

Health and Well Being

Key Discussion Themes

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Rural Health and Well-Being Issues

- Balance: a healthy community is a mixed community
- Access/Choice
- Demography – extreme challenges at the poles of the age spectrum
- Isolation
- Asset Rich/Cash Poor
- Fuel Poverty

The Kings Fund – System Leaders or Talking Shops?

- Creation of Boards has universal support?
- Tensions around oversight and integration?
- Lack of clarity around roles?
- New rather than re-badged partnerships – which are fully inclusive?
- a stronger national framework for integrated care is needed with a single outcomes framework to promote joint accountability
- whether they can deliver strong, credible and shared leadership across local organisational boundaries.

Barker Review

- Recommendation 1 - breaks down the historic divide between the two systems
- Recommendation 2 - a single, ring-fenced budget for health and social care, with a single commissioner
- Recommendation 3 - Attendance Allowance brought within the new single budget. The new approach should be based as far as possible around personal budgets
- Recommendation 4 – more equal support for equal need. making much more social care free at the point of use – phased around economic growth
- Recommendation 5 how the health and wellbeing boards could evolve into the single commissioner
- Recommendation 6 - We do not recommend any changes to NHS charges, with two exceptions:

Barker Review

- Recommendation 7 - public spending on health and social care will reach between 11 per cent and 12 per cent of GDP by 2025.
- Recommendation 8 - that they should make a significant contribution to the additional costs involved in our recommendations
- Recommendation 9 - much more social care to be free at the point of use will have to be phased in. As that happens we recommend an additional 1 percentage point employees' National Insurance contribution for those aged over 40
- Recommendation 10 - an increase to 3 per cent in the additional rate of National Insurance for those above the upper earnings limit, Recommendation 11 - a comprehensive review of wealth taxation to include possible reforms to inheritance tax, a wealth transfer tax, changes to capital gains and property taxation
- Recommendation 12 - institute a regular review of the health and social care needs of the country and the spending required