

Have your say

Question 1

The Scottish Government would like to make health and social care services better. We would do this first for older people and then improve services for all adults. Do you think this is a good thing and can you tell us why?

Yes, it would be good to see more seamless care and clarity as to who provides what care. We would like to see the opportunities for personalisation in social care repeated in health care.

Question 2

Have we thought about all the things we need to put the money together for adult health and social care services? Do you have anything you would like to add or change?

We would like to see complementary therapists included in the health and social care provided

Question 3

Councils and Health Boards will need to work together to make things better. We call this outcomes. This is different to how they work. Do you think what we want to do is a good way to make the change?

Outcomes should also include changes in self confidence, self responsibility

and self care.

Question 4

Should Health Boards and Councils both agree on how they will make things better for adult health and social care?

Yes – eg in terms of good patient centred outcomes

Question 5

If health and social care services have to report to Ministers and Council leaders, is there the right balance of local and national responsibility?

Local boards should have the opportunity to commission in ways which meet local population needs, with a variety of providers including from the complementary health care sector

Question 6

Should it be possible to create a new Partnership that covers more than one Council area? For example, a Lothian Regional Partnership?

Yes, networks and partnerships should be welcomed

Question 7

Do you agree that it should be senior officials from Health Boards, Councils, elected Council members, professionals (such as doctors) and people from the voluntary sector that form the committee for the local Partnerships?

I would like to see complementary health practitioners, such as acupuncturists involved in local partnerships.

Question 8

Do you think the new plan will mean changes can take place quickly if local services are not working properly? What could we do to help?

This is dependent on the financial and political incentives

Question 9

Do you think the new Partnerships should be able to include other areas of health and social care, if they want to?

Yes, e.g including musculo skeletal services

Question 10

If the money is put together, do you think our proposals will allow money to be spent better for the patient or service user?

If it creates better partnerships, then yes

Question 11

Do you have experience of how easy or difficult it is to access services across both health and social care systems? If you have, would you like to tell us?

No – however, acupuncturists would like to assist in providing services in health and social care

Question 12

Should Ministers say in law the parts of the separate health and social care budgets that should be in the joined up budget? Would this allow the outcomes to be met locally?

Yes, specific national guidance would help joined up working

Question 13

Do you think we have given the senior officer the right amount of say in how the money is spent? Do you think it will be difficult for one person to be in control of all this money?

No comment

Question 14

Have the proposals given the senior officer enough authority and responsibility to take control of this money?

No comment

Question 15

Should the Scottish Government tell Partnerships how to plan for local services, or should this be left to local areas to decide?

The Government should set outcome measures such as changes in self responsibility, symptom improvement and reduced medication.
Local areas should decide how to meet those outcome measures

Question 16

We think that local professionals, including General Practitioners, should be asked to help plan local services. Is this a strong suggestion, or should it be stronger?

A wide variety of professionals from primary care should be involved – leadership and planning by those who care in the community should be a priority

Question 17

What practical help should we offer to help health and social care staff get involved with planning services?

Training events on commissioning processes and leading change

Question 18

Should we use groups of doctor's surgeries to organise the local planning of services? If not, how could this be done better?

Yes, with publicity in local papers

Question 19

Should the partnerships talk to people in their communities? How might this be done?

Yes, Via stakeholder events

Question 20

Do you think we should say how many people need to be involved in the planning of local service? For example, a percentage of the local population?

This may not be suitable

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