

The need for a shift towards prevention, early intervention and wellbeing is central to many key national policy strands:

Shifting resources into prevention

“We must set out a new direction for health and social care services to meet the future demographic challenges we face. We must reorientate our health and social care services to focus together on prevention and health promotion. This means a shift in the centre of gravity of spending.”
Our health, our care, our say 2006

“Commissioning needs to be more proactive, transformational and forward-looking focusing on promoting good health, investing for prevention, independence and wellbeing.”
Commissioning Framework for health

“An integrated approach to health and wellbeing will require a step change in the relationship between local NHS organisations, local government, other relevant statutory services, employers, third sector and independent sector providers. We want to ensure synergy between the development of vibrant primary and community care services and the ‘Putting People First’ transformation programme led by local

“We will boost preventative housing services through investing in proven approaches, such as advice and information, adaptations and repairs, which can prevent health and care crises for individuals”
Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods: a national strategy for housing in an

“Local public services will need to change. A sole focus on the care needs of the most vulnerable in the community is no longer enough, and will not address the needs of the wider older community... Shaping core and targeted services for an older population will enable people to remain independent for as long as possible. Local mainstream public services will need to be accessible to the growing older community; and older people will need well planned, targeted interventions that support them when their independence is threatened.”
Audit Commission “Don’t Stop Me Now –

The Department is building on the NSF with a prevention package for older people that will set out older people’s current entitlements to prevention services and will explore potential new entitlements that will be developed over time. This is in recognition of the significant changes to the health and social care policy landscape that have taken place since the NSF was published, to improve service delivery and standards of care for older people. This package is intended to complement Putting People First and the choice agenda, understanding that many older people do not have the choice to stay at home or the opportunity to

“This PSA... reflects our ambitions set out in ‘Our health, our care, our say’ to create a health and adult social care service that genuinely focuses on prevention and the promotion of health and wellbeing.”
Public Service Agreement 18: Promote better health and wellbeing for all

“The time has now come to build on best practice and replace paternalistic, reactive care of variable quality with a main stream system focused on prevention, early intervention, enablement, and high quality personally tailored services.”

“The National Dementia Strategy needs to ensure that effective services for early diagnosis and intervention are available for everyone across the country. There is evidence that such services are cost-effective – when established they can release substantial funds back into health and social care systems...”

Consultation on a National Dementia