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The Role of the Health and Education National Strategic Exchange (HENSE)

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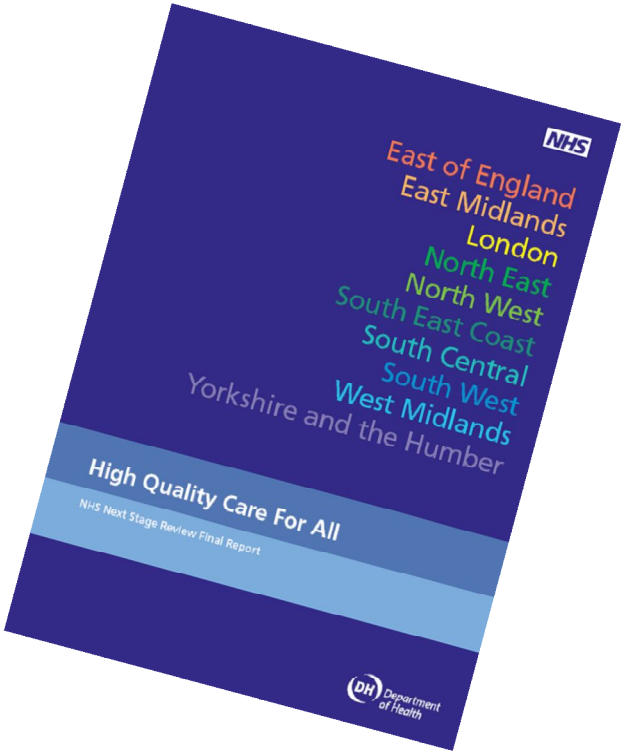
High Quality Workforce: High Quality Care

Why is it important for HE and DH/NHS to work together?

- DH/NHS expenditure with HE sector is around £1 billion
- Total HE expenditure is around £20 billion
- So we are significant customers to HE sector
- Equally HE sector provide us with our trained workforce – which we need to be “High Quality” - so very important to DH/NHS

NSR Requirement : High Quality Care

Quality as the organising principle of the NHS



1. **Safe care**
2. **Effective care**
3. **Patient experience**

…delivered in a tough financial environment

High Quality Workforce - High Quality Care

What does that mean for education commissioning on quality?

- Give greater clarity to the outputs required: academic and practice learning.
- Drive strategic partnerships that promote quality & innovation
- Promote the use of feedback from health & health education service users
- Make quality assurance more effective whilst keeping burden minimal
- Reward quality

Source: A High Quality Workforce, page 40

What does this mean for HE and DH/NHS relationships?

Need to be working together effectively both :

- Nationally – HENSE group
- Locally – Workshop this afternoon

HENSE: Terms of Reference

- To provide a national forum where senior members of the Higher Education and Health sectors can discuss strategic issues which may affect both sectors in order to influence cross-government working.

- To identify where joint initiatives would add significant value to both sectors, across education, research, innovation, service delivery & the development of the clinical academic workforce, and to advocate strongly for these initiatives to be pursued.

- To anticipate and resolve problems that may arise at the interface of the two sectors, ensuring that any system/process failures are resolved.

- To promote mutual understanding and to ensure that the HE/Health interface works effectively at all

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Conclusion

- A massively challenging agenda, and
- Success on ECQ is essential if the NHS is to thrive,
- we have an opportunity to create a valuable legacy if we work together to achieve it

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