

NHS Dorset latest news

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Working in Partnership with People and Communities Annual Report

We are pleased to share our annual report, *Working in Partnership with People and Communities*.

At NHS Dorset, our vision is clear:

Working together to achieve the best possible improvements in the health and wellbeing of our communities. This can only happen when we listen to, involve, and collaborate with the people we serve.

This year's report showcases how listening to our communities has helped us:

- Better understand people's needs, beliefs, and lived experiences
- Build trust and relationships that support lasting change
- Tackle health inequalities by recognising unique and diverse needs
- Improve service quality, safety, and access to healthier lives.

Highlights include the launch of our co-designed Listening Better in Dorset webpage and collaborative campaigns like our award-winning Every Drop Counts hydration campaign.

We're proud of the progress made and are committed to deepening our partnerships to shape a healthier, more inclusive future for everyone in Dorset.

You can read the report on the [NHS Dorset website](#).



Dash Review outlines path to streamlined patient safety landscape

We would like to share the independent review of the patient safety landscape across health and care, led by Dr Penny Dash (pictured), that has recently been published by NHS England.

In a statement NHS England said:

The review found that despite considerable investment in patient safety, the fragmented landscape of approximately 40 organisations with formal safety roles has created a complex environment which is difficult for providers and patients to understand and navigate.

The review sets out nine key recommendations, which helped inform – and should be read alongside – Chapter 6 of the 10 Year Health Plan, which sets out broader action to improve quality of care through greater transparency.

The review's recommendations include revitalising the National Quality Board to lead a coherent quality strategy, clarifying the roles of the CQC and HSSIB, and establishing a new directorate for patient experience within NHS England (and therefore, ultimately, the Department for Health and Social Care).



The review also proposes streamlining patient and staff voice functions, reinforcing provider accountability, and making far better use of technology and data to support real-time learning and improvement.

The review recognises the progress made through focused initiatives like PSIRF and LFPSE, but it also calls for a shift in how we lead and deliver quality.

NHS England welcomes these recommendations to focus improvement efforts where they'll have greatest impact.

Find out more at:



www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-patient-safety-across-the-health-and-care-landscape

10 Year Health Plan for England launches

Last week the Government published its 10 year health plan for the NHS called 'Fit for the Future'.

The plan sets out changes that will help ensure the NHS continues to provide great health and care to people when they need it. It also tackles some of the challenges the NHS is currently facing.

Members of the public, healthcare professionals and many other people from across the country have helped to shape the plan. This feedback is invaluable and ensures the plan reflects the changes people want to see in the NHS. Thank you to everyone who has been involved locally.

In Dorset, we are already working towards these goals. We are helping more people to manage their own health conditions through apps and digital tools [like BP@Home](#).



We are helping local people get healthcare closer to where they live by providing more outpatient appointments and vaccinations in community settings and developing integrated neighbourhood teams. We are also working closely with our partners to help people stay healthy for longer.

We are creating a series of case studies to showcase this work across our publicity channels and will keep you updated as this work progresses.

You can read the plan on the [Government's website](#). The Government's [press release](#) is also available.

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