Collaboration and innovation will break down barriers to health and social care integration

New ways of working that are based on improving collaboration to ensure integration and innovation in health and social care will ensure the long-term sustainability of hard-pressed health and care services, a groundbreaking new report issued today has shown.

The report calls for greater collaboration at government level including the suggestion of a new Department for Communities and Wellbeing to manage an integrated health and social care budget. This will be an effective way to support local area devolution of health and social care which the report says is inevitable and necessary to save money and improve lives.

A report entitled ‘Breaking Barriers: building a sustainable future for health and social care’ outlines practical and effective models for service transformation and asset optimisation across local government and the NHS - which in turn could help bridge multi-billion pound funding gaps and unlock wider opportunities for public sector reform.

Based on the findings of a review of the barriers to change led by Professor Lord Patel of Bradford OBE and Hazel Blears, the former Health Minister and Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the report outlines a model for integration and innovation.

The model includes a series of case studies highlighting successful collaboration among councils, NHS Trusts, the education, social and private sectors that demonstrate integration and innovation of public sector services through various means - including better use of Big Data, digital transformation, innovations in educational practice and learning and facilities and estates management.

Speaking at the launch of the Breaking Barriers summit to be held at the Grand Connaught Rooms in Central London today, report author, Professor Lord Patel of Bradford OBE said: “Extreme financial pressures are being brought to bear on health and social care funding for the NHS and local government - amid ever-increasing demographic demand and the pressing strictures of the NHS Five Year Forward View.

“To have hope of surmounting the challenge, we need new ways of delivering public services that are collaborative, integrated and innovative and which offer realistic, practical and replicable solutions.

“The Breaking Barriers report shows how alternative delivery models that are place-based and designed with the people who use and deliver local health and care services can make a real difference and improve lives while ensuring the long term sustainability of these vital services.”

Co-author, Hazel Blears said: “NHS England chief executive Simon Stevens recently made the case that the issue of social care funding remains ‘unfinished business’, and that we could see local authorities taking a greater leadership role in health.

“Now is the right time for a new approach and a model of change that will put those who use services at the centre and build a sustainable future for health and social care.”
“Barriers will need to be broken in order to achieve this. This can be done through greater collaboration, integration and innovation between local and national government, the NHS and the wider public and social sectors. Devolution of responsibility and funding for health and social care is a real opportunity to think afresh and to create new integrated models which save money and improve lives. We must not miss this window for change.”

Tracey Lee, head of local government, Sopra Steria, technology partner for the summit commented: “The Breaking Barriers report is truly ground-breaking and we’re proud to have contributed to the review.

“Despite the reality of ongoing cuts, public demand for health and social care is continuing to increase. We see a significant opportunity to use digital solutions to both reduce and prevent demand in the first place, deliver services in new ways, and to encourage citizens to get more actively involved in their health and wellbeing. Breaking Barriers is a call to action: for the NHS and all stakeholders to work together in a closer, more collaborative way.”

Nicola Lovett, ENGIE’s UK Divisional CEO for Services said: “ENGIE is delighted to have supported the ‘Breaking Barriers’ report. It provides valuable insight about the impact that greater levels of collaborative working could have across healthcare and local government. It also highlights the huge potential which exists to transform service models in an innovative way that will benefit both public sector agencies and the local communities they serve.”

Adrian Allen, Equity Director for MJ Mapp, summit services and facilities partner, said: “The report should lead to innovative ways of working with a number of stakeholders to create a collaborative community that produces efficiencies and economic benefits for both the public and private sector. This is a challenge that MJ Mapp are proud to be part of.”

John Gatley, Managing Director of McLaren Property, summit built environment partner, said: “McLaren are excited to be part of this study. We have seen how changes to the built environment can help organisations change the way they work and collaborate. We have also seen great examples of public sector buildings that encourage collaboration and allow the provision of improved public services.”

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Notes to editors;

“Breaking Barriers: Building a sustainable future for health and social care”, is a high level review led by Professor Lord Patel of Bradford OBE, the Rt. Hon Hazel Blears and Dr Jon Bashford. It seeks to identify alternative models for health and social care delivery based on collaboration, integration and innovation between local government and the NHS. The review took place between February and June 2016 and consisted of a focused inquiry that produced case study examples that demonstrated practical and effective models for change and development for building a sustainable future for health and social care. The report seeks to catalyse upon the real opportunities being presented by the devolution of health and social care budgets.

The Breaking Barriers Summit, which takes place 28 June at the Grand Connaught Rooms in central London, has been put together specifically for 250 leaders and senior managers from local government and the NHS tasked with tackling collaboration and integration of services- and making better use of assets, more effective management of facilities and technology led opportunities to achieve their goals. The Summit will act as a
catalyst for change and enable changes in policy, strategy and operation that will go to the heart of addressing the challenges facing the health and social care economy.

Lord Prior of Brampton, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for NHS Productivity and Cllr Izzi Seccombe, leader of Warwickshire County Council & Chair, LGA’s Community Wellbeing Board will be among the key speakers for the morning plenary.

For more information, please see: http://www.breakingbarriers-nhs.co.uk/

Follow the event on Twitter: @BB_NHS using the hashtag #BBNHS

Press places to attend the conference and interview slots with the report authors are available upon request.

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Professor Lord Patel of Bradford OBE

Lord Patel, a social worker by background, was the previous Chair of the Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and is University Director of Strategic Partnerships and Senior Advisor to the Vice Chancellor at the University of East London.
He entered the House of Lords in 2006 as an independent peer and was later appointed Minister in the Governments Whip’s Office in the House of Lord.
Lord Patel has held a number of high-profile public appointments on national boards and committees, including, the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work, the Home Office's Advisory Council for the Misuse of Drugs, the Healthcare Commission, the National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse and the Care Quality Commission. He was also Chairman of the Mental Health Act Commission.
Lord Patel has contributed to a variety of Government policies including being the architect of the Government’s five year action plan for Delivering Race Equality in mental health care. In 2007 he was appointed by the Prime Minister to act as a Ministerial Adviser to the Secretary of State (DCLG) in respect of the government’s PREVENT agenda (Preventing Violent Extremism). He was also Chairman of a National Taskforce looking at the effectiveness of prison drug treatment culminating in the publication of the influential Patel Report.

Right Honourable Hazel Blears

Hazel was a Labour Member of Parliament from 1997 – 2015, representing Salford and Eccles. Hazel has had a wide ranging Ministerial career which included being appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department of Health and Public Health Minister (2001-03), Minister of State at the Home Office (2003-06), Minister without Portfolio and Labour Party Chair (2006-07) and Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (2007-09).
Hazel has also been Vice President of the Local Government Association, Vice Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee, served on the National Intelligence and
Security Committee, and a member of the Health and Culture Media and Sport backbench Committees.
Hazel has contributed and led on a number Government policies during her career. While at the Department of Health, Hazel was responsible for Public Health and launched the Government’s “5-a-day” campaign to get people to eat more fruit and vegetables. As a home office minister, she was responsible for policing, crime reduction and counter terrorism and oversaw the introduction of anti-social behaviour orders and spearheaded the Government’s ‘tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime’ commitment. As Secretary of State for Communities she pioneered total place, community budgets and the first City Deals. Hazel’s current commitments include being Senior Adviser to PA Consulting Government, Defence and Security Practice, Non-Executive Board Director with the Cooperative Group, Non-Executive Director Aspire Health and Social Care Coop, Chair of Salford University Institute for Dementia and Alzheimer’s Society Trustee.

Dr Jonathan Bashford

Jon is an experienced senior manager, researcher and teacher with over 30 years’ experience working in health, social care and education in the public and voluntary sectors. Jon comes from a practitioner background as a Registered Mental Health Nurse and has been able to successfully bridge the gap between research, innovation and practice. Jon has been a Director at the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust where he had the lead responsibility for the development of the Communities, Rights and Inclusion programme known as CORIIN. Prior to working in Leicestershire, Jon was Associate Head at the International School for Communities, Rights and Inclusion (University of Central Lancashire) where he managed a wide range of research projects, learning and teaching programmes and commercial consultancies at regional, national and international levels. Jon is particularly known for his work on mental health, drug and alcohol use, offender health and equality, human rights and organisational change. In 2008 Jon was granted the award of PhD for his work on institutional racism and organisational change.
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