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Association of British Healthcare Industries launch their Industry Recommendations

The ABHI have today officially launched their industry recommendations entitled *Enhancing Patient Care In The NHS: The Role of Medical Devices*, the document outlines the measures which the UK Government must take to support the medical devices sector.

The recommendations cover topics such as ensuring the current regulatory regime is preserved; including clinicians in procurement processes; the importance of the NHS planning ahead for new technologies; more flexible payment systems; including the sector in official economic strategies and encouraging healthcare professionals to work with industry to ensure full understanding of the ABHI Code of Business Practice.

Chairman of the ABHI's Public Affairs Policy Group, Richard Phillips said that-

"This document is an important step in helping policy makers to understand the needs of our industry. It comes at a crucial time with the NHS budget set to drop in coming years.

Our Industry Recommendations document not only demonstrates the benefits of medical technology but also points out the measures necessary in order to help the British medical technology sector continue to thrive.

Now is the time for industry to seize the initiative and work with the NHS to show that early and broad uptake of medical technologies can reduce patient pathway costs and improve patient care, whereas making short term spending cuts on medical technology will lead to long term costs and poorer patient outcomes"

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Notes to editors

The Association of British Healthcare Industries (ABHI) is the industry association for the UK medical devices sector. Our membership is made up of companies that innovate, develop and manufacture the medical technology and devices essential for the NHS. For further details contact 020 7960 4360 or visit www.abhi.org.uk