

Analysis of Social Care Taskforce Recommendations versus Winter Plan

Headlines: 52 recommendations across 19 topic areas included in the final report.

The Winter Plan Seems very light on the recommendations from the Advisory groups covering BAME communities, carers, workforce, mental health & wellbeing and people with LD & autism

The taskforce recommendations have helped to evidence the value and importance of the Infection Control Fund (ICF), the need for free PPE, current workforce measures & increased use of data and digital.

Topic	Recommendations	Features in the Winter Plan?
PPE	Recommendations 1 - 4	Yes – but lacks of detail on how much PPE will be free and how much BAU.
Testing	Recommendations 5 -11	Yes – main issue is delivery.
Flu vaccinations	Recommendations 12 & 13	Yes.
Workforce & Family carers	Recommendations 14 - 16	Yes – but ignores the full set of recommendations from the Advisory Group regarding a review of employment terms and conditions in the sector.
Training	Recommendation 17	Yes – delegated tasks training.
Funding	Recommendations 18	Yes – ICF round 2 is here, but no grant conditions yet. Insurance also mentioned in the Taskforce report but not in the Plan.
Evidence & Guidance	Recommendations 19 - 21	Yes – all quite simple really
Communications	Recommendations 22- 25	Yes – interesting regarding weekly comms and dashboards at regional level
Clinical Support	Recommendations 26 - 31	Yes – feels quite 'done to' from a provider perspective
Movement of people between health & care settings	Recommendation 32	Yes – one to watch as it relates to SAGE looking at the evidence of spread of COVID-19 resulting from hospital discharge
Inspection & regulation	Recommendation 33	Yes – CQC feature a fair bit in the Plan
Capacity, expertise & information	Recommendation 34	No – can't see anything in the Plan on this – it is about DHSC boosting their capacity & expertise
Use of data & digital	Recommendation 35 & 36	Only partially – the Plan commits to the dashboard but is less clear on the other recs from the Taskforce report.
National regional & local structures	Recommendation 37	No – nothing as firm as this – only a reference in the plan to include provider representatives in local fora
Care Home Support Plan	Recommendations 38 - 42	Yes – focus on reducing staff movement, zoning etc & ensuring a staff supply in crisis
Adult Social Care Action Plan	Recommendations 43 - 46	Yes – some useful points, eg recognising day services
Managing community outbreaks & the response of social care	Recommendations 47 - 50	Yes – but highly dependent on the testing shambles being resolved



Key themes emerging from the advisory groups	Recommendation 51	No – the Plan does not commit to this
Planning from the next phase of the pandemic	Recommendation 52	Yes – local winter plans