

Equity and excellence:

Liberating the

NHS

**Events for the voluntary and community sector,
and patients, service user and carers groups,
September 2010**

A series of consultation events organised by Regional Voices, a Strategic Partner to the Department of Health, to discuss the implications and impact of the changes proposed in the Health White Paper.

The White Paper on Health has the potential to create one of the biggest changes to the structure and function of the NHS since its creation in 1948. Within the White Paper there are 5 consultations which are all open until early October. Although the 'what' in the White Paper has largely been decided, the 'how' is very much still being shaped.

During September, Regional Voices will be hosting events in 9 locations across the country for the third sector. These will give you the opportunity to learn more about the proposed changes through the White Paper as well as having the chance to attend three interactive consultation workshops during the day to discuss issues in depth and to provide feedback directly to those leading on the consultations from the Department of Health.

Further details can be found on the Regional Voices website at www.regionalvoices.net or by calling 0113 394 2304 (textphone users add prefix 18001 to access BT Typetalk).

The events will:

- Raise awareness of the proposed changes and stimulate informed response to the consultations
- Help third sector, patient, service user, carers and community organisations understand how the White Paper will impact on their work and the opportunities it presents.
- Identify some of the cross cutting issues of particular relevance to the sector
- Provide a forum to develop understanding of the role of the Third Sector in emerging health structures
- Provide direct feedback to the Department of Health on the consultation areas

Dates and Venues

North East	Banqueting Hall, Newcastle Civic Centre, Barras Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8PA	Wednesday 22 nd September
North West	Banqueting Hall, Manchester Town Hall, Alb Square, Manchester M60 2LA	Tuesday 7 th September
Yorkshire & Hum	Leeds Civic Hall, Millennium Square, Leeds LS1 1UR	Monday 20 th September
East Midlands	County Hall, Nottinghamshire County Council, West Bridgford, Nottingham , NG2 7QP	Thursday 23 rd September
West Midlands	Enta Conference Centre, Mill Wharf, 10 Mill Street, Birmingham B6 4BS	Thursday 9 th September
East	Over Community Centre, The Doles, Over, Cambridge CB24 5NW	Friday 24 th September
South East	Ashburton Hall, Eil Court, Winchester Hampshire SO23 8UQ	Wednesday 8 th September
London	Town Hall, Catford, Lewisham SE6 4RU	Friday 10 th September
South West	Conference Centre, Coaver Hall, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QQ	Tuesday 14 th September

Programme*

10.30	Registration, Tea & Coffee
11.00am	Welcome: Regional Voices Opening Keynote Address: Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS. An introduction to the White Paper
Morning Sessions	
11.30am	Workshop 1 There will be 5 themed workshops during the day. Delegates will be able to choose 3 of the 5 workshops to participate in at the start of the day. The workshop options are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Putting patients and the public first2. Improving healthcare outcomes3. Increasing democratic legitimacy in health4. Regulating healthcare providers5. Public health
12.20pm	Workshop 2 A repeat of the workshops listed above. Delegates will move to their second consultation topic
1.10pm	Lunch
Afternoon Sessions	
1.55pm	Workshop 3 A repeat of the workshops listed above. Delegates will move to their third consultation topic
Plenary	
2.45pm	Facilitated Panel and Audience Discussion – Reflections on the Consultation, Key Messages
3.30pm	Event Close

* Please note: Speakers will vary across events but each will be attended by representatives from the Regional Voices networks and Senior Department of Health Officials. Detailed programmes including speakers will be provided on the Regional Voices website (www.regionalvoices.net) closer to the events.

Workshops

1. Putting patients and the public first

The White Paper has a central ambition to create an NHS that involves patients, service users and carers in making decisions about their care in ways that improves results, satisfaction and cost-effectiveness. There will be shared decision making with 'no decision about me without me'.

The voice of patients will also be strengthened, through transforming existing Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) into local HealthWatch and creating a national HealthWatch as the new independent consumer champion.

Please note: Consultations on patient choice and an information strategy will be published in the autumn

This workshop will seek your views on:

- The changes needed to enable patients, service users and carers to fully take part in decision making
- How patients, service users and carers can gain greater control over their health and care through information
- How to use information to support clinicians and providers in delivering better health and care outcomes
- How LINKs can evolve to become local HealthWatch

2. Improving healthcare outcomes

The planned outcomes framework for the NHS removes targets driven by processes and instead seeks to create an NHS that monitors the results of care and treatment provided.

The outcomes framework will be structured around five high level areas:

1. Preventing people from dying prematurely
2. Enhancing the quality of life for people with long-term conditions
3. Helping people 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

Further details are contained in the consultation document 'Transparency in outcomes – a framework for the NHS'

The workshop will seek your views on:

- What principles should underpin the NHS Outcomes Framework
- The potential outcome indicators, including reasons for their selection
- How the Framework can support equality across all groups and help reduce health inequalities
- How the Framework can support partnership working between public health and social care services

3. Commissioning for patients and increasing democratic legitimacy in health

The White Paper sets out proposals for putting local consortia of GP practices in charge of commissioning services to best meet the needs of local people, supported by an independent NHS Commissioning Board.

There will also be a stronger role for local authorities in supporting patient choice and ensuring effective local voice, taking on local public health improvement functions, and promoting more effective NHS, social care and public health commissioning arrangements.

Further detail is provided in 'Commissioning for patients' and 'Increasing democratic legitimacy in health'

The workshop will seek your views on:

- How GP consortia and Local Authorities collaborate to ensure NHS, public health, social care and children's services are commissioned in an integrated way and meet the needs of local people
- How GP consortia, the NHS Commissioning Board and Local Authorities can best involve patients in improving quality
- The role of local HealthWatch in seeking patients' views, complaints advocacy, and supporting individuals to exercise choice and control
- What needs to be done to enable local authorities to be the most effective commissioners of local HealthWatch
- The proposed functions of local health and wellbeing boards

4. Regulating healthcare providers

The White Paper sets out to free providers from political interference and central Government controls and establish a stable, transparent regulatory environment. It outlines further proposals on foundation trusts, the establishment of Monitor as an independent economic regulator for health and adult social care, and the strengthening of the role of the Care Quality Commission.

Further details is provided 'Regulating healthcare providers'

This workshop will seek your views on:

- The new role for Monitor
- Whether all providers should be subject to the new licensing regime
- How to protect choice and competition
- How to provide a level playing field for providers

5. Public Health

'Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS' proposes that a new Public Health Service is established. Local Authorities will jointly appoint Directors of Public Health with the Public Health Service to lead health improvement, and lead local partnerships for health and well-being. Local Authorities will be allocated a ring-fenced budget to promote population-health and reduce health inequalities.

*We want to get your views and input in the development of policy on these proposals in the run up to publication of a **Public Health White Paper** later this year.*

This workshop will seek your views on:

- How the Public Health Service and NHS can work together to improve outcomes for patients and communities
- How the Public Health Service and NHS can ensure a smooth transition of public health to local authorities
- What relationship the NHS can have with Local Government and wider public services to help tackle health inequalities

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Registration Form

*For multiple delegates, please submit separate forms

Venue Choice

Please tick the event you would like to attend. If your choice of venue is fully booked, we will contact you to ask if you have an alternative preference.

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Delegate (full name)			
Organisation			
Job Title			
Address (for correspondence)			Postcode
Email	Telephone / Text	Fax	

Other requirements

Dietary please detail ...

A mixture of meat, fish, vegan, and vegetarian food will be available. Please specify if you have any additional requirements.

Access please detail...

Please indicate if you require the use of BSL interpreters, palentypists, hearing induction loops or any other access enhancement in the space above to ensure appropriate support can be provided for breakout sessions. Further information regarding accessibility of the venue can be provided on request.

If you are bringing a personal assistant, please tick here

Regional Voices will endeavour to meet these requirements

How did you hear about this event?

Data Protection Act 1998: The information on this form is stored at the Yorkshire & the Humber Forum. The names and addresses form a mailing list which is used only to further the aims & objectives of the event. It may be shared only with other organisations within Regional Voices. It will form the basis of a delegate list for the event. Tick the box if you do **NOT** want us to share your information in this way

Photographs may be taken at the events. **By booking a place you give your consent to these being used in related publicity – please contact us if this would cause difficulty.**

Booking Terms and Conditions

Application for places at each of the 9 regional events are subject to availability and the following terms and conditions:

- Delegates' places will be confirmed or otherwise by email following receipt of the completed Registration Form. Should the event become oversubscribed a reserve list will be operated.
- Specific requirements related to diet, communication, access or any other specific issue must be registered at the time of application. Whilst every effort will be made by the organisers to satisfy all requests, those provided after **20th August** cannot be guaranteed.
- Regional Voices and its member regional networks will not be liable for any individual costs incurred as a result of the unforeseen cancellation or postponement of the event.
- The advertised programme for the event may change at the organiser's discretion and with no prior notice.

Cancellation Policy

Space at these events is extremely limited and it is anticipated that a reserve list will be in operation for all events. It is therefore requested that you inform the event organisers as soon as possible if you cannot attend for any reason.

We are pleased to confirm that this is a free event. However, if you book a place and fail to turn up a charge of £25 per delegate will be levied (unless notice is received more than 5 days prior to the event).

Further Information

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