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NHS Sets Out Future Delivery Plans



31st March 2017 *Next Steps for the NHS Five Year Forward View*

ABHI welcomes NHS England's review of 2014's Five Year Forward View.

The 'Next Steps on the NHS Five Year Forward View' spells out significant accomplishments. In light of funding constraints and increasing demand, it also highlights the changes which will take place across the health service in key areas.

Effectively dropping the 18 week waiting time target, so that hospitals can concentrate on more urgent priorities, means patients potentially face longer delays for operations.

This means NHS modernisation is even more vital, with technology being a crucial enabler to support and deliver productivity and efficiency. The report also acknowledges that under the banner of the government's Industrial Strategy, the NHS, together with the life sciences industry, can fuel and drive job creation and economic growth across the UK.

ABHI CEO Peter Ellingworth said: *"The pressures on the NHS are unprecedented and we applaud the achievements highlighted. There is much still to be done, and we welcome the approaches being adopted to drive further transformation. The MedTech sector has the necessary solutions to help the NHS tackle issues such as waiting times, through technologies that reduce procedure time and length of stay. As such, collaboration is key. Our members partner with the NHS to ensure procedures are efficient and provide patients with a high quality of life. Companies are engaging with NHS clinicians and managers to identify different ways to bring online additional capabilities. Through the adoption of new technologies, training and support expertise, efficiency can be achieved."*

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