

Population Health Observatory

Stakeholder's Meeting 21/10/04

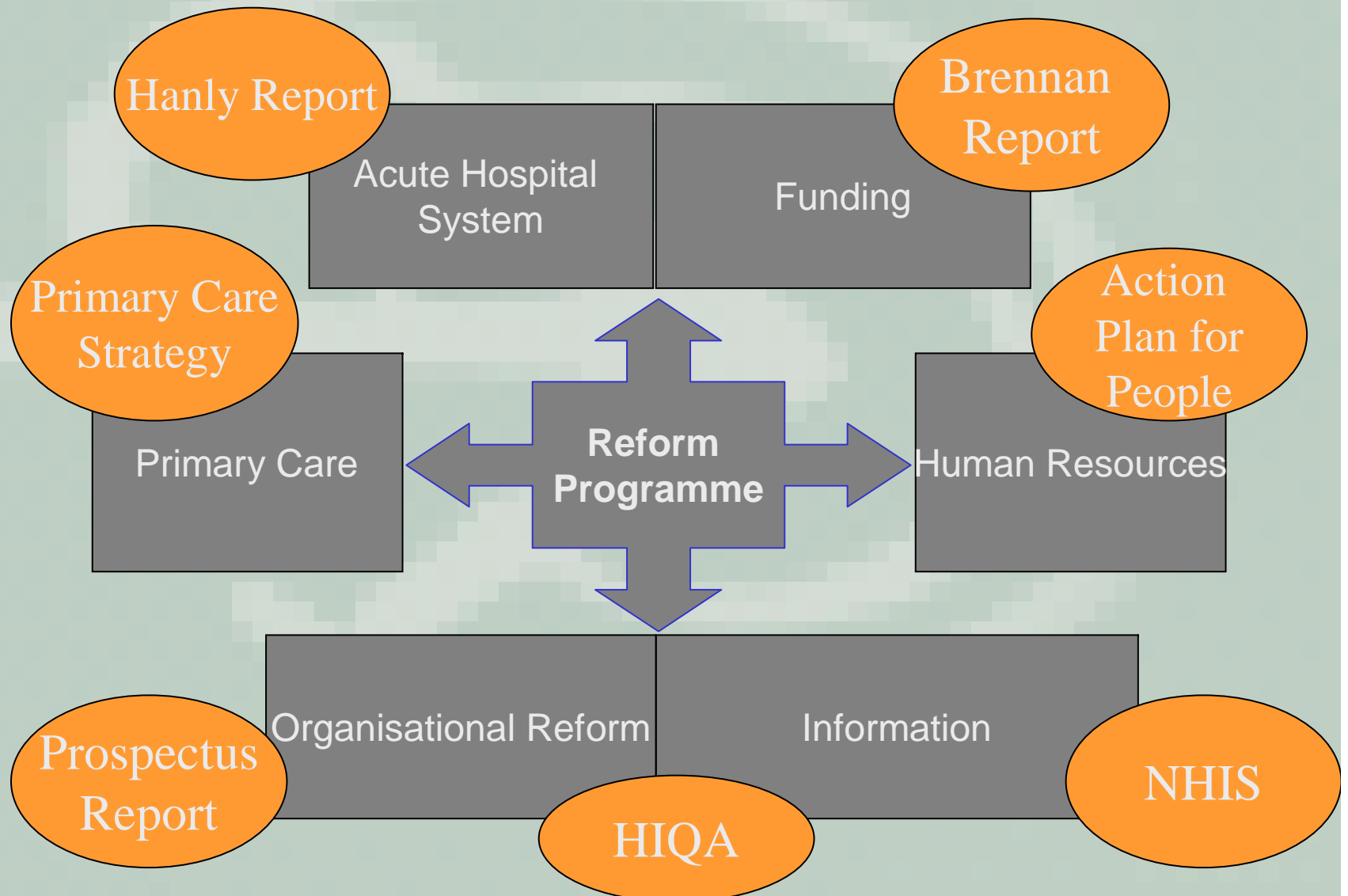
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Frameworks for Change



The National Health Information Strategy aims to create...

.... A trusted and valued health information environment within which all stakeholder groups, namely the general public, clients/patients, carers, healthcare professionals, policy makers and Government, researchers and the media are enabled and empowered to make informed choices to promote, protect, restore and maintain the health of individuals and the population.

Raising the Issues

Need for further development of health information in the areas of:

Quality

- Timeliness
- Relevance
- Standards
- Comparability
- Common data sets

ICT and EHR

- ICT penetration
- Integrated solutions
- Informatics
- Enterprise-wide systems
- EHRs
- Unique identification
- eHealth capacity

Analysis/Application

- Monitoring
- Evaluation
- Target setting
- Benchmarking
- Value for Money
- Clinical support
- Health Impact Assessment
- Health service management
- Health research
- Horizon scanning

Availability/Dissemination

- Single point of access
- Population health data
- Service information
- Access/governance
- Addressing deficits/gaps
- Performance indicators
- Addressing digital divide

Organisational

- Information infrastructure
- Health info. legislation
- Cultural change
- Addressing skills gap
- Knowledge management
- Resourcing

Addressing the Issues

- Information role of the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA)
- Information access and governance
- Information standards
- Information deficits and developments
- The Electronic Healthcare Record
- ICT
- Information and service planning

Population Health Actions (NHIS – Chapter 8)

- A national Population Health Observatory will be established (Action 11)
- Health information will contribute to the process of narrowing inequalities in health and other population health priorities (Action 12)
- Health information will be geo-coded by small area (Action 13)

Practical Contribution of Population Health Observatory

- Monitoring health and disease trends and highlighting areas for action
- Intelligence to provide early warning of future health problems
- Identifying gaps in health information
- Developing capacity for health impact assessment (HIA)

Investing in Information

- Phased approach recognising complexity and dependence on parallel developments (e.g. VPN, UPI, legislative frameworks etc.)
- Resourcing health information
 - Infrastructure (HIQA)
 - Human resources
 - Resourcing information governance
 - ICT requirements