

College of Occupational Therapists



# Current contexts for occupational therapists working in forensic services

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# Introduction

- Economic and policy background
- Influencing the agenda
- How COT can support you



# Economic Background – Global Recession



- Comprehensive Spending Review - 4 year public spending plan that starts April 2011
- Reduced money to devolved administrations
- Reviews of public sector pensions and social care funding
- England –NHS release of £20 billion efficiency savings over 4 years
- QIPP programme – Productive mental health ward
- <http://www.library.nhs.uk/qipp/>



# Policy Background – *Liberating the NHS*



Secretary of State for Health

# Policy Background

## *Liberating the NHS*



- National NHS Commissioning Board –will commission some specialist services
- GP commissioning through consortia for secondary care. They will purchase care from a range of Any Willing Providers
- Abolish PCTs and SHAs
- Allowing patients to choose any healthcare provider including GP
- Scrap process targets in favour of outcome measurements
- Extend payment by results to mental health



# Policy Background

## *No health without mental health*



- 1. More people will have good mental health*
- 2. More people with mental health problems will recover*
- 3. More people with mental health problems will have good physical health*
- 4. More people will have a positive experience of care and support*
- 5. Fewer people will suffer avoidable harm*
- 6. Fewer people will experience stigma and discrimination*

# Policy Background

## *No health without mental health*



- Mental health of offenders is a critical priority area
- Jan 2011 –DH and MoJ “*Working with personality disordered offenders: a practitioners guide*”
- Consultation on the *Offender Personality Disorder Pathway* – disinvestment in DSPD units to increase capacity in prisons- comments by 11th April



# Influencing the agenda



Karen Middleton – Chief Health Professions Officer, DH

- Get on the front foot
- Build knowledge/awareness/understanding
- Review and develop the right skills for the job
- Collaborate, engage, share best practice



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- Focus on the service user
- Focus on outcomes
- Measure and demonstrate impact and performance
- Invest in service and system improvements



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*“Take time to organise and influence locally across organisational boundaries to ensure the best for service users”*



# Influencing the agenda



Think about a time when you have spoken out to try to influence an individual or a meeting.

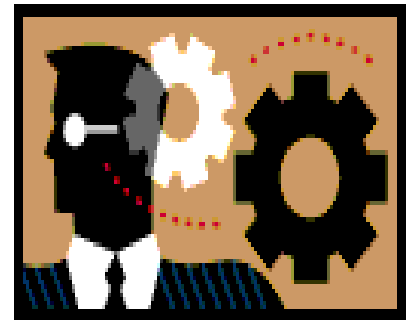
What were the factors that effected how successful this was?



# How to influence in 10 steps!



1. Develop awareness in your chosen area –national and local
2. Your reputation precedes you –do the simple things well and treat others well
3. Develop and nurture your networks. Treat everything as an opportunity.
4. Find useful allies with similar values
5. Use a range of methods to influence

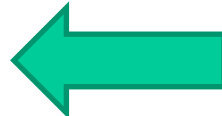
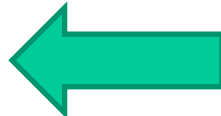
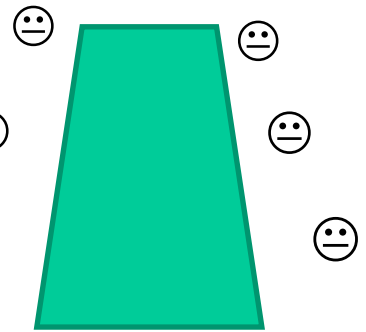
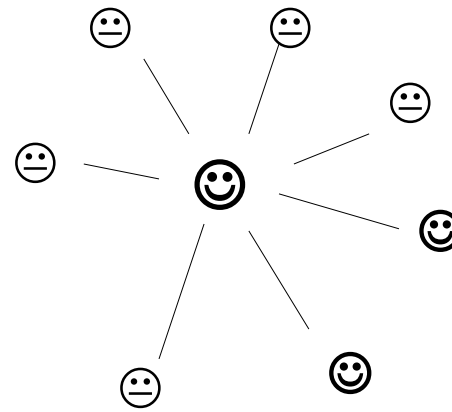
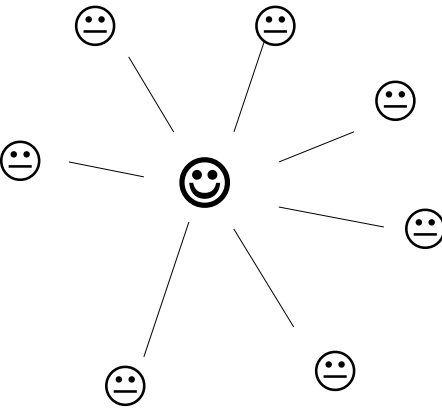


# How to influence...



6. Get the message right, offer solutions and understand their implications
7. Find the right person to speak to and consider their hooks and drivers
8. Use evidence- qualitative and quantitative, do a pilot
9. Create opportunities, take calculated risks
10. Time and persistence required





Make contacts

Make friends

Be visible and credible

Get your friends involved

Ask for things

# Devolved Administrations elections May 2011



## Wales



Edwina Hart MBE AM  
Minister for Health and Social Services

## Northern Ireland



Michael McGimpsey MLA  
Minister for Health, Social Services and Public  
Service

## Scotland



Nicola Sturgeon MSP  
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for  
Health & Wellbeing

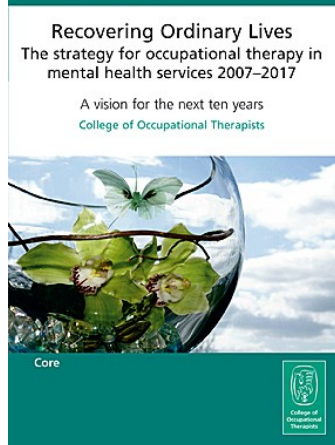
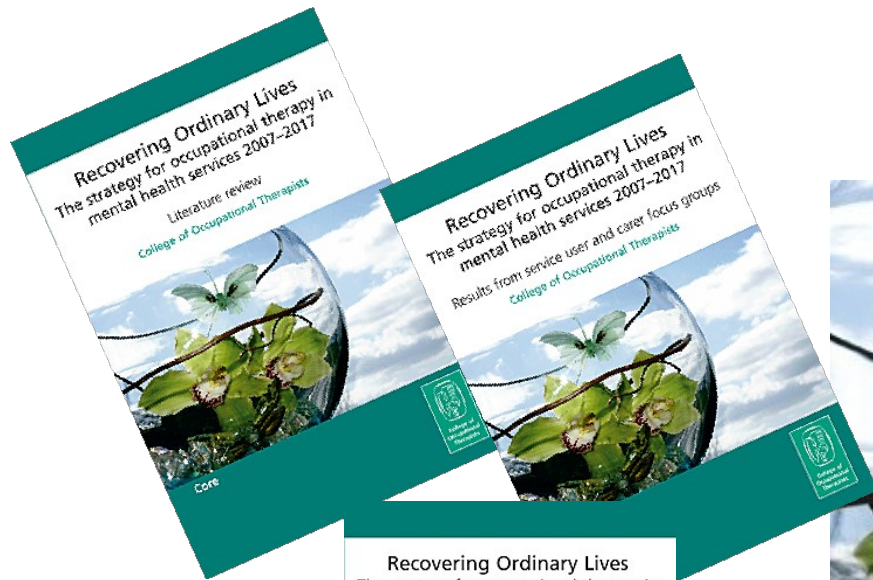
# How COT can support you



- Unison
- Responding to consultations
- NICE
- Representation at meetings
- Political influencing
- Enquiry service
- Briefing papers
- Position statements
- Occasional papers
- Mental health pages of the website



# Recovering Ordinary Lives self assessment toolkits



# Summary



- Political and economic landscapes
- How to influence the agenda
- COT helping you



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