GP Partnership Review

GP Partnership Review - Final Report

Please find below links to Dr Nigel Watson’s final report relating to the “Independent GP Partnership Review”, alongside videos that summarise each of the key sections:

DOH Website Link:  https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gp-partnership-review-final-report

Video Links:
- GP Partnership Review - Summary
- GP Partnership Review - Introduction
- GP Partnership Review - Workforce Part 1
- GP Partnership Review - Workforce Part 2
- GP Partnership Review - Risks

GP Workforce Survey 2018

Please click on the following link to access the results of the GP Workforce Survey 2018

GP Partnership Review

The chief executive of Wessex LMC has been appointed chair of a major independent review of the partnership model to look into how it needs to evolve in the modern NHS.

Dr Nigel Watson, who is also a member of the BMA’s GP Committee and its former lead on commissioning, will oversee the review, which will report back to health and social care secretary Jeremy Hunt and NHS England chief executive Simon Stevens.

Dr Watson said: ‘It is a great honour to chair the review and I plan to engage widely with organisations, as well as front line clinicians and practice staff, to identify the challenges and make a number of recommendations about how the partnership model can work in the future.’

To read the full article click here:  LMC leader to chair Hunt review into ‘reinvigorating’ GP partnership model

In this section...

A Day In The Life... of a GP
Avoiding Unplanned Admission - DES (April 2014)
Being a portfolio GP is the only way to survive
BMA Press Release: Doctors’ leader accuses Prime Minister of scapegoating NHS staff and risking patients’ lives due to underfunding of services
Bye Bye QOF? Framework to be first casualty of co-commissioning drive
Can GPs Control Their Workload?...
CCG backs down on plans to withhold surgery for smokers and obese patients
CCG restricts treatment for smokers and obese patients...
Clearing common hurdles of revalidation
Clever Ideas/Solutions to make your job better and easier. . .
Contract will not solve GP workload crisis...
CQC Intelligent Monitoring
CQC survival guide part 4: ensuring your services are responsive (1 hour)
CQC survival guide part 5: ensuring your services are well led (1 hour)
Data Does Not Add Up...
Dementia DES, Out of Area Registration DES and Co-Commissioning
E-mail newsletter to all Practice Managers in Wessex - Dec 2014
Email sent by Wessex LMCs
Email sent by Wessex LMCs, on 22 Nov 2015
Email sent by Wessex LMCs, on Friday, 12 Aug 2016
Dr Nigel Watson – GP Partner, The Arnewood Practice, New Forest and the Independent Chair of the Partnership Review of general practice.

The NHS is approaching its 70’s birthday and is viewed as one of our nation’s best loved institutions.

The vast majority of patient contacts, over 400,000,000 per year take place in general practice and over 99% of the population are registered with a practice, yet more often than not any media coverage of the NHS refers only to hospital-based care.

The GP Forward View stated “GPs are by far the largest branch of British medicine. A growing and ageing population, with complex multiple health conditions, means that personal and population-orientated primary care is central to any country’s health system. As a recent British Medical Journal headline put it – “if general practice fails, the whole NHS fails”.

The NHS has responded to the challenge of an aging population, who have more long-term conditions and complex needs by reducing the share of funding to primary care and growing the number of hospital specialists at three times the rate of GPs.

It is therefore not surprising that general practice is facing a recruitment and retention problem.

In a recent report published by the House of Lords Health Select Committee considering the long-term sustainability of the NHS concluded that “The traditional partnership model of general practice is no longer fit for purpose and should be phased out in favour of alternative models such as salaried employment”, and concluded “that the small business model of general practice was “inhibiting change” and frustrating efforts to deliver more care outside hospitals in response to increasing demand from patients and NHS staff shortages.”

Shortly after this report was published a GP magazine, Pulse, conducted a survey which showed that about 60% of GPs thought that the Partnership model of General Practice has no future and will not exist in 10 years’ time.

It has been stated on a number of occasions that the ‘corner-shop model of general practice has passed its sell-by date and should be confined to history’.

When I became a GP Partner 30 years ago there were 170 applicants for the post I was lucky enough to get and all my fellow GP Trainees at the time were also looking for partnership on completion of their training. We are told now that GP Trainees no longer want partnerships and would sooner become locums or salaried GPs.

With the number of partnership vacancies running at an all-time high (in some places more than 20%) should we move from a predominantly partnership model to an employed one?

My personal view is that the partnership model has not reached the end of the road, it can still have an important role to play in the future of the NHS but we need to make it a better place to work, which will encourage more GPs to remain working in general practice, address the concerns about the unlimited personal liability and with the move to a more population based approach to healthcare ensure that general practice is truly able to play a leadership role in the local NHS.

Most practices have evolved and developed over the last 10 years, despite not having sufficient resources to evolve significantly and could not be described as a ‘corner shop’. We have witnessed a significant number of practices merging to form larger units, federations evolving to be a provider of primary care at scale and networks of practices collaborating together in a way that has not been seen over the last 70 years.

Talking to many young GPs who are completing or have recently completed their training they say that they do not want to go into partnership now but would consider this in 5 years-time.

The Secretary of State announced in February 2018 that he was going to carry out a formal review of how the partnership model needs to evolve in the modern NHS and agreed this with the Royal College of GPs and the General Practitioners Committee of the BMA, NHS England and the Department of Health and Social Care.

As a GP Partner, the Chief Executive of a large LMC, a Fellow of the RCGP (achieve by assessment not nomination) and a long-standing member of the GPC, I have been asked by the Secretary of State to be the Independent Chair of the Review. I have accepted this and see...
it as an honour but also a great challenge.

I have been asked to review the partnership model and make recommendations by the end of the year as to how this can be revitalised.

The review will consider, and, where appropriate, make recommendations, in the following areas:

- The challenges currently facing partnerships within the context of general practice and the wider NHS, and how the current model of service delivery meets or exacerbates these.
- The benefits and shortcomings of the partnership model for patients, partners, salaried GPs, locum GPs, broader practice staff (practice nurses etc) and the wider NHS.
- Drawing on 1) and 2), consider how best to reinvigorate the partnership model to equip it to help the transformation of general practice, benefiting patients and staff including GPs.

I will be publishing repeated blogs during this review which may be of interest to you.

Nigel

Dr Nigel Watson MBBS FRCGP
GP Arnwood Practice
Chief Executive Wessex Local Medical Committees Ltd
Independent Chair, GP Partnership Review, Department of Health and Social Care

Blog No. 2 – The GP Partnership Review

GP Partnership Review - Blog No. 2

Blog No. 3 – The GP Partnership Review - Small Practices

GP Partnership Review - Blog No. 3  Small practices

Blog No. 4 - The GP Partnership Review - Primary Care Networks (PCN) - a GP’s perspective

Primary Care Networks (PCN) - a GP’s perspective – Blog No 4

GPs to offer ‘step-down’ beds, homecare and counselling as NHS England reveals details of radical new model for practices...
GPs told to submit reports on all staff for NHS workforce survey by May...
GPs under pressure as A&E waits worst for a decade
Hospital consultants warned after bouncing suspected cancer cases back to GPs...
Hospital prescribing costs rising four times faster than primary care
Important - LMC update July 2015 - issue 2
Important Men ACWY Clarification & Guidance on PGD/PSDs
Is MPIG money moving in the right direction?...
It’s a shame that vanguards are struggling as young GPs want to work here
Latest News Articles
LMC Campaign to help Practices Bulletin 2 - DNAs and how patients can help us
LMC Campaign to help Practices Bulletin 2 - DNAs and how patients can help us
LMC Christmas email update
LMC Conference Report 2015
LMC Email update - Dec 2014
LMC EMAIL UPDATE - June 2015
LMC Email Update 2015
LMC email update 9th August 2015
LMC Email update Dec 2015
LMC Email update February 2015
LMC Email update June 2015
LMC Email update Part 2 - February 2015
LMC leader to chair Hunt review into ‘reinvigorating’ GP partnership model
LMC Update Sept 2015
Local Workforce Issues – A Future Model?
Minister to consider forcing GP trainees to stay in UK...
Nearly one in 10 doctors say patients have covertly recorded consultations
New voluntary contract will help general practice to thrive
Newly qualified GPs share their thoughts...
NHS pledges £55m to make all GP referrals electronic by 2018
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Older Drivers Awareness Week 2015</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One in three GPs say medical indemnity fees have risen 20% in five years</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Partners told to provide training for all new health care assistants from March...</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PM Newsletter - December 2015</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PM Newsletter - May 2015</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PM Newsletter - October 2015</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PM Newsletter April 2017</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Practice management support scheme seeks to keep expertise within the profession</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Practice Manager Newsletter</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Practice Manager Newsletter</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Practices register patients despite rising pressure...</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Practices to earn £55 per extra patient diagnosed with dementia</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Practices with NHS Property Services as Landlords</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRESS RELEASE: The Care Quality Commissions publications – Intelligent Monitoring of GP Practices</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Private firms could take temporary control of practices at risk of closure...</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pulse Career Pathways: What is it like to be a portfolio GP?</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pulse Live 2014 Highlights...</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pulse Power 50 2015</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Senior Doctors Condemn Proposal to Charge Patients to See GP</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sharing Good Ideas and Solutions</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sharp Rise in GP Mergers as Smaller Practices Struggle to Stay Above Water</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South West New Forest MCP Update, Issue 1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South West New Forest MCP Update, Issue 2</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Struggling practices to be offered emergency support after Pulse campaign...</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Subject Access Requests - Insurance Companies</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Support scheme extended for overworked Practice Manager. . .</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tackling common problems for new GPs</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trainees shun partnerships in favour of locum work or emigration...</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transatlantic Exchange between the NHS and The Veterans Health</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Administration

Trick or treat? PM announces a new GP contract

Vanguard GPs open shared branch surgery to deliver seven-day access for 70,000 patients

Vanguard GPs to offer longer appointments and extended hours

Vanguard NHS trusts face Monitor probe over financial or governance problems

Wessex LMC Campaign Launch: Helping YOU to re-write the S.C.R.I.P.T

Wessex LMC Christmas Email Update

Wessex LMC email update July 2016 - summer bonus edition!

Wessex LMC Videos

Wessex LMCs Email Update - Aug/Sept 2017

Why GPs Need Better Access To Diagnostic Cancer Scans...

Will the Better Care Fund benefit general practice?...

Worksheets for auditing patient demand

Your GP Cares Campaign...

This page appears in...

Communications

Download and bookmark...

PDF File

Add to my Learning Diary

About this page...

Updated on 30 October 2019

16742 views