

Summary of National Documents

September 2016

Papers

Engaging local people. A guide for local areas developing Sustainability and Transformation Plans

NHS England | 15th September

NHS England has published Engaging local people: a guide for local areas developing sustainability and transformation plans.

This document is for teams developing sustainability and transformation plans (STPs) in each of the 44 footprint areas, and the statutory organisations which form part of them. It is intended to clarify the expectations on stakeholder involvement, in particular patient and public participation. It also covers legal duties around engagement and consultation and will be of particular interest to communication and engagement leads for STPs and footprint leaders.

Full document available [here](#)

Press release available [here](#)

Commissioning for better health outcomes

Local Government Association | 14th September

The Local Government Association has published Commissioning for better health outcomes.

This report has been developed with commissioners from councils and partner organisations, building on existing learning and resources and sharing new and innovative practice developed by those working to improve public health. The guide includes eight case study examples which were chosen to illustrate positive approaches to commissioning being taken across the country to address a wide range of public health challenges.

Full document available [here](#)

Fairer decisions, better health for all: Health equity and cost-effectiveness analysis

Centre for Health Economics | 15 September 2016

This report provides an introduction to practical methods for using cost-effectiveness analysis to address health equity concerns, with applications to low-, middle- and high-income countries.

These methods can provide information about the likely impacts of alternative health policy decisions on inequalities in health, financial risk protection and other health-related outcomes.

The report distinguishes three general ways of using cost-effectiveness analysis to address health equity concerns:

- equity impact analysis, which quantifies the distribution of costs and effects across a population by equity-relevant variables such as socioeconomic status, ethnicity, location, gender, age and severity of illness
- equity constraint analysis, which counts the cost of choosing fairer but less cost-effective options
- equity weighting analysis, which uses equity weights or parameters to explore how much concern for equity is required to choose fairer but less cost-effective options.

The authors hope this report will raise awareness of the practical tools of cost-effectiveness analysis that are now available to help give health care and public health policy makers a better understanding of who gains and who loses from their priority setting decisions.

Full document available [here](#)

Supporting self-management: A guide to enabling behaviour change for health and wellbeing using person- and community centred approaches

Realising the Value | Hannah Burd & Michael Hallsworth | 15 September 2016

This guide is part of the NHS England-funded Realising the Value programme led by Nesta and the Health Foundation, which seeks to develop person- and community-centred approaches for health and wellbeing.

The programme is doing so by building the evidence base and developing tools, resources and networks to support the spread and impact of these approaches. This guide offers two things: a framework for understanding and changing behaviour, and real-world examples of how these changes happen in practice.

This guide is for people who support those living with long-term conditions, their carers, families or communities. It summarises practical ways to support people to self manage effectively using person and community-centred approaches. Many of these activities are useful also for people who work to prevent the development of long-term conditions in the first place.

Full document available [here](#)

A false economy. Cuts to Continuing Professional Development funding for nursing, midwifery and the Allied Health Professions in England

Professor David Greatbatch | Council of Deans of Health | September 2016

This report focuses on the impact of funding cuts across England to ongoing education and training for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals (AHPs) and the risks this poses to the NHS.

With the constant evolution of treatments and technology, as well as rapidly changing roles for many healthcare staff, ongoing education and training is an essential foundation for safe, effective care.

Health Education England (HEE), an arm's length body of the Department of Health (DH), funds a measure of this education through Continued Professional Development (CPD) for the nurses, midwives and AHPs that make up more than 75% of the health professional workforce. The funding supports the delivery of short courses, modules and programmes that meet the needs of the NHS workforce at national, regional and local levels.

For 2016/17 this funding in England has been the subject of deep cuts of up to 45%, often without much warning and with little evidence of strategic planning at national level. Funding for postgraduate medical education has continued to be protected.

This report proposes five actions at national and local level:

- For Government to recognise the gap between national strategic priorities and funding decisions;
- For DH to convene a national strategic discussion to address the disconnect;
- For DH and its arms' length bodies to strengthen medium and longer-term decisionmaking at system level;
- For those leading local Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) to make more consistent use of the higher education sector's expertise at local level in supporting development of the existing workforce;
- For LETBs and HEE at national level to communicate change more effectively.

Full document available [here](#)

Using information technology to improve the NHS

A digital NHS? An introduction to the digital agenda and plans for implementation

The report by Professor Robert Wachter and the National Advisory Group on Health Information Technology (2016) is the most recent in a series of reviews and initiatives seeking to support the NHS's efforts to digitise. Together with ambitions set out in the NHS five year forward view (NHS England et al 2014) and supporting strategies, this represents a sustained push from the centre to deliver a step change in how the NHS uses digital technology.

This briefing seeks to make sense of the national policy agenda in this area, providing a context for leaders developing local plans and a broad assessment of progress thus far. It includes an analysis of the remaining barriers to progress as well as the opportunities for overcoming them. It draws on key policy documents, a literature review and quantitative data published by the relevant national bodies.

Full document available [here](#)

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<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/engag-local-people-stps.pdf>

Commissioning for better health outcomes

<http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/7632544/1.12+Commissioning+for+better+health+outcomes+WEB.pdf/6c90181f-eb73-4234-a60a-74824b100f5a>

Fairer decisions, better health for all: Health equity and cost-effectiveness analysis

<http://www.york.ac.uk/che/news/2016/che-research-paper-135/>

Supporting self-management A guide to enabling behaviour change for health and wellbeing using person- and community centred approaches

http://www.nesta.org.uk/sites/default/files/rtv-supporting-self-management.pdf?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=7528512_NEWSL_HWB%202016-26-09&dm_i=21A8,4HD1C,FLWOK4,GMHNY,1

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A false economy. Cuts to Continuing Professional Development funding for nursing, midwifery and the Allied Health Professions in England

<http://www.councilofdeans.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/19092016-A-False-Economy-CPD-cuts-in-England-2016-17-.pdf>

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http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/sites/files/kf/field/field_publication_file/A_digital_NHS_Kings_Fund_Sep_2016.pdf

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