

#nhspreregcuts

Hazel Smith

National programme lead
for the education funding
programme at Health
Education England
4 January 2019



Funding for NHS
preregistration trainees
to be cut by up to 25%
across England from
September 2020 to ensure
that all trainees receive
the same amount of
financial salary support
#consistentapproach



► Gail Fleming

Director for education and
professional development at the
Royal Pharmaceutical Society
4 January 2019

Reducing funding for training
pharmacists when the new
'NHS long-term plan' calls for
pharmacists to play a greater
role in healthcare is incoherent
#disappointing



► A hospital chief pharmacist

19 February 2019
A short-sighted, poorly
thought through decision
#noconsultation



► Hazel Smith

19 February 2019
Cuts have been paused for a year
to allow for better assessment of
how funding changes would affect
pharmacy training and the future
pharmacy workforce
#impactassessment



We take a look at the
biggest stories of the year
and summarise some
of your reactions to them

Dawn Connelly

#nhslongtermplan

NHS England

7 January 2019

Under the 'NHS long-term plan',
we'll invest £4.5bn into primary
care networks, which will employ
at least one clinical pharmacist,
rising to six by 2024
#majormilestone



► Keith Ridge

Chief pharmaceutical officer
for England
18 January 2019

The 'NHS long-term plan' is full of fantastic
opportunities for pharmacy professionals
working together #essentialrole



► Sandra Gidley

Chair of the Royal Pharmaceutical
Society English Pharmacy Board
18 January 2019

It's our job to ensure that pharmacists
have a high-profile role in primary care
networks and that their skills are used
#GP-centric



► Malcolm Harrison

Chief executive of the Company
Chemists' Association
17 June 2019

We are going to see considerable pressure
because of workforce shortages in the next
18 months #fillingexistingroles



► NHS England

1 July 2019
Today is the go-live day for all primary care
networks across England #fundingreleased



NHS trust chief pharmacist

14 November 2019
We've already lost four people we've trained
to local primary care networks #fundingshortfall



#welshpharmacyplan

Vaughan Gething

Health minister for Wales

17 April 2019

The Welsh government is increasing
the number of preregistration training
places in Wales from 120 to 200 by
August 2023, backed by a £4.9m
funding boost #workforceplanning



► Suzanne Scott-Thomas

Chair of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Welsh
Pharmacy Board
17 April 2019

This is a very positive step forward for the NHS and
patients in Wales #seamlesspharmaceuticalcare



► Welsh Pharmaceutical Committee

23 May 2019
'Pharmacy: Delivering a healthier Wales' is published
today and includes an extended common ailments
service, access to GP records and increased use of
independent prescribers #visionforpharmacy



► Andrew Evans

Chief pharmaceutical officer for Wales
23 May 2019

A huge amount here that community pharmacy
should be optimistic about #getbehindtheplan



#falsifiedmedicines directive

European Medicines Verification Organisation

11 February 2019

The European Medicines
Verification System for the
falsified medicines directive
has crashed #firstmorning



► A hospital pharmacist

11 February 2019
The system has been down for an hour, with no information on the
reason or how long it will last #feelingfrustrated



► A community pharmacist

11 February 2019
I wasn't ready anyway. And even if I was, the products being
delivered are not compliant with the falsified medicines directive
#Brexituncertainty



► Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

22 July 2019
The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency has taken
regulatory action against companies that are not compliant with the
falsified medicines directive #routineinspections

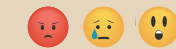


#communitypharmacyclosures

Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee

4 March 2019

Analysis has shown that more
than 200 pharmacies have closed
since funding cuts in 2016: 142
branches of high street chains,
69 independent pharmacies
and 22 independent multiples
#unprecedentedclosures



► A local pharmaceutical committee pharmacist

4 March 2019
Many pharmacies having to find
ways to reduce costs: reducing
staff, stopping non-funded services
or introducing charges for home
deliveries #hardtopaythebills #stress



► McKesson UK

8 May 2019
We are working to reinforce and
accelerate our UK restructuring
through LloydsPharmacy store
closures #restructuring



► Walgreen Boots Alliance

27 June 2019
Boots will close 200 stores
during the next 18 months
#difficultmarket



► PDA Union

27 June 2019
We will be working tirelessly to
avoid job losses for pharmacists
and will be protecting their
interests #minimisedistress



#pharmacyapprenticeships

Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education

4 April 2019

We are proposing a five-year apprenticeship scheme for pharmacists. You have ten days to respond #surpriseannouncement



▶ Pharmacists' Defence Association

4 April 2019

These proposals would be highly disruptive to the pharmacy profession #twotiersystem



▶ An education and development pharmacist

4 April 2019

I can't see this proposal having any legs #dieaslowdeath



▶ Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education

22 May 2019

The proposals will not go through to the next stage until representatives from the wider pharmacy industry are included in the trailblazer group #furtherengagement



▶ Gail Fleming

Director for education and professional development at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society

22 May 2019

Delighted that the need to listen to the profession has been recognised #allsectorshaveavoice



▶ An employer group

28 October 2019

We are working on a second set of apprenticeship proposals, which will address concerns raised in response to the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education's proposals, including funding #apprenticeshipsrevived



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#communitypharmacy contract

Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee

22 July 2019

Community pharmacy funding has been frozen at £2.59bn for five years. Medicine use reviews will be phased out and a new community pharmacist consultation service will launch in October 2019

#fiveyeardeal #protectedfunding #moreclinicalservices



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▶ Malcolm Harrison

Chief executive of the Company Chemists' Association

22 July 2019

Flat funding will present significant challenges to what is already a financially strained sector but I'm encouraged by the direction of travel #muchstilltobeagreed



▶ Claire Anderson

Chair of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society English Pharmacy Board

22 July 2019

The shift towards a major clinical future is absolutely the right direction for community pharmacy #expandedclinicalrole



▶ A local pharmaceutical committee pharmacist

22 October 2019

Referral rates for the new consultation service will be very low at first #slowstart



▶ NHS England

31 October 2019

Three-quarters of community pharmacies in England have signed up to the new community pharmacist consultation service so far, translating to a combined payout of £7.8m #incentives #earllysignup



Also trending

#mindthegap: In February 2019, it was revealed that nearly half of pharmacists who were suspended or removed from the

General Pharmaceutical Council register between 2016 and 2018 were from a black,

Asian and minority ethnic background.

Nigel Clarke, chair of the General Pharmaceutical Council, described this statistic as "worrying" in an interview with *The Pharmaceutical Journal*.

In September 2019, results from a survey of 1,814 Royal Pharmaceutical Society members showed that pharmacy's ethnicity pay gap had widened since 2018, increasing by 0.3 percentage points to a median pay gap of 15.8%. *The Pharmaceutical Journal's* salary and job satisfaction survey revealed that the gap was widest among pharmacists working in the pharmaceutical industry, at 41%.

#seriousshortageprotocols: In July 2019, legislation came into force in England that introduced a pharmacist's ability to dispense against a protocol instead of a prescriber, as a measure to combat medicines shortages.

Similar legislation followed in Scotland and Wales in October 2019. The first serious shortage protocol was issued in England in October 2019 to combat shortages of antidepressant medicine fluoxetine, allowing pharmacists to supply alternative strengths or pharmaceutical forms.

#scottishdrugdeaths: In July 2019, Catriona Matheson, substance use expert at the University of Stirling and convener of the Drugs Research Network Scotland, was appointed chair of a new taskforce to tackle drug deaths in Scotland, which rose by 27% to 1,187 in 2018 — the highest rate in the EU.

In September 2019, Carole Hunter, lead pharmacist (addiction services) at NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, called for

Scotland's drug deaths to be recognised as a public health emergency. In November 2019, Scotland's first heroin-assisted treatment service launched in Glasgow city centre, although Hunter said a drug consumption room is urgently needed to run alongside it.

#medicalcannabis: In November 2019, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) issued guidance on cannabis-based medicinal products (CBMPs). In contrast to draft guidance published in August 2019, NICE recommended Sativex (GW Pharmaceuticals) for multiple sclerosis-related spasticity. The remaining recommendations were unchanged, including that CBMPs should not be used for chronic pain and that only nabilone should be considered for chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting. A national pilot that could give 20,000 patients in the UK access to subsidised medical cannabis by the end of 2021 was also launched in November 2019.

