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WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE NHS? WHAT YOU
NEED TO KNOW

Who am I?

- Over 30 years in DTI and BT
- Non executive director, South West Essex PCT
- Chair, NHS South West Essex Community Services
- Chair, NED Lead Forum, NHS East of England
- Soon to be Chair, Havering PCT

Entirely personal views – not of the NHS or these organisations

Bit of background to the NHS

- NHS is over 60 years old
- “Treatment free at the point of access [for those living in the UK]”
- Employs 1.5 million people (4th largest employer in the world after the Chinese Army, Wal-Mart and the Indian Railways)
- Nearly 50% of these are clinically qualified

The ££££

- 07/08 the NHS budget was £90 billion
- 60% on staff
- 20% on drugs and other supplies
- 10% on buildings, equipment and training
- 10% on medical equipment, catering and cleaning
- Equates to around £1500 for each man, woman and child in the UK
- 80% of the total budget is spent through local trusts (152 in England)

Where are the opportunities?

- £12 billion (?) spent on National Programme for IT (NPfIT)
- Primary Care Trusts are becoming Commissioners
- Provider/Community Service organisations being created around the country; major driver = efficiency
- Budgets for 09/10 OK, but “will fall off a cliff”
- Change of government – what will this mean for the NHS?
- IT seen as weak but key to success of new organisations (mobile workforce, patient data etc)

Latest messages from political leaders

- The NHS has got to start cutting costs to prepare for 2011 budget fall
- Figures of up to -25% are being spoken about
- Quality = efficiencies and higher productive figures
- Technology will contribute to efforts
- All political parties seem to be agreeing – no major changes to the NHS, but.....



Thank you – any questions?