

# Plenary 1

## Part 1

**CSED session**

# Background

- CSED (Care Services Efficiency Delivery)
- Part of Department of Health
- Briefed to develop new models of provision for community equipment and wheelchair services
- AKA “TCEWS” or Transforming Community Equipment and Wheelchair Services

# Background

- Followed on from previous CSIP work (Care Services Improvement Partnership) which produced guidelines
- In progress for past two years
- This work has teeth!

# Background

- Steering group formed around two years ago
- Dominated by community equipment representation
- Not met for past 9 months

# Background

- Working groups formed alongside
- Members felt their representations were not taken into account
- Rapidly disbanded

# Proposals - assessment

- Assessment for 'basic' needs undertaken by assessor (training and regulation unclear)
- Assessment for more complex needs undertaken by health and social services
- Big grey area distinguishing between 'basic' and 'complex'

# Proposals - provision

- Provision of 'basic' equipment passed to retail outlets via prescription
  - Increase consumer choice (top up)
  - Promote product development
- Client seen as a consumer
- Possibility of 'low' cost items no longer being funded

# Current position

- Community equipment:
  - Business case developed and approved by health Minister (Ivan Lewis, MP)
  - Trials being undertaken in the north west of England
  - Mixed reports of outcomes but heralded as a success (measures unclear)
    - 'consumers' like the model
    - financial savings



# Current position

- Wheelchairs:
  - Less developed than community equipment
  - Initial data gathered by around ¼ of wheelchair services considered not to reflect reality
  - Further, more extensive, data collection exercise undertaken and now concluded

# Current position

- Wheelchairs (cont):
  - Steering group not been consulted since data collection commenced (July 07)
  - Two models developed but neither outline nor detail are known
  - Business case for the two models with the Minister
  - Outcome pending