

The policy context

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Policy development to date

- NHS Improvement Plan – 2004
- End of Life Care Programme - 2004
- Everybody's Business – 2005
- GP contract – dementia and palliative care
- Our health, our care, our say - 2006
- A New Ambition for Old Age - 2006
- Guideline on support for people with dementia and carers – NICE and SCIE – 2006



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And coming up.....

- Mental Capacity Act 2005 – in 2007
- PCT baseline reviews of end of life care - in 2007
- End-of-life care strategy for all adults – irrespective of diagnosis – late 2007



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Bringing it all together

- Policy worlds of dementia and palliative care
- Opportunities to influence – helping people to understand what is needed, what makes a difference and how to go about it.
- Policy into practice



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