UK NEQAS for General Haematology
17th Annual Participants’ Meeting

“HEE the big picture and its relevance to HCS”

Professor Ian Cumming OBE,
Chief Executive
HEE’s roles and responsibilities

- Workforce Planning
  - NHS Careers
    - Recruiting for values and behaviours into education and the workforce
      - Commissioning undergraduate and postgraduate education (numbers and content)
        - Education, training and development strategy for the non-professionally qualified workforce
          - Leadership of CPD

- £4.9bn per annum = £10,000 per minute
- 159,000 students directly or indirectly funded by HEE

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Shaping the future

- Framework 15
- Annual workforce plan
- Lead for genomics
- Modernising scientific careers
- Shape of training
- Shape of caring
- Values based recruitment
Why a 15 year strategic framework?

- Circa **13 years** to train a consultant / **3 years** for a nurse
- We invest £4.8b in education and training, making **expensive assumptions** about future health care models
- If we are wrong, **under-supply** could result in unmet need; **over-supply** means an unemployed workforce & wasted resources
- If we make wrong decisions we risk locking the service into **outdated models of care**
- We need a **strategic framework** to guide our investments in the future
Looking to the future

• ‘Computers in the future will weigh no more than 1.5 tons’ (popular mechanics 1949)

• ‘We don’t like their sound and guitar music is on the way out’ (Decca recording company re: The Beatles 1962)

• Heavier than air flying machines are impossible (Lord Kelvin 1895)

• Louis Pasteur’s theory of germs is ridiculous fiction (Prof Pierre Pachet, Prof of Physiology 1872)
GLOBAL DRIVERS OF CHANGE >

THE FIVE GLOBAL DRIVERS OF CHANGE

- Expectations (People/Staff)
- Demographics (Population Profiles)
- Technology & Innovation
- Social, political, economic and environmental
- Current and future service and care models
How can state funded healthcare respond to economic challenges?
Demographics

**DEMAND (Patients)**

- **More of us**: UK population set to grow by 7% by 2022
- **More elderly**: number of people >85 to increase from 1.4m to 2.4m by 2037
- **Live longer**: In 1948, 48% died before 65. At least one third of people born today will live to 100
- **Greater care needs**: People >65 with care needs projected to increase by 60%

**SUPPLY (staff)**

- **More women in the workforce**: In 2012, 55% of medical students were women.
- **Older workforce**: Average age of workforce in 2023 = 47.
- **Patterns of working are changing**: Currently fewer than 30% of NHS employees are part time.
Informatics

• 43% using internet to access health information

• New ways of predicting, preventing, diagnosing and treating some conditions

• How can we ensure our staff have the skills to respond to and adopt new research, technology and innovation, so that patients can reap the benefits?
Genomics

https://www.hightail.com/download/UIRSeVdrdVVwM25MYnNUQw
The future workforce

So what kind of workforce will be required if we are to respond to the drivers of change and meet the predicted need of future patients?
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