Establishing Mental Health Policy Priorities from 2010

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The NSF Legacy

- Enhanced profile for mental health
- How to move from feast to famine
- Improved services, particularly Early Intervention, Assertive Outreach and Crisis Resolution/Home Treatment
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• Less impact on some standards (MH Promotion, Carers)
• Limited focus for commissioning
• Risk of thinking that hitting NSF targets meant that services are now satisfactory
The Changing Policy Climate

NHS Plan v NHS Next Stage Review + Putting People First

• Top down DH prioritisation V co-production with NHS & LAs
• Centrally driven targets V local determination
• Prescriptive service descriptions V stressing clinical/practitioner ownership
• National performance monitoring V personalised outcomes

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Policy convergence: proposals from Mental Health Communities

- Future Vision Coalition: A Future Vision for Mental Health
- ADASS: Mainstreaming Mental Health
- Royal College of Psychiatrists: A Fair Deal for Mental Health
- Next Stage Review MH Pathway Groups: Moving Forward - Pathways to Better Mental Health and Wellbeing
New Horizons: Aims

• To build on the achievements of the NSF to make high quality, inclusive mental health care available and accessible to all

• To ensure all care respects the autonomy and dignity of people with mental health problems and supports them on their individual journey to recovery

• To improve the overall level of mental wellbeing of individuals and communities
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