

Executive Summary

This paper has the status of an announcement by the Secretary of State for Health and is not a consultation paper. It relates to England only.

It contains several references to HPC and the regulated health professions in the contexts of commissioning education and training (and workforce planning), modernising and extending regulation.

It does not, however, extend the scope of the original announcements made in the NHS Plan in July 2000.

Para. 2.3 announces 6,500 extra therapists and " 4,450 therapists and other key professional staff trained ",

2.4 announces meeting the NHS Plan for an additional 30,000 therapists and scientists than in 2001.

There are general references to, lifelong learning, changing work roles and developing the " skills escalator " widening access to education and training and working and learning more inter-professionally for all NHS employees.

Para. 6.9 heralds the development of the NHS University.

Chapter 7 is on the Modernisation of Professional Regulation and commends HPC's power to bring new professions into regulation and to work more collaboratively and flexibly.

Para. 8.7 heralds the paper on the Multi-Professional Education and Training Levy.