



## Proposals for Smarter Government Published

During early December, the Government launched its plans for improving frontline services, increasing Government efficiency, and using technology to help hospitals, schools and police forces get better value for money.

A report titled 'Putting the frontline first: smarter government' sets out three key pillars of the plan:

1. To drive up standards by strengthening the role of citizens and civic society;
2. To free up public services by recasting the relationship between the centre and the frontline; and
3. To streamline the centre of government, saving money through sharper delivery.

The various short term and longer term aspects of the scheme are set out in a Forward Plan. Headline proposals include: "Giving people guarantees to high-quality public services", "Let local areas set priorities and guide resources by streamlining the national performance framework" and efficiency drives that will affect central government departments.

For more information, the report website may be viewed here:  
<http://www.hmg.gov.uk/frontlinefirst.aspx>

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