

Low secure and PICU commissioning guidance

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Overview

- Background
- Policy development - the theory
- Developing commissioning guidance for Low Secure Services and PICUs

Background



Drivers for change



Killer escaped hospital to rape schoolgirl



**Appleby urges national standards
for low secure units**

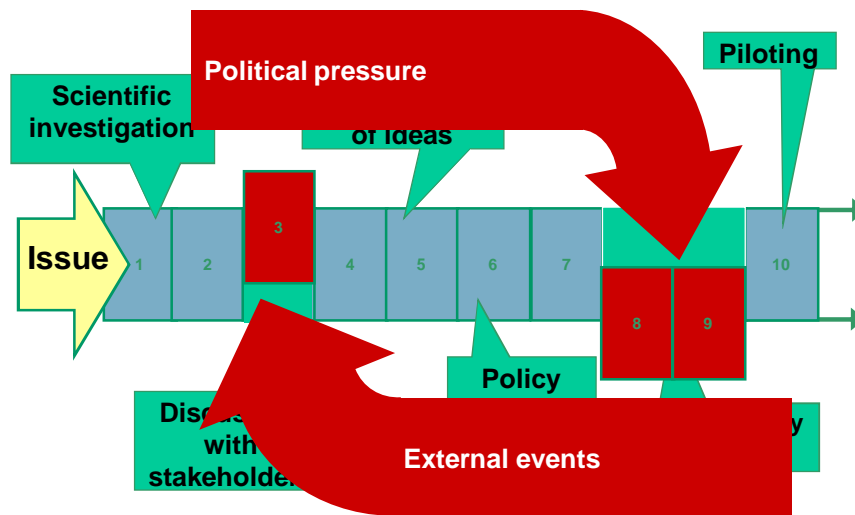
Time



Drivers for change

- Approximately 1% of NHS budget spent on secure psychiatric services
- 13.4% increase per year between 2002/03 and 2009/10
- Health and Social Care Act 2012

In an ideal world, policy-making would involve a simple, generic process.....



Consultation to conference

- 39 responses
 - 5 commissioners
 - 10 national organisations
 - 21 providers
 - 2 service user
 - Rethink co-ordinated their members' responses

Changes to the consultation drafts

- Clearer about what they are – guidance for commissioners
- Clearer about the client group
- Better balance between security and patient care

What they are NOT

They are NOT nor will they be:

- A specification therefore no 'must do'
- Defining staff numbers or skill mix
- A building design guide

Now and next steps

PICU commissioning guidance almost there

- agreed with NAPICU, almost...
- discuss with commissioners
- DH clearance and publication

Equality Impact Assessment ready to go

- Updated the original
- Cleared by DH Equalities team

Now and next steps

Response to the consultation ready to go

- Summary of responses and action as a result

Low secure guidance almost there?

- In discussion with MoJ
- Ongoing discussions with stakeholders
- DH clearance and publication

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