

New ministerial portfolios at the Department of Health

As of Monday May 8th, Andy Burnham has been appointed as Minister of State for Delivery and Quality and Ivan Lewis has been appointed as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Care Services at the Department of Health. Current Minister Caroline Flint has been promoted to Minister of State for Public Health. Lord Warner remains as Minister of State for NHS Reform, Rosie Winterton remains as Minister of State for Health Services and Patricia Hewitt remains as Secretary of State for Health. The new policy portfolios at the Department of Health are as follows:

Secretary of State - **Patricia Hewitt**

NHS and social care delivery and reform; finance and resources; strategic communications.

Minister of State for NHS Reform MS(D)

Norman Warner

Strategic finance, including allocations and the Comprehensive Spending Review
System reform including SHA/PCT reconfigurations, commissioning, choice, plurality, Foundation Trusts, Independent Sector Treatment Centres, contestability, Payment by Results and system management including wider review of regulation Our Health Our Care Our Say White Paper (health lead)
Community hospitals Unscheduled and emergency care NHS workforce issues including education and training and pay and pensions Primary care and NHS LIFT
NHS IT/Connecting for Health Departmental Management

Minister of State for Health Services MS (HS)

Rosie Winterton

International and EU business
Emergency preparedness including pandemic flu
Counter fraud
Cancer services
Cardiac services
Diabetes
Renal services
Mental health, including mental health Bill
Prison healthcare
Dentistry
Patient and public involvement
Equality and diversity issues
Fluoridation
Chronic Diseases
North East, North West and West Midlands SHAs

Minister of State for Public Health MS(PH)

Caroline Flint

Public Health White Paper implementation, including Health Bill Health inequalities
Drugs including drug treatment Tobacco and smoking Alcohol Physical activity
Diet and nutrition HPA and communicable disease Immunisation Sexual health

HFEA and FSA Sustainable development Cross-Government health improvement
South East, South Central and South East Coast SHAs

Secretary of State - **Patricia Hewitt**

NHS and social care delivery and reform; finance and resources; strategic communications.

Minister for Delivery & Quality MS(DQ)

Andrew Burnham

Delivery of targets including access, 18 weeks & winter Financial recovery NHS efficiency and productivity including DH/ALB efficiency, Better Regulation Taskforce, PASA, Logistics and SCEP PFI and major service reconfigurations Safety and Quality, including MRSA, patient safety and the NPSA, professional regulation; clinical negligence, inquiries and investigations Research, Pharmacy and healthcare products, including MHRA, NICE pharmaceutical industry, R&D, Genetics, Biotech, HITF and innovation ID cards East Midlands and East of England SHAs

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Care Services PS(CS) **Ivan Lewis**

Social care finance, performance and workforce issues

Social care inspection - CSCI and SCIE

Maternity services

Children's health

CAMHS

Older people's services, including intermediate care

Physical and learning disabilities, including services for vulnerable adults, and

long term conditions NSF Services provided by Allied Health Professionals

Voluntary sector Our Health Our Care Our Say White Paper (social care lead) ALB

review implementation London and Yorkshire & the Humber SHAs

Biographies for new Ministers:

Andy Burnham MP

Andy Burnham was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Home Office for Immigration, Citizenship and Nationality in May 2005. He had specific responsibility for Identity Cards, Refugee Integration, E-Borders and Extradition.

Andy was elected Member of Parliament for Leigh in June 2001.

He was educated on Merseyside and gained an MA at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.

Andy worked as a researcher for Tessa Jowell MP and for the NHS Federation. He was also the administrator for the Football Taskforce and then became a special adviser to Chris Smith at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport in 1998. He has also worked for Unison and the Transport and General Workers Union.

He was Parliamentary Private Secretary to David Blunkett, the Home Secretary, between 2003 and 2004. Andy has also been a member of the Health Select Committee from 2001 to 2005.

Andy is interested in football and is an Everton fan.

Ivan Lewis MP

In May 2006. He was previously Economic Secretary to the Treasury from May 2005, having been Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Skills and Vocational Education at the Department for Education and Skills since June 2003.

Before that he was Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Young People and Learning, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Adult Learning and Skills and then Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Young People and Adult Skills at the DfES.

Mr Lewis has been Member of Parliament for Bury South since 1997. Mr Lewis was educated at William Hulme Grammar School in Manchester, Stand Sixth Form College and Bury College of Further Education. He worked in the voluntary sector from 1986 to 1997 for Outreach, Contact Community Care Group and as Chief Executive of the Manchester Jewish Federation. He is married with two children.

Notes:

Further information on the role of the new ministers was given in a letter from the Prime Minister to Patricia Hewitt, which can be found at <http://www.pm.gov.uk/output/Page9452.asp>