

PROVIDING FOR THE FUTURE

A PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT PARLIAMENT



Delivering high-quality care in the right place at the right time for each individual means NHS providers must be freed up to use their capabilities to their full extent. It means significant additional investment, as well as more staff with the right skills empowered to use their expertise. It means a renewed partnership with local communities, with patients and taxpayers having a sense of their rights and responsibilities for a healthy NHS. It means the centre helping create confidence and the conditions for local health and social care systems to thrive.

This is a cross-party programme for the next Parliament to enable NHS providers to play their full part in delivering a healthy, 21st century NHS.

PRIORITIES FOR NHS FUNDING



Invest to transform the NHS into a sustainable 21st century service

- 1** Allocate sufficient funding to protect the core values of the NHS.
- 2** Mobilise a robust, public discussion on NHS funding and priorities.
- 3** Pay NHS providers for the full cost of the care they deliver.
- 4** Make resources go further through multiyear funding and planning frameworks.
- 5** Enable the NHS to invest in efficiency, improvement and innovation.

PRIORITIES FOR THE NHS WORKFORCE



Support an empowered and affordable NHS workforce with the right skills and in the right numbers

- 1** Lead cultural change by example and support staff engagement.
- 2** Recognise that the NHS relies on dynamic, capable and diverse local leadership.
- 3** Make pay, terms and conditions fit for purpose.
- 4** Base staffing decisions on local clinical judgement not blunt national targets.
- 5** Let NHS providers drive workforce planning.

PRIORITIES FOR NHS REGULATION



Ensure improvement is owned and led by providers, underpinned by regulatory assurance that the system is working in the best interests of patients and service users

- 1** Recognise that NHS providers must be responsible for their own improvement.
- 2** Insist on independent, proportionate and risk-based regulation.
- 3** Develop regulatory assurance that takes local context into account.
- 4** Facilitate tailor-made solutions in distressed local health systems.
- 5** Hold the regulators to account for providing value for money.

PRIORITIES FOR THE NHS PROVIDER SECTOR



Enable autonomous and accountable NHS providers to drive new models of care, in partnership with their local health and care system

- 1** Ensure the strategic leadership role of NHS providers within local health and social care systems.
- 2** Demand higher standards of local and national commissioners.
- 3** Support the autonomy of NHS providers to focus on local needs.
- 4** Embed high-performing cultures through meaningful accountability relationships.
- 5** Realise the full potential of the FT model as an agent for achieving local health priorities.

