work ongoing
2.7 iv	Develop and pilot alternative forms of treatment based accommodation for drugs and mentally ill offenders (due to complete Apr 2013)	Work ongoing
2.8 i	Prepare for the implementation of regular revalidation of doctors, subject to a test of affordability and practicability (due to complete Dec 2012)	Work ongoing
2.8 iii	Abolish the General Social Care Council and transfer functions to Health and Care Professions Council (due to complete Jul 2012)	Work ongoing
2.8 iv	Transfer Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence to independent and self-funding status (due to complete Apr 2013)	Work ongoing
2.8 v	Abolish the Office of Health Professions Adjudication (subject to passage of necessary legislation) and modernisation of General Medical Council (GMC) legislation on adjudication of fitness to practise cases (due to complete Dec 2013)	Work ongoing
2.9 ii	Provide support to individual NHS organisations to assist them in producing plans to deliver the quality and productivity challenge the NHS Chief Executive has set them (due to complete Mar 2015)	Work ongoing
3.3 iv	Begin to introduce enhanced role for local authorities, through health and wellbeing boards, to promote integration across health, public health and care based on strengthened Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and new joint health and wellbeing strategies (due to complete Oct 2012)	Work ongoing
3.3 v	Develop a national learning programme for early implementer health and wellbeing boards, which brings together partners from local areas to share learning (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
3.7 i	Working with HM Treasury, other public sector schemes and current NHS Pension Scheme governance arrangements to deliver changes in terms of employee contributions for delivering the Spending Review commitments, including necessary changes in regulations (due to complete Apr 2014)	Work ongoing
3.7 ii	Working with HM Treasury, other public sector schemes and current NHS Pensions Scheme governance arrangements to deliver any changes arising from Lord Hutton's recommendations (due to complete Dec 2015)	Work ongoing
4.3 iii	Continue to update online registry of Responsibility Deal partners (ongoing)	Work ongoing
4.4 ii	Monitor information sharing and evaluate its impact (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing

A2 ii	Collect data from adult liaison and diversion pathfinder services to assess service models and their impact, and develop the business case for wider roll-out (due to complete Nov 2012)	Work ongoing
A1 iv	Publish payment by results information as data comes in, subject to commercial confidentiality and ONS guidance (due to complete Apr 2014)	Work ongoing
A4 vi	Commence piloting of test sites (due to complete Nov 2012)	Work ongoing

(3) Explanation of missed deadlines

In March 2012, the Department missed the following deadlines:

Deadline missed	Reason
2.7 v Consider and agree how wider health reforms will impact on health services for offenders in custody and the community	Progress has been made in respect of arrangements for offender health services and the delivery of interventions for offenders with alcohol issues. Work continues on enabling criminal justice agencies to contribute to local health decisions, as in action A5 ii below.
3.5 v Review current legislative powers relating to the governance and operation of NHS Charities to preserve and extend their independence from central government	The review timetable has been extended to allow for further engagement work with NHS stakeholders and Cabinet Office officials. We expect to submit the Review's conclusions and recommendations to DH Ministers in June 2012.
A5 ii Develop and agree proposals about how, at a local level, criminal justice agencies are enabled to contribute fully in local health decisions that will be made by the planned Health and Well-Being Boards, or other relevant local structures	Work is currently underway to link offender health services into the national development of Health and Wellbeing Boards. A workshop was held on 23 February under the auspices of the National Health and Wellbeing Board Learning Set programme. Delivery on this action is dependent on the wider timeline for the NHS Reforms. The date for completion was set prior to the 'pause', when the new NHS and PHE structures were scheduled for completion by April 2012. This is no longer the case and subject to passage of the Bill, the new arrangements will not be in place until April 2013.

The status of missed deadlines from previous reports is:

Deadline missed	Status	Reason
2.3 ii Consult on the principles to underpin a new funding model for palliative care (due to complete Jan 2012)	Still not complete	We are not consulting at this stage because of the extensive consultation on the principles undertaken by the Palliative Care Funding Review that published its final report Funding the Right Care and Support for Everyone in July 2011. The Review concluded that piloting and data collection were essential for progress. The Department decided to move straight to that phase of the work. Pilots will begin in April 2012 and run for two years. The revised timetable will be reflected in the 2012 issue of the Structural Reform Plan due to be published in May.
1.3 v Publish plan and timetable to deliver greater patient control of records (due to complete Dec	Still not	This action was dependent on the NHS Future Forum's further recommendations on

2011)	complete	information, published 10 January 2012, which are now being used to develop and finalise the Information Strategy, to be published by May 2012. It is also linked with the broader cross government transparency agenda.
A1 ii Work with the selected pilot sites and the Expert Group to co-design the detail of the payment by results model, including how to measure and verify outcome payments (due to complete Oct 2011)	Still not complete	Work on developing the model, outcome measures and details on how to verify payments have been completed and this information is published on the Department of Health website. We will continue to provide ongoing support to individual pilot sites as they develop their pricing proposals and their systems before going live in April 2012.
A5 i Develop and agree proposals about how commissioning and delivery of interventions (including through implementation of payment by results) for offenders with alcohol issues will improve access to alcohol treatment services (due to complete Oct 2011)	Complete	Work with the Ministry of Justice to agree future commissioning arrangements for offender health services and the delivery of interventions for offenders with alcohol issues was held in abeyance to ensure consistency with the cross government alcohol strategy, published in March 2012.