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A new government

The Swedish election in September resulted in a new government, "The Alliance". The government's overall objective was to create conditions for more jobs, and by this break the pattern of "social exclusion". A new sickness insurance system is supposed to provide incentive and opportunity to return to work. Patients are given more freedom of choice and open quality comparisons with obligatory reporting are established for health care centres and hospital clinics.

As a consequence of this "new policy" security, accessibility and holistic approach to patients needs have become words of honour in the health care debate. The new government has opened for more actors to develop health- and medical care service. The same terms are to be applied to private, non-profit, cooperative and public actors.

The Committee on Public Sector Responsibilities

In 2003 a committee was commissioned to analyse the current system of public administration. As a result of this the committee in February 2007 proposed that the 24 County Councils responsibilities as regards health and medical care will be taken over by significantly fewer and more equally sized regional authorities. Central government governance of health and medical care should focus on setting standards and of the right of citizens to equivalent health and medical care.

The committee also proposed that legal provisions of importance should be brought together in "A patients Act" The purpose of this act would be to increase transparency, promote contact between the patient and health care staff and to enhance respect for integrity of the individual patient, her self-determination and human dignity.

Citizens should also have greater access to information concerning the quality of health care outcomes, quality of the health care process and efficiency.

Psychiatric care

The organisation of psychiatric care service has been reviewed and new resources are supposed to be allocated.

Hospital Management

As our Norwegian colleges vi place a great deal of effort and time into encouraging senior physicians to take leading roles in management. A policy program has been made on this matter.

The Working Time Directive

The Working Time Directive has caused a lot of trouble for small units with frequent on call duties. Animated negotiations have been held but the problem is far from solved.

The Pharmaceutical Industry Agreement

In June 2004, the Federation of County Councils and the Swedish Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry reached an agreement concerning forms of cooperation between pharmaceutical companies and employees of the public healthcare. In 2006 this agreement was modified and more like the European EFPIA-agreement.

The Bologna Process

Starting with the 2007 academic year, Swedish higher education institutions are switching to a new degree structure that conforms to the Bologna Process, the Europe-wide standardisation drive for higher education.

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