
Details of the Health Bill announced in the Queen's Speech



Purpose:

Implement the Government's proposals for a sustainable national framework for the NHS;

To support a patient led NHS focused on outcomes;

And, to deliver on the commitment to reduce bureaucracy.

Details:

- To create an NHS led by clinical decision-makers that is more responsive to patients and fosters continuous quality improvements.
- To help shape a healthcare system which drives up standards of care, eliminates waste and achieves outcomes that are amongst the best in the world.
- To focus more on patients, ensuring they genuinely share in making decisions about their care and have more choice and control.
- To establish an independent NHS Board to allocate resources and provide commissioning guidance, and to allow GPs to commission services on behalf of their patients.
- To improve efficiency and outcomes by strengthening the role of the Care Quality Commission and developing Monitor into an economic regulator to oversee aspects of access and competition in the NHS.
- To take forward proposals to significantly cut the number of health quangos, helping cut the cost of NHS administration by a third.

The majority of issues addressed in this Bill are devolved matters and generally apply to England only.
