

How will the “transformation” of social care affect care at the end of life?

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“Transformation”

- ‘Putting People First’ concordat across Government 2007
- ‘Transforming Social Care’
 - Grant 2008
 - For 3 years of change management
 - Moving power, control, resources

From —————→

“the state”

Local councils

Care managers

Social workers

Service providers

To

Disabled people and their families and carers

- older people, learning disability, physical and sensory disabilities, mental health

Now

- 8,000 clients
- 20 home care contracts
- Day centres
- Meals on wheels
- Wardens
- Shopping contracts
- 150 people on Direct Payments

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Big Business

Southwark £130million

Tomorrow

- Individual budgets – 1,000 by 2011
 - Self-directed care
 - Direct payments
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- Innovation
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- Economy
- ↓
- Variety/diversity

Now

Assessments
Reviews
Care Plans
Care Packages

**“RAS”
Resource
allocation
system**

Tomorrow

Self-assessment,
actual or notional
funds to purchase
care of choice –
where, when, how



One system for all –
state or self-funded

Revolution in the care system

Issues

- Safeguarding – risk also shifts —————> individual
- Financial – for individuals and management and risk of abuse
- Loneliness/isolation – sustaining group activities
- Has self-funding led to real diversity and choice?

..... and so, End of Life issues

- Implications for NHS funded 'continuing' or palliative care via NHS "IB" ?Choice
- Anything goes?
- Informed consent and care planning
- Advocacy/brokerage to carry out

General Issues

- Not just the individual – the family/carers make the difference
- Speedy practical support] confidence
- Pain relief] in
- Emergency response] system
- Emotional support
- Carers also old and disabled
- A long time
- An increasingly common experience
- Dementia – challenging behaviour

Funding

Palliative care is NHS care, is free

Acute admissions should not be the only route to safe, free care

Care home – funded

Care at home – 24 hour

Choice / not economy

Choice

- 50% acute complaints
- Quality of care and dignity in all settings
 - Hospital
 - Hospice
 - Home
 - Care home
- Integration
 - Acute → community
 - Health/Social Care
 - Southwark Health & Social Care