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Northern Ireland

Review of Public Administration

- Major changes to Public Administration in NI- in 2007 18 Trusts became 5
- Since April 2009 next stage of RPA took place which brought 4 Health and Social Boards down to 1 and developed a regional Public Health Agency

Public Health Agency

- The Public Health Agency (PHA) was established in April 2009 as part of the reforms to Health and Social Care (HSC)
- Major regional organisation in Northern Ireland for health improvement and health protection.
- The PHA works in partnership with local government, key organisations and other sectors to improve health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities.
- This has become the Local Supervising Authority for NI rather than 4 Boards as previously

Differences in Northern Ireland

- Integrated Health and social care
- Large public sector
- Health accounts for approximately 50% of NI budget
- Commissioning of health and social care

Commissioning

- Northern Ireland has only recently put in place a commissioning structure for health and social care services. This is led by the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB), which has overall responsibility for commissioning services, managing resources and performance, and improving services.

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Advise policy

Contribute to Maternity review

New Developments

- Regional Maternity Hand Held Record
  - Carried by all women in NI
- Development of midwife led units
  - 3 stand alongside
  - 1 stand alone opened in March 2010
  - 8% babies in NI born in MLU
- Maternity strategy
  - Review of maternity services in NI which will lead to development of a maternity review.
  - Due to report early 2011