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Swedish presentation themes

- **Gender equality – next steps**
- **Primary health care**
- **Withdrawal of proposal for regional restructuring**

Gender equality – overall objective and sub-goals

Overall objective:

Women and men shall have the same power to shape society and their own lives

Four sub-goals:

- Equal division of power and influence
- Economic equality
- Equal distribution of unpaid housework and provision of care
- Men's violence against women must stop

Gender equality – next steps

- **Gender equality in education and training**
- **Gender equality in health**
- **Government agency for gender equality**
- **Funding 2017-2020 for Action Plan to prevent and combat male violence against women**

Committee on Primary Health Care

Overview of Swedish health care system in 2016

- **Sweden is among countries with highest rate of specialist doctors by population**
- **Usually good medical outcomes, but clear continuity and patient empowerment problems**
- **Primary health care is generally weak and often lacks professionals, not least family physicians**

Committee on Primary Health Care

Working method:

- **Close cooperation with Swedish regions and municipalities and with relevant agencies**

Outcome

- **A national plan, with PHC as the starting point for closer patient involvement in her/his health care – June 2018**
- **Final report – March 2018**

Withdrawal of proposal for regional restructuring

- **Merger of Swedish regions – from 21 to six – proposed last autumn**
- **Proposal withdrawn just before Christmas**
- **Main reason: insufficient Parliamentary support**
- **Additional: conflicting views in some regions**