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The Future Direction of General Practice: The Roadmap and Federations

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Drivers for change

- **Societal – consumer driven, '24/7'**
- **NHS Reforms – contestability and plurality of provision**
- **Integrated care – structured around patient needs, not buildings or institutions**
- **Changing professional demographics**
- **NHS Review**

Opportunities and threats

- **DH England – The ‘Darzi’, NHS Review**
- **‘Martini’ Healthcare – promotes “Any Time Any Place Anywhere”**
- **Potential for fragmentation of care**
- **Privatisation**



RCGP Roadmap (June 2007)

- **Builds on strengths of General Practice**
- **Promotes 'Federated Model' of practices working together**
- **Argues case for enhanced provision of diagnostics**
- **Promotes integrated care, making the best use of generalist and specialist skills**
- **Promotes multidisciplinary team working within and across practices**

Moving forward with the Roadmap.....

- Flexible models of delivering care: incl. ***Federations*** with extended scope of practice
- Focus on health outcomes and inequalities
- Expanded Team working
- New Initiatives in quality, education and training
- Majority of care delivered in the community (role of acute hospital)
- Practice engagement with population health

What do patients want?

- **Greater responsiveness from practices**
- **Better co-ordination, extra services and greater emphasis on health promotion**
- **Practice as the basic unit of care**
- **Protection of the special relationship that exists between patients and a doctor who knows them**

Development of practice-based care

- **Application of generalist skills to manage co-morbidity**
- **Addressing health inequalities**
- **Addressing public health agenda (smoking, obesity, alcohol/substance misuse)**
- **Integration and co-ordination of care**
- **Comprehensiveness of care**
- **Teaching, training and research**
- **Quality and safety**

Primary Care Federations

- **An association of general practices and community primary care teams that come together to share responsibility for developing high quality, patient focussed services for their local community.**
- **A Federation would develop and improve primary care services, and commission high quality specialist care.**

Some Key Features of Federations

- **Funded and held to account by the NHS to achieve key improvements for patient care and safety**
- **Internal referrals between clinicians and teams**
- **Improve services by moving some provision from hospitals and developing services in the community including enhanced diagnostics**
- **Improve the quality and safety of care by ensuring good governance across the organisation**
- **Explicit emphasis on public and patient involvement at every level**

The way forward – Federations

- **Personalised, coordinated care**
- **Improved quality and safer care**
- **Integrated care – horizontal (not vertical)**
- **Empowerment of patients and local communities**
- **Focus on health promotion and prevention**
- **More innovation in primary care**
- **Effective use of IM & T**
- **Fairer funding model**

RCGP Federations Toolkit

- Being commissioned
- Draws on current/previous experience
- Practical examples
- Sets out range of models
- Based on principles published in 'Putting Patients First'

Thank you – What is happening
across the UK?