



Academy for Healthcare Science response to the Interim NHS People Plan

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Professor Brendan Cooper President of the professional council for the Academy for Healthcare Science, said, “I welcome this interim report, and I believe Healthcare Scientists will be pleased that there is recognition of their value, particularly in innovation and supporting new ways of working.”

The Academy values the acknowledgement of the need to address capacity and capability of the workforce, which will include introducing flexible educational opportunities for more flexible career pathways. A revisit of regulation to protect patients further for this group is also welcomed.

“It is exciting to anticipate the implementation and delivery which will energise the workforce, and bring this plan to fruition, so that patients and the NHS really benefits from the investment in the healthcare science workforce”

“We applaud that healthcare scientists will be embedded, not just in the scientific, but also in the clinical work streams as this is where we see the biggest changes and solutions to healthcare.”

Professor Brendan G Cooper

President AHCS