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## BETTER HEALTH AND CARE FOR ALL A 10-POINT PLAN FOR THE 2020S

Earlier this year we published the interim report of this review. This took the 70th anniversary of the NHS – and the 10th anniversary of *High Quality Care for All* – as a moment to stand back and reflect on the progress and challenges of the last decade. In many ways, it revealed a story of success: despite a decade of austerity, the quality of care provided by the health and social care system has been maintained or improved. Yet it is also clear that the health and care system is under serious strain.



Patients left on trolleys in hospital corridors, operations cancelled, staff under pressure, and deficits on the rise. Moreover, despite improvements in care we are some way off achieving high quality care for all. Unless we address these issues now we will be unable to meet the challenges – and seize the opportunities – of the decade ahead. It is for this reason that the interim report concluded that a bold and long-term funding and reform plan is now needed to secure the NHS and social care for the future.

This final report of the Lord Darzi Review puts forward a 10-point plan to achieve this, as well as a 10-point offer to the public which sets out what the health and care system will be able to offer if this plan for investment and reform is adopted. Together, these chart a path towards a healthier, more prosperous decade ahead and will ensure that we will be celebrating the NHS's century of service to the British people in 30 years time.

### OUR 10-POINT INVESTMENT AND REFORM PLAN

1. Invest in health, not just healthcare. This means embracing a 'health in all policies' approach across government and getting serious about tackling obesity, smoking and alcohol consumption.
2. 'Tilt towards tech' to create a digital first health and care system. This means investing in the digital infrastructure the NHS needs, enabling data sharing across the health and care system and embracing 'full automation' to release more time to care.
3. Unlock the potential of health as a driver of wealth. This means delivering a significant increase in R&D spending and driving uptake and access in the NHS by re-establishing the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) as the 'innovators gateway'.
4. Make social care free at the point of need. This means extending the NHS's 'need, not ability to pay' principle to social care and fully funding the service as part of 'new social contract' between the citizen and the state.
5. Establish a 'New Deal' for general practice, mental health and community services. This means creating a new option of integrated care trusts for all out of hospital care and shifting power and funding away from the acute sector.

6. A radical simplification of the system. This means joining up NHS England (NHSE), NHS Improvement (NHSI), Health Education England (HEE) and Public Health England (PHE) by creating one NHS Headquarters and simplifying commissioning functions into a single structure – Health and Care Authorities (HCAs) – at the regional level.
7. Revitalise quality as the organising principle of health and care. This means creating a coherent quality strategy for health and care which rebalances the drivers of change from ‘control’ to ‘improvement’.
8. Invest in the talent of the team. This means ensuring health and care are properly staffed by creating an integrated skills and immigration policy and providing fair pay for staff across the health and care system.
9. Provide time and resource to transform health and care. This means creating a fully funded transformation fund for health and care to allow change to take hold and investing in capital to provide the building blocks for a 21st Century NHS.
10. Set out a long term funding settlement for health and care. This means ending the ‘feast and famine’ cycle of funding by returning the NHS to its long run growth trajectory and ‘ringfencing’ National Insurance (NI) increases to pay for it.

## OUR 10-POINT OFFER TO CITIZENS

1. Free personal and nursing care for everyone who needs it, regardless of your ability to pay – just like the NHS. Growing old shouldn’t mean getting poor.
2. Fast and convenient access to primary care for working families, open during the evenings and over the weekend.
3. A digital NHS. An ability to access your medical records, order your prescription and have your consultation with the GP online.
4. A single named GP, a joint care plan, a personal budget and regular check-ups for people with long term conditions.
5. Shorter waiting times and better access to care. No waiting on trolleys. No delays in hospital beds. No cancelled operations.
6. Quality of care in England for people with poor mental health and cancer on par with best practise abroad.
7. Never knowingly under-staffed. Enough nurses and doctors in every hospital and GP practice across the country, with time to care and not just to treat.
8. Elimination of the postcode lottery in treatment. Access to the best treatments, approved by NICE, no matter where you live.
9. A reduction in health inequalities. Where you live should not determine how long you live.
10. An NHS that helps to create good jobs at home and increase our earnings from exports abroad – generating prosperity that’s good for everyone.

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