



Human Rights: a foundation for service delivery, improvement and external evaluation

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The Genesis of the Approach

- Putting people at the heart of what we do
- The need to become more outcome focussed
- The learning from Mid Staffs and Winterbourne view
- Developing partnerships with other UK care inspectorates
- The review of care standards
- The need for the public to be more involved in knowing what constitutes good care and knowing their rights and responsibilities



The UK wide picture



- The Care Inspectorates partners on the National Preventive Mechanism and the working group on rights based scrutiny
- The United Kingdom is required by its status as a party to the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT) to establish a National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) to carry out independent, preventative inspections and monitoring of all places of detention.



Across the UK



Developments in Northern Ireland (RQIA)

- ' the key question for RQIA is not so much based upon how to build a Human Rights Framework as this matter has arguably already been tackled by regulators in other sectors, but rather the real innovation will be to identify then operationalise a strategy which demonstrates how such a framework works to improve services'
- ' An added benefit should be standards which are more readily understood by practioners'
- Training, policy and operations



 Focussing in on the voice of service users through looking at the effectiveness of complaints procedures and how organisations learn from concerns and complaints.



The Opportunities in Scotland

• The Action Plan (SHRC)

http://scottishhumanrights.com/ourwork/actionplan

- The review of Care Standards
- The implements Public Bodies Joint Working Act and the Children's Act and the expectation of regulation
- The review of inspection methodology and reporting to the public



A Right Based Approach builds on listening to people

- Our user- focus
- An increasingly outcome focussed approach
- Our communication strategy
- Our duty to promote equality and human rights



The Way Forward for Scrutiny and Improvement

- What we do collectively to influence policy and regulation to be rights based?
- How can inspection focus on improvement to demonstrate a rights based focus in action?
- What we might look for in strategic inspections.