Review of Health and Social Care Commissioning Arrangements in Northern Ireland

Terms of Reference

To ensure that the commissioning of health and social care services is fit for purpose to meet the changing and growing needs of the citizens of Northern Ireland into the future, the Department has instigated a review of commissioning to identify opportunities for improvement.

This review will:

1. Undertake an assessment of how the commissioning process facilitates the delivery of high quality and efficient health and social care services in Northern Ireland, with particular reference to:
   - **Assessing** the health and social wellbeing needs of the population of Northern Ireland.
   - **Strategic planning** to prioritise needs within available resources, including the use of financial and other levers, to reshape services to meet future needs.
   - **Engaging** patients, users, carers / families and other key stakeholders at a local level in the commissioning of health and social care services.
   - **Securing, procuring, incentivising and agreeing** high quality, value for money service provision to meet the assessed and prioritised needs of the population.
   - **Ensuring** the delivery and outcomes from services commissioned.
   - **Evaluating** impact of health and social care services and **feeding back** into the commissioning process in terms of how needs have changed.

2. Bring forward recommended options to improve the effectiveness of the delivery of health and social care services in Northern Ireland.

It is expected that the review will report in the summer of 2015.