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Vision for Community Care

- Helping people to remain in their own home for as long as it is safe and appropriate;
- Practical support to carers;
- Ensuring residential care, nursing home care and hospital care is reserved for those whose needs cannot be met in any other way;
- Mixed economy of care.

Outcomes of community care

- Improved health and quality of life;
- Enabling people to make a positive contribution;
- Enabling people to exercise choice and control;
- Personal dignity;
- High quality services;
- Partnership working.

HSC Reform: New Structures

- regional Health & Social Care Board;
- Public Health Agency;
- Business Services Organisation;
- 5 HSC Trusts;
- 5 Local Commissioning Groups

Role of New Structures

**COMMISSIONING -
HSCB/LCGs: setting
criteria, specifications,
rate parameters, etc**

**Public Health Agency -
maintaining emphasis
on moving interventions
“upstream”; prevention/
improvement, etc**

**BSO - supporting
Trusts, eg as
designated Centre of
Procurement Expertise**

**PROVIDING - HSC Trusts: directly and
through procuring from independent
sector within commissioning framework
& provision of information database, eg
activity & unmet need**

Local Commissioning Groups

- Committees of the Board;
- Devolved budgets;
- Commissioning in partnership with Agency, and in collaboration with stakeholders;
- Annual Commissioning Plan;
- Northern Ireland Commissioning Plan

Public Accounts Committee – the challenges

- Lack of common service specifications;
- Variation in contract terms;
- Lack of access criteria;
- Disparities in mixed economy of care

What are we doing?

- Regional Access Criteria;
- Regional Contract;
- Revised Guidance on Care Management;
- Northern Ireland Single Assessment Tool;
- Joint review of Support Provision for Carers with DSD;
- Domiciliary care tariffs;
- Survey of service users and providers.

Balance of provision

Independent sector providing:

- 70% of out of normal working hours domiciliary care;
- 97% of overnight, live-in & 24 hour domiciliary care;
- **51% of all domiciliary care**
- Variation between Trusts in volume provided by independent sector.

Future Challenges

- Ongoing development of mixed economy of care;
- Meeting the needs of growing elderly population;
- Pandemic planning;
- Realising the full potential of Reforms.