

Opportunities & pressure points..... a perspective from the NHS

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The ageing population

Changing profile of illness

More dementia anticipated

Health and social care



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Structure

- Background matters.....& why this is important
- Some of the health challenges.....
- What can we learn.....and do better?
- Concluding remarks.....

Background matters.....& why this is important

- Policy context – “Homes for Wales: Better Lives and Communities White Paper”.
- Recognition of the role of housing availability in maintaining good health.
- Question whether this is fully appreciated.....
- Traditional service integration about health and social care
- Different models of service.....and philosophies

Background matters.....& why this is important

- Lots of challenges in Wales.....
- National Service Frameworks & policy
- Dignity in care programmes
- Changing organisational boundaries

Background matters.....& why this is important

- Current policy context
- Integration framework for health and social care
- 50+ health checks programme
- Links to Europe
- Role of carers in this work



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Background matters.....& why this is important

- Why is this important?
- Clear relationship between health & housing....but perhaps needs strengthening
- Plus all the wider challenges.....financial constraints, increasing elderly population

- Opportunities for innovation



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Some of the health challenges....

- Financial pressures, organisational boundaries and re-structuring – not focus too much
- Changing nature of illness & chronic disease
- Changing delivery methods and expectations
- Demographic challenges and changes

Some of the health challenges....

- Changing nature of illness & chronic disease
- Improvements in treatment of serious illness
- Previously fatal disease more chronic condition
- Brings fresh challenges such as falls & how best to respond?

Some of the health challenges....

- Changing delivery methods and expectations
- Increasingly delivered at home or community
- Still a key role for hospital and specialist services
- People aware as consumer & co-production...but still challenges e.g complaint



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Some of the health challenges....

- Demographic challenges and changes
- Age-related cognitive decline such as dementia
- More older people but how define frailty??
- How do we future proof our services?

Homeless People and Vulnerable Groups Health Action Plan (HaVGHAP).

Additional identified vulnerable groups in current local HaVGHAP:

- Domestic Abuse.
- Ex – Armed Forces.
- Victims of Human Trafficking.
- Chronic Illness.
- Physical Disabilities.
- Mental Health.
- Learning Disabilities.



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Standard

- Leadership
- Joint working
- Health intelligence
- Access to care



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What can we learn.....and do better?

Evidence informed practice

Conversion of evidence into practice

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Could more be done with this??

What does the literature tell us?



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What can we learn.....and do better?

Cochrane review of the evidence

Very strong evidence-base

Role of housing improvement in public health

Wider benefits – is sector valued enough??

Your role as a sector in public health?



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Closing remarks

Time of massive change....need consolidation?

Time of great challenge....or opportunity?

Role in improving public health considerable

Recognise the importance of this sector

Thank you all for your attention.....



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