

Better Care Fund – Integration Resources Summary

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A. First Steps to Finding Care and Support for Older People

Lots of people find that they need more help or support as they get older. Starting to look for care and support can feel overwhelming, but there are lots of people and organisations that can help.

This website contains a short film and some information to help people who are starting to look for care and support for themselves or someone else, now or in the future.

Please visit <http://gettinginformed.net/>

B. Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs): What, why and where next?

The NHS is facing one of the most challenging periods in its history, with a funding gap of more than £22 billion over the coming years. And the pressure on the social care system is more acute than ever, with many councils raising eligibility thresholds and making cuts to social care budgets.

Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) – which are local health and care reform plans, authored jointly by NHS and local government leaders to improve outcomes and drive greater efficiency in their local area – are one of the government's main responses to this problem. These plans rightly focus on decentralising power within the NHS, investing in leadership and relationships to drive improvements, and on local health and care organisations coming together to overcome the silos created by the 2012 Health and Care Act.

This report looks at the most promising reform solutions that have been correctly identified by STPs, and also sets out the range of challenges that stand in the way of them realising their vision for improved health and efficiency.

To view the report please visit

https://www.ippr.org/publications/stps?utm_source=IPPR+weekly+newsletter&utm_campaign=0d30e38462-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_06_28&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b30c067fe-0d30e38462-289235393

C. Total transformation fundamental to the future of public services

The public sector has invested heavily in digital transformation, but there must also be investment in ensuring corresponding service transformation, and not just financial investment: strong leadership and collaboration need to be at the heart of all change. Real transformation needs to be end-to-end, from addressing ineffective and costly processes and ensuring best technology use through to delivering an enriched customer experience.

Developing a transformation strategy that combines people, process and technology as well as specifying business outcomes is essential. These issues, and more, have been addressed in a new white paper sponsored by Civica, in partnership with Global Data: [Delivering Sustainable Transformation in the UK Public Sector](#).

To view the report, please visit

<http://www.ukauthority.com/NewsImages/2017/globaldata-sustainable-transformation-whitepaper.pdf>

D. Integrated health and social care 2020: research

The government wants to see the integration of health and social care, in every area of England, by 2020. The Department of Health's initial thinking included the concept of an Integration Standard with associated metrics that enable qualitative and quantitative data to measure the performance of each area, giving a clear picture of progress toward integration.

This report presents the findings from a programme of scoping research and engagement to:

- better understand what excellent integrated health and social care should look like in 2020
- test out the Integration Standard with national stakeholders and local areas
- provide feedback and support for further development of the standard.

SCIE undertook the research on behalf of the Department of Health, involving national stakeholders, local areas and people who use health and care services.

The research will inform the government's plans for the further integration of health and social care, including the next phase of the Better Care Fund.

Integration Standard – key feedback

This study confirms full support for the ambition of integration by 2020 because bringing together health and social care is universally seen as the right thing to do.

A national standard therefore might fulfil several essential functions:

Helping to keep people's eyes on the ball: continuing to focus local hearts and minds around integration

Adding impetus and urgency: contributing momentum towards local service transformation

Creating a framework for action: providing the Department of Health, Department for Communities and Local Government, NHS England and local areas with a means of measuring and monitoring progress towards integration.

To view the report please visit <http://www.scie.org.uk/integrated-health-social-care/integration-2020/research>

E. Housing, health and an ageing population – innovations in local government

This Local Government Association event explores with policy-makers and councils how the country can meet the housing need for older people, including hearing from councils who are leading innovations to increase the supply of homes that can be integrated with health and care services in ways that support positive ageing.

The event takes place on 21 September 2017 – for more information please visit
https://lgaevents.local.gov.uk/lga/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=129258&ef_se_l_menu=2685&eventID=393&eventID=393

F. Local Public Services 2040

This report by the Social Market Foundation sets out to understand what factors could affect the future of local public services over the next two decades and what new roles for local government could exist by 2040.

To view the report please visit

<http://www.smf.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2040-report-web.pdf>
