

Developing the annual health check in 2008/2009



Have your say

The document *Developing the annual health check in 2008/2009: Have your say* sets out our proposals for assessing and reporting on the performance of the NHS in England for the 2008/2009 operating year, and asks for your comments on aspects of our approach.

You have until **12 March 2008** to tell us your views. Please send us your comments by:

- completing this questionnaire on our website at **www.healthcarecommission.org.uk**
- completing this questionnaire (attaching extra pages if necessary) and returning it to: AHC Consultation, Healthcare Commission, FREEPOST LON 15399, London EC1B 1QW, or faxing it to 020 7448 9391.

1) Comments are sought on our proposals for national reviews and studies in 2008/2009, focusing on the themes set out in section three of the consultation document.

2) Please comment on whether our plans for PCTs in the annual health check in 2008/2009 are reasonable in the current context and how they could be improved (in particular our proposal to have a separate score for the provider and commissioning functions of PCTs).

3) Please comment on our proposed indicators for primary care trusts, which are set out in appendix A (in particular whether they provide sufficient coverage of key health and healthcare priorities to inform local communities and sufficiently recognise the move to localism).

4) Please comment on whether our plans for acute trusts in the annual health check in 2008/2009 are reasonable in the current context and how they could be improved.

5) Please comment on our proposed indicators for acute trusts, which are set out in appendix A.

6) Please comment on whether our plans for mental health trusts in the annual health check in 2008/2009 are reasonable in the current context and how they could be improved.

7) Please comment on our proposed indicators for mental health trusts, which are set out in appendix A.

8) Please comment on whether our plans for ambulance trusts in the annual health check in 2008/2009 are reasonable in the current context and how they could be improved.

9) Please comment on our proposed indicators for ambulance trusts, which are set out in appendix A.

10) Please comment on whether our plans for trusts with learning disability services in the annual health check in 2008/2009 are reasonable in the current context and how they could be improved.

For questions 11-16, please specify which healthcare sector(s) your comments are referring to.

- Acute
- Ambulance
- PCT
- Learning disability
- Mental health

11) Please comment on whether you think our proposals for the annual health check 2008/2009 will provide an appropriate assessment of the safety of care provided by NHS organisations and on how they could be improved.

12) Please comment on whether you think our proposals for the annual health check 2008/2009 will provide an appropriate assessment of the quality of clinical care provided by NHS organisations and on how they could be improved either for 2008/2009 or in the medium to long-term.

13) Please comment on whether you think our proposals for the annual health check 2008/2009 will take sufficient account of patient views.

14) Please comment on whether you think our proposals for the annual health check 2008/2009 will sufficiently encourage trusts to address health inequalities and to promote wellbeing.

15) Please comment on whether you think our proposals for the annual health check 2008/2009 will provide an appropriate assessment of children's services provided by NHS organisations and on how they could be improved.

16) Please comment on our risk-based approach. Does it strike the right balance between using information to scan performance across the range of healthcare and more detailed scrutiny through inspection? Does it take account of the right issues? Are there areas that are unsuitable for such an approach?

To ensure that we are reaching as many people as possible with information about our work, we would like to ask you a few questions to help us monitor who has provided us with comments. The answers you provide will be completely confidential. You do not have to answer any of the questions if you do not wish to.

Would you like us to keep you informed of the Healthcare Commission's work:
Yes/No (please circle)

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please tick appropriate boxes:

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

- Individual
 Organisation

Please name: _____

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, what sector do you work in?

- Voluntary
 NHS
 Acute
 Mental health
 PCT
 Ambulance
 Learning disability
 Other
 Independent healthcare
 Professional body
 Patient and public involvement forum
 Overview and scrutiny committee
 Other (please specify): _____

What region of the country are you from?

- London
 North East
 North West
 East of England
 South East
 South West
 East Midlands
 West Midlands
 Yorkshire and Humberside

Male/Female (please circle)

What is your age? _____

Do you have any long standing illness, disability or infirmity?

Yes/No (please circle)

To which of these groups do you consider you belong?

White

- White British
 White Irish
 Any other White
background – please state

Mixed

- White and Asian
 White and Black Caribbean
 White and Black African
 Any other mixed
background – please state

Asian

- Indian
 Pakistani
 Bangladeshi
 Any other Asian
background – please state

Black

- Caribbean
 African
 Any other Black
background – please state

Chinese

- Any other – please state

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