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Notes on this guidance

This document provides detailed guidance for completing the eWorkforce Planning Portal tool (online Collective Forecast Demand Template) which will allow regional aggregation of workforce demand forecasts into an overall national position and future trajectory. The intended audience of this guidance is workforce planning leads in NHS Trusts/secondary care provider organisations in England.

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1. Introduction¹

Workforce planning is about ensuring that the NHS has the people we need when we need them. With so many employees occupying so many varied job roles in so many employers spanning multiple sectors workforce planning cannot be the sole responsibility of individual organisations. It is only through a collective approach that we can hope to deliver what patients need both now and in the future. HEE is now established as the single national body which leads and co-ordinates investment in the development of the health and public health workforce, accountable annually for almost five billion pounds of public expenditure on behalf of NHS patients. LETBs are similarly now established as the geographical presence of HEE. LETBs have devolved budgets and are charged with ensuring that employers, informed by staff and patients, are at the forefront of the planning and forecasting process.

It is through these national and local arrangements that we will ensure that the workforce meets the needs of today's patients whilst delivering the future workforce in a way that not only maintains safe staffing levels, but supports the service transformation necessary to improve quality of care. The responsibility for planning to employ safe numbers of staff to deliver *current* services sits ultimately with providers and their boards. But through LETBs providers will influence the investments HEE makes in educating and training the *future* workforce. The engagement of providers will result in better decisions, but we recognise there will always be limitations in our individual and collective ability to predict the future.

1.1 The HEE approach in 2015

This is the third year in which HEE has published comprehensive Workforce Planning Guidance for healthcare. In 2013 our guidance signalled a radical departure from what had gone before, tackling some of the historical systemic barriers to effective workforce planning. We pulled together the medical and non-medical planning decisions, providing an opportunity for relative priorities to be assessed across the entire workforce. In 2014 our Guidance set out clearly the roles and responsibilities of each part of the system, and

¹ This section is taken from HEE's 'Workforce Planning Guidance 2015 for 2016 commissions' document

the milestones to ensure that the local planning processes add up to a coherent and consistent whole.

In the year ahead HEE will consolidate the NHS workforce planning process and harness it to serve the needs of the <u>Forward View</u> and meet the commitments set out in our <u>Mandate with the Government</u>. In 2015/16 HEE will:

- (i) drive standardisation of:
 - · the planning process for all commissioned groups;
 - definitions of workforce 'sets' (for example when the system talks about adult nurses, everyone is talking about the same occupational groups);
 - definitions of and calculation of key terms (e.g. attrition, turnover);
 - planning inputs, analyses and modelling at LETB and national level;
 - the presentation of outputs so the system as a whole becomes used to seeing and interpreting tables and charts in the same way so that we enable system 'literacy' in workforce planning.
- (ii) Focus effort and resource on between two and four of the largest medical specialties to develop:
 - A standard nation-wide analytical framework for assessing risk to inform commissioning decisions about the number and geographical distribution of training posts. This framework will consider the supply of the medical workforce alongside the supply of other relevant staff. This framework will then be applied to other groups in future years.
 - A set of processes and procedures for changing the number of medical training posts, acknowledging the complexities and implications for service associated with this.
- (iii) Similarly focus effort and resource on a number of the very smallest specialties and the smallest Allied Health professionals and health care science groups, in recognition of the reality that individual LETBs cannot each commission for such groups, and that these groups vary from each other in terms of important characteristics that influence education commissioning and education delivery.
- (iv) Review, *with system partners*, the intake to undergraduate medicine. We know already that there is no longer a clear linkage from student intake to workforce demand. The question for the system as a whole is what should be done about this?

(v) Continue the exploration of how planning can evolve to become more rooted in developing characteristics of the future workforce based on the needs of patients and carers as set out in Framework 15, recognising that a key element of the future workforce will need to be flexibility. HEE will continue to develop a 'life-cycle' approach to workforce planning that initially focusses on the needs of children and young people, working alongside planners at a local and national level. A further piece of work will link with patients and stakeholders to develop a set of design principles to ensure that staff can better support self-care and the needs of carers.

1.2 Delivering an in-year plan while planning for the longer term

The results of our *annual* national planning process are published each December in the *Workforce Plan for England* – similarly in the North West, we published our regional workforce strategy and plan here: https://nw.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/workforce-planning-strategy/2014-15-henw-workforce-strategy-and-plan/ HEE's 2013/14 Workforce Plan for England (for 2014/15 education commissions) was a significant step forward for the system, but recognised that 2013/14 was a year of transition, and that we had to be more ambitious: to be not just more open and transparent about the numbers of staff that we commission, but to start to use our investments to drive the service transformation that future patients will require. HEE's 2014/15 Plan (for 2015/16 commissions) went further – signalling that the future shape, skills and distribution of the workforce must change and that HEE will use levers to help shape the health service around the needs of patients.

This year the challenge is clear: HEE can no longer simply roll forward what has historically been a supply driven system. More specifically HEE will work through the LETBs and with the national advisory groups and the new Workforce Advisory Board to understand the workforce implications of the new care models in the *Five Year Forward View*, so we can support service transformation at **scale and pace** through more targeted investment in the existing workforce, as well as commissioning new roles for the future. This will also feed into the refresh of the <u>Strategic Framework</u> in September 2015.

However, the radical change required cannot all happen in one single year, and decommissioning medical training posts, if required, cannot happen without the implications for service delivery being assessed and addressed. So this guidance for the 2015/16 planning round (for 2016/17 commissions) builds once again on previous guidance in respect of processes, timescales, and the roles of providers, commissioners,

and HEE. The guidance again sets out whom in the system needs to do what and by when to deliver the annual plan. It offers the opportunity for all partners in the service to decide the relative importance and priority for different kinds of workforce intervention and investment. The deadlines are clear². But in a significant respect our guidance this year goes further than its predecessors: it is concerned not only with 'technical' process but also describes those parts of the workforce where HEE and the LETBs will focus effort in 2015/16, and the ways in which HEE will work as one organisation to develop plans which are both locally responsive but also genuinely nationwide. It also signals our intent to develop specific proposals for medical education commissions to take effect from 2017, to be set out *next* March (2016).

2. A national framework for workforce planning³

This section

- establishes why workforce planning is an important component of the planning of service commissioning and service delivery which must be rooted in the needs of patients;
- summarises the governance framework through which HEE discharges its accountability for investing in the current and future workforce;
- outlines the process for developing HEE's investment plan; and
- sets the scene for the more detailed articulation of the roles of different parts of the system.

2.1 Workforce: everybody's business

Discussions about staffing levels, skills, values and behaviours, and how staff are trained and developed are centre stage. While the NHS transitioned to new structures, including the creation of HEE as the single national body to lead and co-ordinate investment in the development of the healthcare and public health workforce, a number of key reports were

³ This section is taken from HEE's 'Workforce Planning Guidance 2015 for 2016 commissions' document

² Unlike the rest of the NHS, our annual planning process is driven by the academic sector, and so will always run between April and November. It is vital that our partners are aware of this so they can play their full part in ensuring we make the best decisions possible. How we meet the deadlines is as important as what we produce by when. For it is the conversations between providers and commissioners, between the health and education sectors at local and national level that will create the environment within which we can identify the workforce issues that need to be addressed. This requires a culture of transparency and openness, where we can share and challenge each other's assumptions, to ensure that the decisions we make result in better care for patients.

published with workforce at their centre. The Francis Report⁴, and the Governments' response⁵, the Berwick review of patient safety⁶, the NHSE review of Urgent and Emergency Care⁷, the Cavendish Review of Healthcare Assistants and Support Workers⁸ and the Shape of Training review⁹ were all published within a 12 month period. The system has responded:

- the numbers of clinical staff employed in the NHS has risen;
- the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence is developing a collection of guidelines on safe staffing levels;
- HEE has increased nursing commissions to ensure sustained workforce growth;
- Health Education England has developed 'Framework 15' a reference point for the system and the conceptual framework for how HEE approaches problems and identifies solutions, ensuring the focus remains on the patient;¹⁰
- The combined leadership of the NHS has signalled that the NHS must develop a
 workforce able to work across acute and community boundaries and beyond
 traditional professional demarcations, with flexible skills and with the ability to
 adapt and innovate. The NHS leadership has also established a new Workforce
 Advisory Board with senior membership from across the system to develop a
 health and care workforce with the skills to support the implementation of new
 models of care¹¹ and 29 'vanguard' sites have been selected to pioneer new
 models of care delivery;
- the 'Bubb' review on the future of services for people with learning disabilities has reported;¹²
- in March the 'Shape of Caring' review published its initial report.¹³

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⁴ www.midstaffspublicinguiry.com/report

⁵ www.gov.uk/government/news/francis-report-on-mid-staffs-government-accepts-recommendations

⁶ www.gov.uk/government/publications/berwick-review-into-patient-safety

www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/keogh-review/Documents/UECR.Ph1Report.FV.pdf

⁸ https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/236212/Cavendish_Review.p

www.shapeoftraining.co.uk/static/documents/content/Shape of training FINAL Report.pdf 53977887.pdf

¹⁰ http://hee.nhs.uk/2014/06/03/framework-15-health-education-england-strategic-framework-2014-29/

¹¹ The Forward View into action: Planning for 2015/16 Para 5.11 http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/forward-view-plning.pdf

¹² https://www.acevo.org.uk/news/winterbourne-view

http://hee.nhs.uk/wp-content/blogs.dir/321/files/2015/03/2348-Shape-of-caring-review-FINAL.pdf

HEE has *specific* responsibilities. But all parts of the system have parts to play in ensuring the adequate supply of staff with the right skills, values and behaviours in the right numbers to deliver safe, effective high quality care.

2.2 Clear governance

The Board of HEE is accountable for signing off almost five billion pounds of investment in the education and development of the workforce each year.

The HEE Executive has the key collective responsibility for ensuring that the 13 LETB workforce investment plans add up to a coherent plan for England that will deliver the agreed priorities as set out in the Mandate **and** drive the service improvement and transformation required by patients and mandated by the NHS Leadership in the Forward View.

The role of each LETB – the regional committees of HEE - is to provide assurance that the local plans which comprise the aggregate plan are, in turn, robust and evidence based, rooted in the plans of providers reflective of the intentions of commissioners. This is achieved by ensuring that LETB plans are the result of robust local and/or national processes of aggregation, confirmation and challenge.

In order to support this work there are national and regional advisory structures through which stakeholders contribute. The Figures at the end of this section summarise the arrangements that govern HEE's local and national investment.

2.3 Evidence based prioritisation of workforce investment

LETBs, representing *all* local service providers (that is, NHS Foundation Trusts, NHS Trusts, primary care, social care, local authorities and public heath) and with links to commissioners and other stakeholders, create the forum wherein providers and commissioners can develop coherent plans to directly shape HEE's investment by collectively identifying the future staffing requirements in terms of skills, values and behaviours, as well as numbers.

The key benefit that HEE aims to achieve through this robust workforce planning process is the ability to compare the relative importance, priority and risk, for different activities and investments so that we are able to actively respond to the service's workforce needs.

The approach relies on the following processes:

- Development of LETB investment plans based on local stakeholder engagement, data analyses, data collection, confirmation and challenge;
- Development of a nation-wide investment plan through systematic analyses of available national data from official and other sources, and aggregation, challenge and if necessary review of LETB plans;
- National triangulation between Health Education England and the other system leaders and stakeholders including NHS England, Public Health England, Monitor, the NHS Trust Development Authority, the Care Quality Commission, the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence, NHS Employers and the Local Government Association
- Systematic engagement with national stakeholders throughout the course of the planning cycle, including with Royal Colleges, professional representative organisations and trade unions.

This year we are introducing a number of changes to the planning process:

- HEE collectively will focus resources and planning effort on particular staff groups and particular specialties
- For small groups and small specialities HEE will develop explicitly nationwide
 workforce plans to inform education commissions. For some groups and
 specialties individual LETBs will lead this process for identified groups for the
 country as a whole. For other groups and specialties the HEE national planning
 team will play a leading role.

This approach is described further in Section 4.

3. Roles and responsibilities¹⁴

This section sets out the specific roles of partners in the health care system under the following headings:

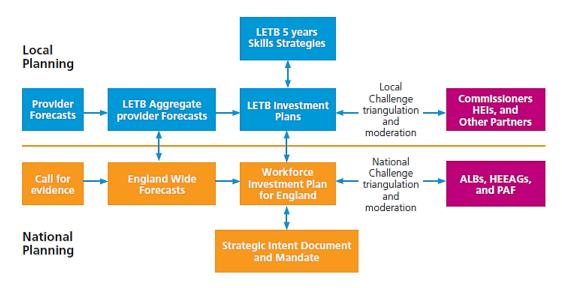
- Service providers
- Service commissioners
- LETBs

¹⁴ This section is taken from HEE's 'Workforce Planning Guidance 2015 for 2016 commissions' document

- · The role of the HEE Planning team; and
- Other Stakeholders.

Figure 1

HEE Workforce Planning Process



3.1 The role of service providers

The Health and Social Care Act places a duty on *all* service providers (including NHS Trusts, primary care, local authorities, and providers from the independent and third sector) to support the collective planning of future workforce supply. This means that they need to:

- share information on their current workforce and trends,
- share annual plans with their local LETB,
- ensure that LETBs are able to have a full understanding of the current key areas of under or over supply.

Effective planning depends upon HEE nationally and locally understanding the *full* supply and demand picture.

For General Practices, the development of a locality-level demand forecast covering General Practitioners, and clinical and non-clinical support, should be informed by General Practices as employers. In recognition of this as a new requirement and the differing maturity levels across the country relating to workforce planning in General Practice, as a transitional arrangement General Practices, Area Teams and LETBs are

encouraged to develop their local systems and processes to produce a locality plan, while recognising that the planning guidance may be revised to be more prescriptive following the publication of the Primary Care Workforce Commission report.

Individual service providers, and in particular senior clinical leads, should also play an active role in assessing, challenging, moderating, and agreeing the aggregate forecast for their area through their LETB and associated stakeholder events. Hitherto HEE required that Medical and Nursing Directors sign off provider forecasts and workforce plans, in line with the agreed process for signing off Cost Improvement Plans (CIPs). This year HEE expects further that in NHS Trusts the healthcare science leads sign off the provider forecasts and workforce plans for scientists.

These forecasts will form the basis for:

- Trust Boards, primary care providers and public health providers, to develop and deliver an effective workforce strategy to meet patients' needs, including shorter term supply initiatives and effective operational deployment; and
- the workforce plans and education commissions that HEE will make, through its'
 LETBs, to secure future supply and drive longer term service transformation.

Access to NHS provider service plans is not the only way that LETBs will assess workforce needs of local providers. LETBs will have on-going dialogue with providers including other healthcare providers, commissioners, and networks, to identify existing gaps or emerging needs. This process of confirmation and challenge informs LETB education investment plans.

3.2 The role of commissioners with providers

In formal *joint*¹⁵ guidance to the system Monitor and the Trust Development Authority (TDA) require NHS Trusts and NHS Foundation Trusts to refresh their operational plans for 2015/16 only noting that the Mandate from the government to the NHS is broadly stable, apart from the introduction of new and important access standards for mental health. The guidance notes specifically the expectation of aligned, realistic activity and

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¹⁵ See The Forward View into action: Planning for 2015/16 http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/forward-view-plning.pdf and also individual guidance from TDA http://www.ntda.nhs.uk/blog/2014/12/19/planning-guidance-201516/ and Monitor https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/annual-planning-review-201516-guidance-for-foundation-trusts

financial assumptions between commissioners of *all* NHS and public health services and providers, right across the country and that providers and commissioners will work with LETBs to ensure that they can secure the right staff to meet future service needs and their workforce plans are affordable and reflect local strategies for transformation.

Hence commissioners – CCGs, Area Teams and Local Authorities – will need to be actively engaged in LETB led processes, and most notably, in the 'confirmation and challenge' process that results in the demand forecasts and the investment plan proposals.

3.3 The role of LETBs

System convenors

LETBs are local 'system convenors' for workforce discussions and the bodies that develop the thirteen local investment plans which form the basis for the National Workforce Plan for England. NHS England require commissioners to work with providers and partners in local government to develop strong, robust and ambitious plans, and in turn HEE's LETBs will engage with commissioners to ensure that education commissioning plans are rooted in both provider and commissioner forecasts of future need, and therefore reflect the workforce required for a transformational change in quality, outcomes and sustainability linked to the Five Year Forward View.

LETBs can only do this if *all* commissioners engage in these discussions. This year LETBs will continue to develop their understanding of supply and demand in the independent and third sector where this is relevant to their local health care economy. LETBs will also engage with local authorities to understand demand from this sector for relevant groups, including Public Health Consultants.

LETBs are encouraged to develop their local systems and processes to produce a locality plan for the General Practice workforce. There is an expectation that progress towards developing the forums for stakeholder engagement (where they do not already exist) and information flows to and from Practices (recognising the introduction of the workforce Minimum Data Set) will be taken forward through the 2015 planning round.

Accessing provider plans and forecasting demand

All LETBs should have the opportunity to access locally the plans providers submit to the NHSTDA and Monitor so that they understand the current workforce position and the future intentions of their partners. Precise arrangements may vary locally. However,

LETBs should be fully aware of any current or anticipated gaps (skills, values and behaviours as well as numbers), in the current workforce. All LETBs will require future workforce forecasts from **all** of their main providers of NHS services (including public health), as in aggregate, these will form the basis for their own plans.

HEE has developed a standard electronic tool to collect and aggregate provider workforce demand forecasts. These forecasts will highlight the direction of travel and potential risks. Of equal importance, but less easily quantified, is the identification of current and future needs in respect of skills, values and behaviours. HEE and its' LETBs have a key role to play on behalf of the service, to work alongside professional regulators to specify the skills and behaviours required of the future workforce as identified by the service itself. Specifying and commissioning these requirements from education providers is as central to our mission as defining the volumes of training we invest in. We will also work alongside service providers to explore how our joint role in respect of Continuing Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) operates to ensure that skills and behaviour gaps within the current workforce can be addressed.

LETB plans are shared with the HEE national team allowing the creation of a meaningful forecast at an England level.

Forecasting supply

Workforce planning is not an exact science. Future forecasts are inherently uncertain and factors other than the outcome of supply and demand forecasting will influence investment decisions. Such factors include programme viability, placement capacity, prioritisation of 'acceptable' risk, and availability of funding. It is within HEE's remit to provide assurance that proposed education commissions are credible, based in part on a proportionate investigation of likely futures and relative risk of over and under-supply. Hence each LETB will be asked to participate in a nationwide approach to supply forecasting.

The aspiration is to understand the General Practice and independent sector supply (through gathering intelligence on the workforce stocks and flows to the same level of detail as NHS employers in 2016), supported by the workforce Minimum Data Set. Supply modelling should be developed to incorporate this data set as it becomes available.

Local confirm and challenge

Each LETB will hold local confirmation and challenge conversations with their partners, including representatives of education provision, on future forecasts. It is for each LETB to

determine how such processes are managed but the approach will involve feeding back aggregated intelligence alongside triangulation analysis and challenge on areas of perceived risk, in order to ensure that forecasts align with:

- Robust supply and demand analysis;
- LETB 5 year Workforce Development strategies;
- Local Commissioning intentions;
- National Priorities as set out in HEE's Mandate; and
- National intelligence, generated through the 'call for evidence' instigated by HEE, including from professional and representative bodies such as patient organisations, Royal Colleges, employer groups, education provider groups, and sector skills councils.

LETBs should also ensure that these forecasts actively reflect the workforce needs of future transformed services as well as representing the needs of services as currently configured and delivered.

Such transparent challenge processes are vital to ensure assumptions are triangulated between individual organisations, are able to be compared to local commissioning intentions, create the opportunity for senior clinical input, and thereby generate stakeholder ownership and acceptance of any scenario (and tolerances) developed for the LETB area.

Following these local processes, each LETB should provide regional workforce forecasts linked to the outcomes of local discussion, as these will form the basis of the agreed Investment Plan Summary Template submission to HEE.

HEE Workforce Planning Guidance 2015/16 for 2016/17 Education Commissions 18 LETB workforce forecasts and development plans should be shared with LETB stakeholders and formally adopted by the LETB Governing Body to indicate they represent the consensus perspective of the service providers within the LETB.

Note: It is important that we continue to stress the nature of these forecasts in the context of their purpose. Any specific numbers generated do not and cannot represent what the sum of the local providers are planning to do by a date five years into the future. The purpose of this forecasting is to identify the general direction and scale of demand and

supply, such that the best possible decisions can be made about how this need is met through our education and training investment.

Investment plans

LETBs will subsequently use their agreed LETB workforce demand and supply forecasts and the nearer term workforce needs identified in annual service plans to develop their **LETB workforce investment plan.** These plans will be developed within the context of, and with reference to, the LETBs' overarching five year workforce development strategies and HEE's fifteen year Strategic Framework.

The future forecasts and assessment of need in annual service plans represent a 'needs analysis' or 'diagnostic' process. Investment plans represent the action HEE intends to take, and money that will be invested in response to these identified needs.

These plans must therefore:

- demonstrate how service transformation will be driven through a combined set of actions with regard to the numbers, skills, values and behaviours of their workforce:
- show the local component of any activity and investment agreed collectively at a national level; and
- explain how any barriers to implementation, e.g. placement capacity or sustainability of education provision, have been fully identified, discussed, and an approach to overcoming any such barriers has been agreed.

A key objective of the HEE planning cycle is to create the opportunity to consider priorities across professional groups, between the needs of the current and future workforce, and between capacity priorities and capability priorities.

3.4 Further information

Further information on specific roles and responsibilities, including leadership for defined group and professions, the role of the national team and the roles of other stakeholders can be found in HEE's 'Workforce Planning Guidance 2015 for 2016 commissions' document.

4. North West Submission Timetable

Please see below key dates associated with the collection of workforce data from NHS Trusts and submission deadlines.

| Task | Deadline | Who |
|---|-----------------|--|
| Letter to chief executives, HR and medical directors | 15 April | HENW WF |
| advising of workforce planning process 2015. | | Planning Team |
| Letter to Area Teams and CCG's, advising of | 15 April | HENW WF |
| workforce planning process 2015 and contribution. | | Planning Team |
| Send out workforce planning return to providers for | 15 April | HENW WF |
| completion. | | Planning Team |
| Provision of support to provider organisations in | April-July | HENW WF |
| completion of workforce planning return | | Planning Team |
| Meeting with each Trust to discuss priority areas and | May-July | HENW WF |
| engagement | | Planning Team |
| | | and Providers |
| Regional workforce planners meeting | June | HENW WF |
| | | Planning Team |
| | | and providers |
| 'Direction of travel' preliminary demand indications to | 30 June | HENW WF |
| HEE National | | Planning Team |
| | | and providers |
| Final date for completion of workforce planning | 17 July | Providers |
| return. | | |
| | | |
| Analysis, challenge and quality check of workforce | July- | HENW WF |
| planning return data. | August | Planning Team |
| | August | Flaming Team |
| | Augusi | and providers |
| Confirm and Challenge events | July- | • |
| Confirm and Challenge events | | and providers |
| Confirm and Challenge events 1st Cut LETB forecast demand submissions to HEE | July- | and providers SWP Team and |
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|---|-----------|---------------|
| Submission of draft investment and workforce plan | 24 | LETB Board |
| for review by LETB Board | September | |
| Submission of final workforce plan and first cut | 25 | SWP Team |
| investment plan to HEE National. | September | |
| Feedback to Provider Organisations | Early | SWP Team |
| | October | |
| Submission of final LETB Investment plan to HEE | 28 | HENW WF |
| National | October | Planning Team |
| | | and providers |
| Workforce Plan 2016/17 published | Feb 2016 | HENW |
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5. The collection template principles

The eWorkforce Planning Portal Tool is the online submission platform for the Collective Forecast Demand Template.

The following principles underpin the design of the Collective Forecast Demand Template and have been set out to ensure core users are aware of its purpose, intention and limitations:

The Collective Forecast Demand Template IS / DOES:

- 1. Support a joint agenda: for HEE and its LETBs as one organisation
- 2. Aim to create a 'common currency': so that the system as a whole can talk consistently and transparently about workforce demand
- 3. Reflect content agreed through collective consensus
- 4. Appreciative of the required alignment between workforce demand, supply and investment
- 5. Aim to highlight the direction of future demand as of greater importance than any scrutiny of the individual numbers
- 6. Only include individual staffing categories considered as "required" (there are no "desirable" elements) to inform a whole workforce planning approach that best;
 - o describes the current workforce
 - allows a forecast of future anticipated demand
 - maps back to an education commissioning route where appropriate (either directly i.e.
 Registered Health Visitor role is supplied through a Health Visiting education
 programme OR via an evidence based/calculated assumption i.e. Neonatal Nurse

roles can be supplied through a variety of more general foundation nurse education routes, for example; adult or learning disabilities nurse education programmes)

The Collective Forecast Demand Template ISN'T / DOES NOT:

- 1. Include any individual staffing categories considered as "desirable": where applicable all staffing categories should be populated where the workforce exists
- 2. An education commissioning template. The information we collect is in two parts: Demand Forecast Templates and Workforce Narratives.

The demand forecast templates were developed by Health Education England. They capture data on Medical and Dental staff, Non-Medical staff and Healthcare Science staff. Each section collects information on baseline staff, forecasted demand, and to reflect the local needs, demand for newly qualified staff. Additionally, in the Workforce Demand section we collect information about workforce risks and challenges.

Workforce Narratives capture any specific workforce challenges and information you need us to know which are not captured in the Workforce Demand section. Whilst we recognise that some questions might be best answered by specialists (for example, Healthcare Visitors), we are looking for individual perspective on the organisational workforce challenges not just a reflection from your own area of work.

6. Using the eWorkforce Tool

The following guidance takes you through a step by step guide of each section in the eWorkforce Tool (online Collective Forecast Demand Template 2015/16).

6.1 Accessing the website

Registration

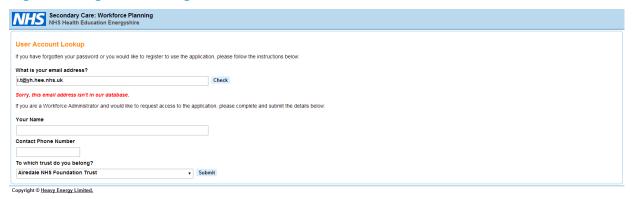
To be able to access the portal you must first register here:

https://www.workforceplan.yh.hee.nhs.uk/

The registration process is in two stages:

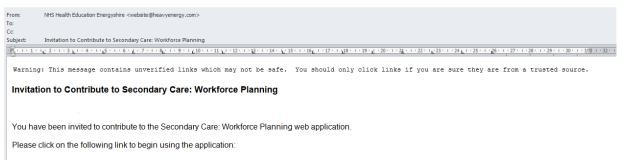
Firstly, the LETB will send you a link that will allow you to register. The registration page will ask you to enter basic information about yourself and your Trust/organisation. Once completed, you can submit your registration request.

Figure 1: Registration Page



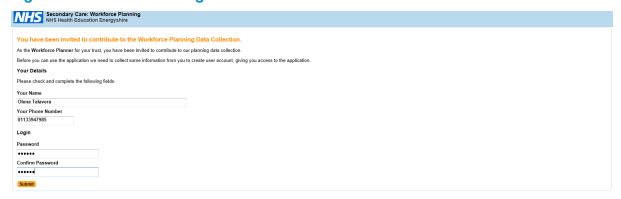
The LETB will receive and approve the request. Upon approval you will receive an "Invitation to Contribute" email.

Figure 2: Invitation to Contribute Example



Clicking the link in the email will take you to a page that will allow you to set a password for your account. This will be the password you will use in future to access the portal.

Figure 3: Set Password Page

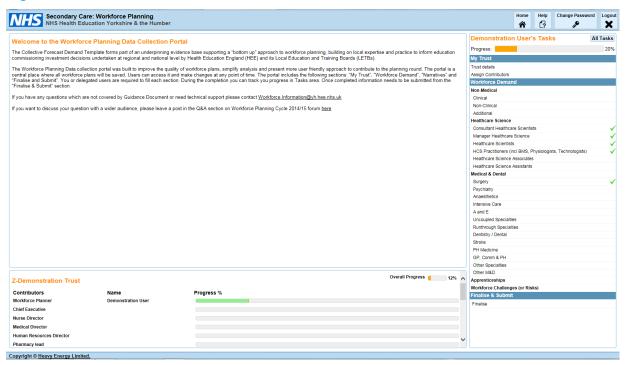


Once you have saved your new password you will now have access to the portal.

Registered User

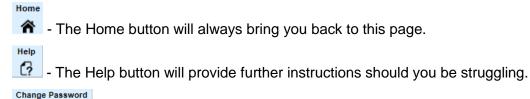
Once you registered, you can access Workforce Planning application here https://www.workforceplan.yh.hee.nhs.uk/ by clicking on Secondary Care Workforce Planning (Hospital, Mental Health, Community and Ambulance) link.

Figure 4: Workforce Plan Dashboard



The top right hand of the page will have navigation options.

This bottom section of the home page should give the name of your Trust and named contributors. It will show the progress contributors have made in completing their assigned sections.



- This button allows you to change your password. You should never share your password, unless your Trust has 2 or more workforce planners contributing to this template.

Logout

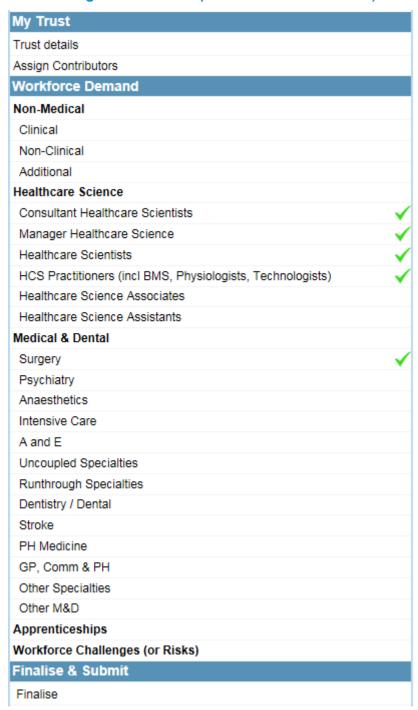
- This button will log you out of the system

All Tasks - This button will allow you to view all the tasks that require completion including those assigned to other contributors. To return to viewing tasks that you must complete click My Tasks

You will find the following navigational features listed down the right hand side of the

dashboard.

Figure 6: Dashboard Navigation Features (Workforce Planner View)



6.2 My Trust

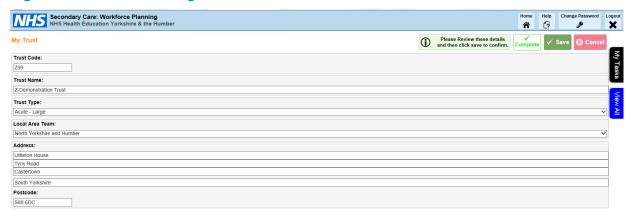
The first section on the dashboard navigation contains information about your Trust and the people who will work on your submission. It is divided into two subsections; Trust Details and Contributors.

Trust Details

When you first log in, we ask that you check that your Trust details are correct. Click

Trust Details and check your details.

Figure 7: Trust Details Page



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Review the details and make any required corrections. Click once the necessary changes, if any, have been made.

Trust types are as follows:

Acute – Multi-service: Trusts comprising a district general type of acute hospital as well as significant amounts of community activity (non-acute expenditure greater than 15%).

Acute – Teaching: Trusts with an attached undergraduate medical school.

Acute – Large/Medium/Small: Trusts with an A&E department and all core acute specialties. Subdivided into three categories, based on 2011-12 ERIC data on income:

- o Small denotes an annual income of up to £190m
- o Medium -between £190m and £260m
- o Large -above £260m

Acute –Specialist: Trusts with very restricted specialties, such as orthopaedic and children's trusts.

Ambulance Trust: Trusts providing emergency access to health care.

Care Trust: Trusts that provide social care as well as health care.

Community Provider Trust: Trusts responsible for providing community health services for their local population, typically delivering services such as midwifery, community nursing, learning difficulties services, chiropody, community physiotherapy and occupational therapy. May be named "Community Interest Companies (CICs), operating as Social Enterprises

Mental Health and Learning Disability: Trusts with over half of their outpatient activity in mental health specialties. Some trusts concentrate solely on community services, mental health or learning disabilities. Others may have significant acute expenditure but mostly in medicine and elderly, indicating cottage and community hospitals rather than district general hospitals.

Shared Services Organisation: Organisations that provide a central administrative and/or HR function for a number of NHS Trusts.

Others: Any not listed in the above. Organisations in iView that do not fit into any of the above groups. At present, this accounts for only the Post Graduate Institute, an organisation in North East hosting doctors-in-training.

Assign Contributors

Contributors are colleagues within your organisation who need to contribute to your narrative section (more information can be found in <u>6.4 Workforce Narratives</u>) or who are involved in the finalisation and submission of your Trust's return (more information can be found in <u>6.5</u> Finalise and Submit).

Below is an example of contributors used in Yorkshire and the Humber in 2014/15. These will change depending on your LETB geography.

The current contributors list is: HR or Finance director

Advance Clinical Practice lead Leadership and Development lead

Allied Health Professionals lead Medical Director

Apprenticeship lead Non-Medical prescribing lead

Chief Executive Nurse Director
Children and Maternity Services lead Nursing lead
Clinical skills facilities lead Pharmacy lead

Community workforce lead Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy

Diagnostic Radiographer lead Lead

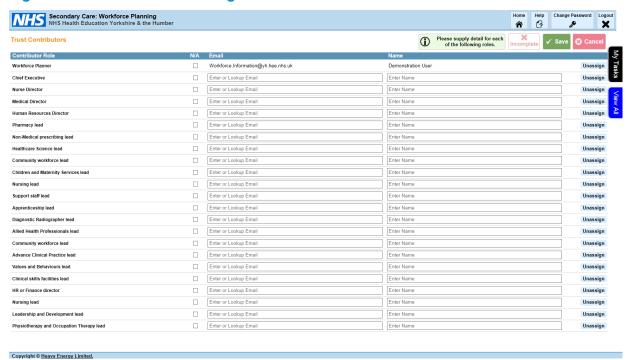
Healthcare Scientist lead Support staff lead

HR Director Values and Behaviours lead

LETBs may request any additions to the contributors list. Please bear in mind that the contributor list comprises functional responsibilities and these will not generally be the same as job titles.

You need to assign contributors based on the section they need to complete. To add contributors click Contributors and enter the relevant name and email address under each job title (Figure 8). Once complete click save at the top of the screen.

Figure 8: Trust Contributors Page



Upon saving this data, an 'Invitation to Contribute' email with an Invitation Code will be sent to the new contributors which allow them to register, as described in <u>7.1 Accessing the website</u>, and access the site. Please note each contributor will have individual login details and can only contribute to their assigned sections. Contributors will not be able to make changes to the Workforce Demand templates (although they will be able to view them).

If you need to assign someone else as a contributor to a role that has been previously assigned, click Unassign to remove the current contributor and enter the new contributor's details.

If a contributor role is not applicable to your Trust click the N/A box next to the role to reflect this.

Figure 9: Example Contributor's Page

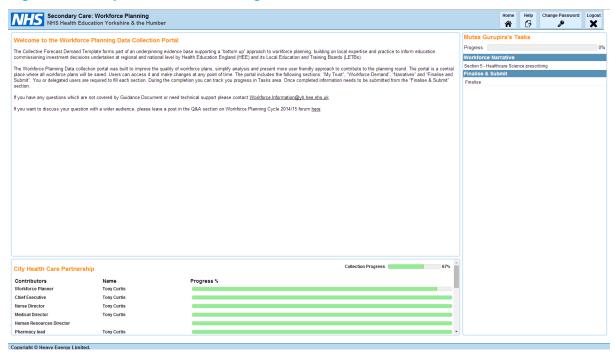


Table 1: Contributor suggestions for subsections in the Workforce Narratives Section

| # | Form | Contributor |
|----|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Profession specific information | To be assigned at a Trust Level |
| 2 | Section 1 – Primary and Community Care | To be assigned at a Trust Level |
| 3 | Section 2 – Emergency Care | To be assigned at a Trust Level |
| 4 | Section 3 – Mental Health | To be assigned at a Trust Level |
| 5 | Section 4 – Nursing | To be assigned at a Trust Level |
| 6 | Section 5 – Public Health | To be assigned at a Trust Level |
| 7 | Section 5 – Scientific, Therapeutic and Technical | To be assigned at a Trust Level |
| 8 | Risk Management | To be assigned at a Trust Level |
| 9 | Service/Workforce Transformation | To be assigned at a Trust Level |
| 10 | Strategic Oversight | To be assigned at a Trust Level |
| 11 | Widening Participation | To be assigned at a Trust Level |
| 12 | Other Additional/Local Information | To be assigned at a Trust Level |

Multiple organisations

If a workforce planner (or a contributor) works across multiple organisations **using the same email address**, the eWorkforce platform will recognise this. The user will then be able to choose which organisation they are entering data for.

6.3 Workforce Demand

You need to record your workforce data in the Workforce Demand section. This section includes five subsections; Non-Medical, Healthcare Scientists, Medical and Dental, Apprenticeships and Workforce Risks and Challenges.

Navigating and entering data in the Workforce Demand section

To begin entering your workforce numbers, click the section you wish to start completing, that is 'Non-Medical', 'Medical and Dental' or 'Healthcare Scientist'.

In order to enter information/data you need to click on the cells and enter your value. You must only enter numeric values in the cells as text will not be saved.

There are three ways which you can use to navigate between cells. You can

- Use your mouse to click cells;
- Use the TAB or ENTER key on your keyboard or
- Use the arrows on your keyboard.

You must enter some data to complete the section. If you have no data to enter for a particular row double click the Demand Growth % to submit 0 for the row.

You may save the document at any time and return to it at a later date if you wish. If you press cancel, all of your unsaved updates will be lost.

Workforce Demand sections (rows)

The darker coloured rows give information about the rows below and aggregate figures.

Darkest row: Provides an indication of whether the staffing categories listed in Column C are classified as; Clinical / Non-clinical staff or Additional (specialist groups)

2nd **darkest row:** Highlights those rows which relate to specific clinical roles which due to either their specialist commissioning route or high political interest require their own forecast demand projection as well as being included in the composition of their relative aggregate staffing category; i.e.

- Relative staffing category: Maternity/Neonatal Services (inc. SCBU's)
 - Specific Role: Registered Midwives

Lightest row: Provides a guide to the national standard occupation codes that should contribute to the composition of a specific staffing category. These codes should be used as a guide for Providers when completing the Baseline Staff in Post position as at Mar-15. Future forecast demand for Mar-16 through to Mar-20 should then reflect the projected in year demand positions against those staffing categories

To note:

- i. Rows highlighted in grey or other colours represent an automatically calculated/aggregate row
- ii. Rows where no occupation codes are provided against the staffing category represent either an automatically calculated/aggregate row or an "any other" row to capture any other staff (down to local interpretation or due to inadequate coding/data quality issues) that cannot be placed within one of the other named rows
- * Star symbols mark those staffing categories without specific or changing national occupation code standards i.e. Healthcare Scientists and IAPT (Improving Access to Psychological Therapies) where this is the case further notes are provided towards the bottom of the Non-medical template
- iv. Staffing categories have been aligned as closely as possible to the HSCIC standard published categories
- v. A fuller occupation code list is available in from your LETB. This provides a map as to which occupation codes relate to which staffing category and/or specific role within the Non-medical template; these are mapped against the high level HSCIC standard published categories

Workforce Demand sections (columns)

Each of the sections has four subsections (Figure 10) into which you will enter information.

Secondary Care: Workforce Planning
NHS Health Education Energyshire Help 15.00 1.69 1.00 1.00 1.37 1.69 1.00 Ч 1.00 1.52 B D 1.11 1.52 1.00 4 1.00 I 1.23 1.52 1.69 1.00 1.69 1.23 1.52 1.00 H From the above of which 1.23 1.37 1.69 Ч 1.00 L 1.23 1.52 1.69 1.52 1.69 1 L 22.05 23.10 24.36 25.62 21.00 26.88 11.60 Copyright © Heavy Energy Limited

Figure 10: Workforce Demand Template

Α

The 'ESR Staff in Post' column will be pre-populated with the most recent data available from ESR (March 2015 when available).

The 'Baseline Staff in Post' is the full time equivalent (FTE) number of staff in post, directly employed by the Provider organisation as at 31-Mar-15 (exclusive of; agency, bank, locum, vacant posts or hosted staff)

The 'Current Fill Rate' is automatically calculated once you enter your Baseline Demand (Establishment). Baseline demand (establishment) is the number of staff in post plus number of vacancies. For example, if you have 20 midwives and 1 vacant midwife position, your baseline demand will be 21. The 'Current Fill Rate' is calculated by dividing Baseline Staff in Post by Baseline Demand (Establishment).

The Baseline Demand (Establishment) is the required workforce establishment as at 31-Mar-15 (reflective of the replacement for leavers plus predicted change in capacity required plus vacant posts)

В

To enter your Forecast data there are two options:

Option 1

If you expect constant growth for the next 5 years enter the expected growth rate (%) in the 'Demand Growth' column. The 'Forecast Demand' for the next 5 years will be automatically populated.

Option 2

Navigate to each Forecast Demand cell and enter your forecast manually, leaving the Demand Growth cell blank.

C

The 'Forecast Fill Rate' represents the percentage of Forecast Demand as at March 2019 that will be filed by Staff in Post FTE at that point in time. This will automatically calculate the Implied SIP from Forecast Fill Rate. This is calculated (for each row) as; Forecast demand figure inputted as at Mar-15 minus (Forecast demand figure inputted as at Mar-15 multiplied by the percentage (%) Forecast Fill Rate % figure inputted).

D

For each staff row (where applicable) please enter the corresponding forecast demand for newly qualified staff. The information will inform decisions on commissioning levels for education and training.

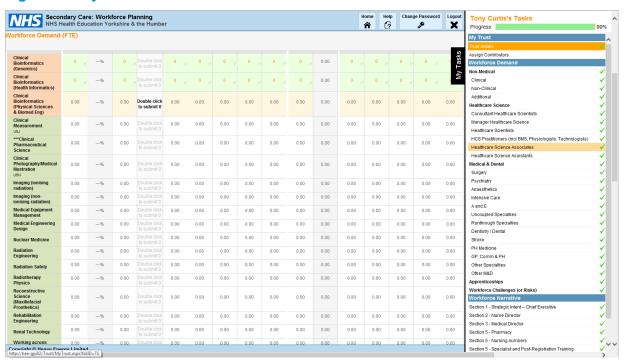
Tasks, View All and Filter buttons

On the right hand side of each section are three buttons that you can use to keep track of the tasks you need to do, filter content and add comments to the template.

My Tasks

My Tasks allows you to navigate from section to section without returning to the home page by clicking the desired section. The pane will show your progress in your tasks, highlighting those sections which are complete and those that are yet to be completed.

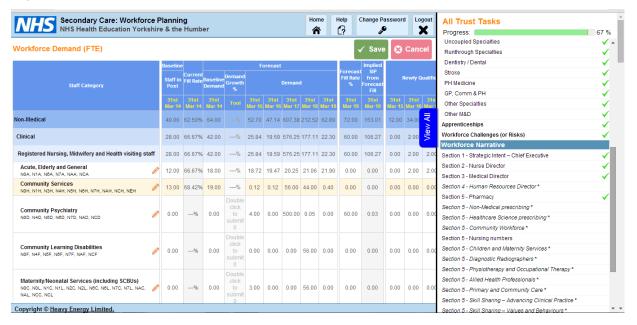
Figure 11: My Tasks



View All

The view all button allows you to view all tasks that have to be completed for your Trust by your and other contributors.

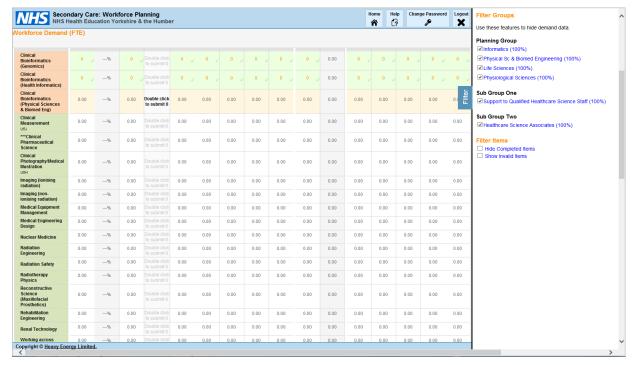
Figure 12: View All



Filter

The filter allows you filter sections of the template, as well as being able to hide completed items and show those that invalid.

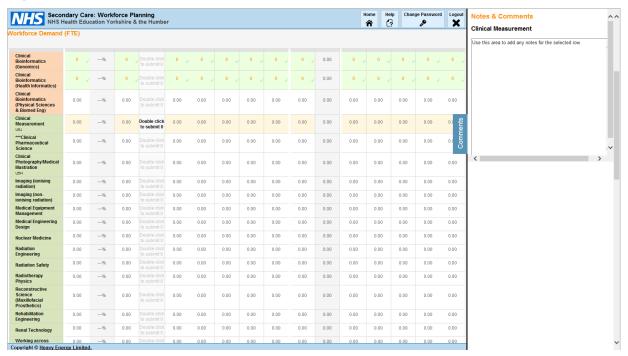
Figure 5: Filter



Comments

The comments button allows you to add notes and comments to a selected row of data. Click any cell in the desired row and then 'Comments' to show the comments box.

Figure 14: Notes and Comments



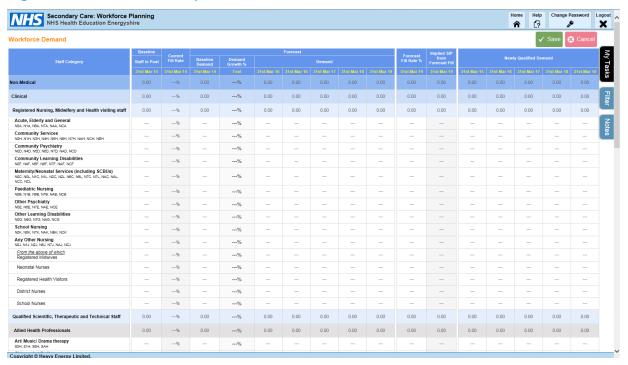
Non-Medical

The Non-Medical template captures data the following staff groups

- Clinical
 - Registered Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting Staff
 - Qualified Scientific, Therapeutic and Technical Staff
 - Qualified Ambulance Service Staff
 - Support to Clinical Staff
- Non-Clinical
 - NHS Infrastructure Support
 - General Payments
- Additional

The aggregated template will be populated automatically based on information provided in the Clinical, Non-Clinical and Additional section.

Figure 6: Non-Medical Template

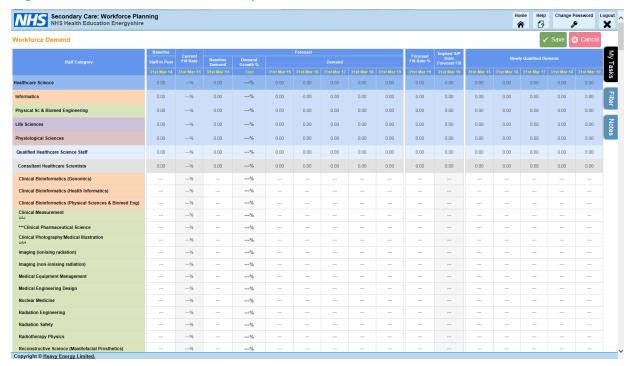


Healthcare Scientists

The 'Healthcare Scientists' template will show aggregated information and will populate automatically with data from the following sections:

- Consultant Healthcare Scientists
- o Healthcare Science Practitioners (including BMS, Physiologists, Technologists)
- o Healthcare Scientists
- Manager Healthcare Sciences
- Healthcare Science Assistants
- Healthcare Science Associates

Figure 7: Healthcare Scientist Template



Medical and Dental

Medical and Dental aggregated template will be automatically populated with staff data captured in the speciality groups

- Surgery
- Psychiatry
- o Anaesthetics
- o Intensive Care
- Accident and Emergency
- Uncoupled Specialities
- o Runthrough Specialities
- Dentistry/Dental
- Stroke
- o PH Medicine
- o General Practice, Community and Public Health
- Other Specialities
- Other Medical and Dental

For each speciality you need to record staff in the following job categories:

- Consultants (including Directors of Public Health)
- Trainee Grades
- Career/ Staff Grades
- Other Medical & Dental (balancing figure)

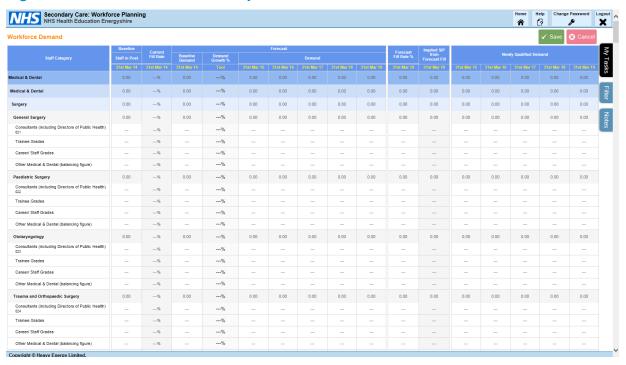
The criteria used to allocate staff into these groups or the baseline data is shown in the table below.

Table 2: Criteria for Allocating Job Roles to Groups

| Job Roles on ESR | Workforce Plan Group |
|--|--|
| | Consultants (including Directors of Public |
| Clinical Director - Dental | Health) |
| | Consultants (including Directors of Public |
| Clinical Director - Medical | Health) |
| | Consultants (including Directors of Public |
| Consultant | Health) |
| | Consultants (including Directors of Public |
| Dental Surgeon acting as Hospital Consultant | Health) |
| | Consultants (including Directors of Public |
| General Dental Practitioner | Health) |
| | Consultants (including Directors of Public |
| General Medical Practitioner | Health) |
| | Consultants (including Directors of Public |
| Medical Director | Health) |
| | Consultants (including Directors of Public |
| Salaried Dental Practitioner | Health) |
| | Consultants (including Directors of Public |
| Salaried General Practitioner | Health) |
| | Consultants (including Directors of Public |
| Board Level Director | Health) |
| | Consultants (including Directors of Public |
| Chief Executive | Health) |
| | Consultants (including Directors of Public |
| Manager | Health) |
| Senior Registrar (Closed) | Trainee Grades |
| House Officer - Post Registration (Closed) | Trainee Grades |
| House Officer - Pre Registration (Closed) | Trainee Grades |
| Registrar (Closed) | Trainee Grades |
| Specialist Registrar (Closed) | Trainee Grades |
| Specialty Registrar | Trainee Grades |

| Associate Specialist (Closed) | Career/ Staff Grades |
|---|---|
| Clinical Assistant | Career/ Staff Grades |
| Clinical Medical Officer | Career/ Staff Grades |
| Dental Officer | Career/ Staff Grades |
| Hospital Practitioner | Career/ Staff Grades |
| 'Other' Community Health Service | Career/ Staff Grades |
| Senior Dental Officer | Career/ Staff Grades |
| Senior House Officer (Closed) | Career/ Staff Grades |
| Specialty Doctor | Career/ Staff Grades |
| Staff Grade (Closed) | Career/ Staff Grades |
| Trust Grade Doctor - Career Grade level | Career/ Staff Grades |
| Trust Grade Doctor - House Officer level | Career/ Staff Grades |
| Trust Grade Doctor - SHO level | Career/ Staff Grades |
| Trust Grade Doctor - SHO Level (Closed) | Career/ Staff Grades |
| Trust Grade Doctor - Specialist Registrar Level | |
| (Closed) | Career/ Staff Grades |
| Trust Grade Doctor - Specialty Registrar | Career/ Staff Grades |
| Senior Clinical Medical Officer | Career/ Staff Grades |
| Foundation Year 1 | Other Medical & Dental (balancing figure) |
| Foundation Year 2 | Other Medical & Dental (balancing figure) |

Figure 17: Medical and Dental Template



Workforce Challenges or Risks

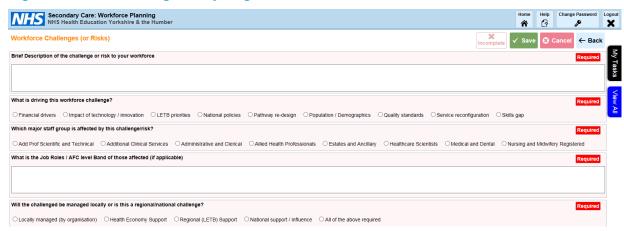
This section allows you to record any workforce risks or challenges affecting your Trust.

Figure 8: Risks and Challenges Summary Page



Click to record a new risk/challenge. Once all risks and challenge have been added click to submit your information.

Figure 9: Risk/Challenge Entry Page



6.4 Workforce Narratives

The final section captures information regarding the processes used for assurance of the; quality, extent of integration and engagement in returned workforce plans. (* denotes sections that are yet to be assigned to a contributor)

Figure 20: Workforce Narratives Subsections

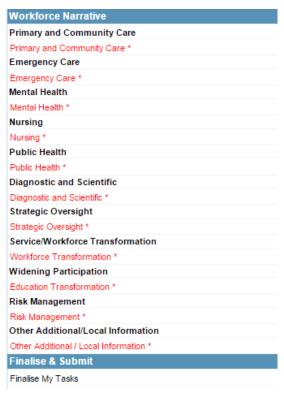
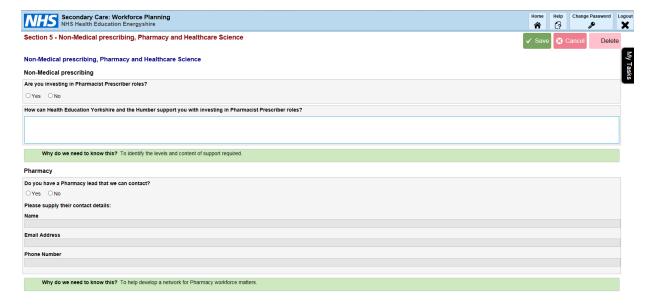


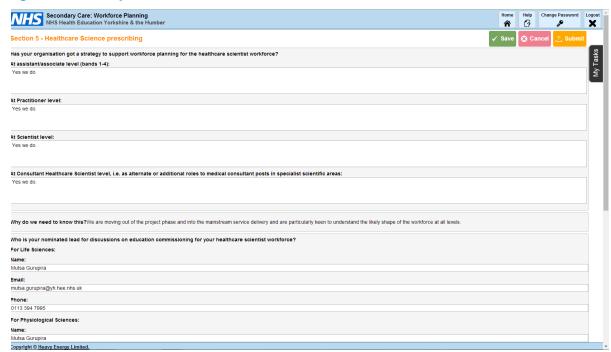
Figure 10: Non-Medical Prescribing, Pharmacy and Healthcare Science Workforce Narratives Section



Completing The Workforce Narrative Section

Completing the 'Workforce Narratives' section requires either selecting a Yes/No, or completing a free text box. Once completed, click and you can submit your response by clicking submit

Figure 11: Example Workforce Narrative Section



6.5 Finalise and Submit

The 'Finalise and Submit' section allows you to review all your tasks and submit your data and narratives once completed.

Contributor's own task finalisation / submission

A contributor will have one or more tasks to complete in the application. Once a contributor has completed their tasks, they will be able to submit and finalise the data they have provided. Workforce planners are predominantly contributors to the plan. Although, they have elevated privileges enabling them to oversee and manage elements of the trust's collection, this area will only show their own tasks.

A contributor will be able to *un*finalise and modify their data until finalisation is at stage 3 (below).

Workforce Planner's collection status overview

Available only to Workforce Planners, this feature will provide a detailed overview of the collection status, as seen in the previous version. This page will give a WP the opportunity to review, chase and tidy up any outstanding detail prior to finalisation and submission for board level sign-off.

Board Sign-off

The sign-off process will also be contributor led. These may include contributors assigned earlier in the process (Chief Exec), or a new contributor role, e.g. Sign-off Board Member (remember we can assign multiple individuals to a contributor role). This is the Sign-Off Board Member. This must include the:

Chief Executive,

- Clinical / Medical Director
- Director of Nursing
- Director of Finance
- Director of HR / Workforce
- Staff Side Representative

but may also include others.

Once the planner has submitted the final collection data, sign-off board contributors will be emailed and asked to provide final sign off for the data provided.

The sign-off contributor will be asked to provide confirmation *(or evidence)* that the workforce demand forecast:

- Aligns with financial, commissioning and service plans of the organisation
- Aligns with commissioners plans
- Assures safe staffing levels

Once these contributors sign off the collection – the data is locked and available for the LETB and HEE to work with.

Board Sign-off

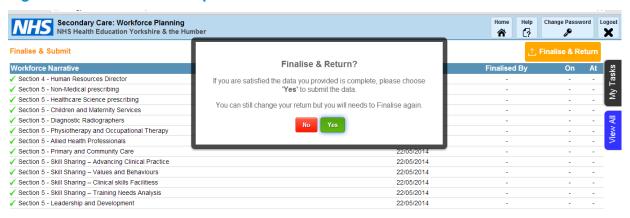
Figure 12: Incomplete template



Once all sections have completed, click



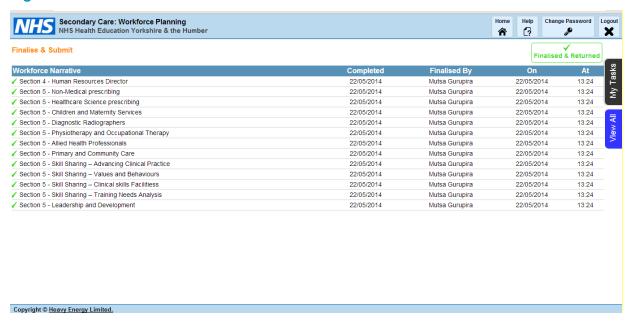
Figure 24: All Sections Completed



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Click 'Yes' to submit your return. Once submitted the section will relfect this.

Figure 13: Submitted Return



7. Terminology

Informed by the National Minimum Dataset definitions v2.6 & National Workforce Planners discussion

Link: http://www.hscic.gov.uk/datasets/nwd

The terms and definitions as stated below have been reached via consensus and are relevant to the completion of the Collective Forecast Demand Template via LETBs to the HEE national team. The terms utilised in local discussion / other circumstances may mean different things to different audiences:

In alphabetical order:

- 2014/15 Planning Round the Planning Round that has just finished which resulted in decisions reached regarding the commissions for education programmes commencing from September 2015
- 2015/16 Planning Round the Planning Round that is just starting which will result in decisions reached regarding the commissions for education programmes commencing from September 2016
- Arms Length Bodies ('ALBs') Executive agencies with particular responsibilities for business areas, accountable to, the Department of Health, Special health authorities and non-departmental public bodies which have a role in the process of national government, but are not part of government departments. Full list of NHS ALBs at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/arms-ength-bodies/our-armslength-bodies
- Collective Forecast Demand Template the forecast demand planning template reached in joint consensus between HEE and its LETBs in terms of structure and composition in order to provide a "common currency" for the collection of data against particular staffing categories
- Current NHS workforce essentially those staff captured on the Electronic Staff Record (ESR) working in 'core' providers and others where there is access to 'real' (not always correct) data
- Education commissions the number of places invested in/planned to deliver newly qualified staff to contribute to forecast workforce demand
- Establishment Sometimes referred to as 'Baseline Demand' or 'Demand';
 sometimes as 'Authorised' or 'Planned' or 'Budgeted' resource. Generally
 expressed as 'WTE' (see below)
 - this item is the number of staff in post and number of vacancies, for example, if you had 20 midwives and 1 vacant midwife positions, your baseline demand

- would be 21. This may be greater than, less than or equal to actual staff in post, depending on number of vacancies the organisation has at the moment.
- Fill rate is a percentage of posts actually filled. It is calculated by dividing actual staff
 in post by the Establishment.
- Full Time Equivalent (FTE) this item may also be known as "Whole time equivalent (WTE)". This is the standard method for defining the amount of work of an employee or in a position. It is the basis for most planning and monitoring of the workforce. The workforce is usually expressed in terms of WTE and Headcount numbers. Contracted WTE is calculated by dividing Contracted Hours or Contracted Sessions by the Standard Hours (or Sessions) for the Grade. For example: if the standard hours for a nurse are 37.5 and an individual Staff Nurse contracts to work 22 hours per week, then that employee's WTE is 22 divided by 37.5 = 0.59 WTE. If the standard hours for a full time Junior Doctor are 40 hours a week and an individual Junior Doctor contracts to work 40 hours per week, then that employee's WTE is = 1.00 WTE Note that a similar formula is used when calculating Worked WTE, Budgeted WTE or Paid WTE.
- Forecast workforce demand the future estimated required workforce demand (establishment) as at a particular point in time (reflective of the replacement for leavers plus predicted change in capacity required plus vacant posts)
- Non-medical education commissions The number of student/training places invested in/planned to deliver newly qualified 'non-medical' staff to contribute to forecast workforce supply
- Planning Round term used by HEE and LETB workforce planners to describe the period of time within which core aggregate regional and national planning processes take place
- Staff in Post –the number of staff directly employed by the Provider organisation (exclusive of; agency, bank, locum or hosted staff), usually measured in terms of Full time equivalent (FTE)
- Workforce demand The total number of staff (usually of a given group) required or forecast to be to required deliver a given (level of) service at a given point in time
- Workforce supply The total number of staff available (usually of a given group) available, or forecast to be available to deliver a given (level of) service at a given point in time

8. Summary of core changes

- The process remains largely the same as in previous years you are able to download the Excel collection templates for completion and upload them in to the eWorkforce Portal Tool prior to submission
- There are no changes in the medical section of the template.
- There are only minor changes in the non-medical section of the template.

The Healthcare Science section includes additional sections on Informations and Public Health.

9. Support

Further Guidance and Support can be found on line at the eWIN https://www.ewin.nhs.uk/wfp/resources/item/5605/health-education-north-west-workforce-planning-round-2015-2016

If you have any queries about how to complete this eWorkforce Planning Portal once you have consulted the Guidance Document, please contact the workforce planning team at Health Education North West by:

Emailing: Workforceplanning@nw.hee.nhs.uk

Telephone: 0161 625 7366

Appendix 1 – LETB dashboard

Each LETB has a configuration area and a number of specific administration tasks.

When you log in as a LETB, you will see an overview screen with details of each Trust/Provider in your region, a link to the configuration area and a list of current tasks (usually account approvals or password resets).

Your Trusts

This section allows you to see each of your Trusts. By clicking on the Trust name, you can view their data and progress.

Configuration

Demand Configuration (check boxes)

Configure

Edit Collection Template

Please edit your template to ensure you have assigned Contributor roles to the collection tasks.

By clicking 'Edit Collection Template' you are taken to the configuration settings for all Trusts/Providers in your LETB. This may be set differently in each LETB.

The following options are available to modify the demand template for Trusts/Providers. They toggle the number and behaviour of visible columns in the numberic demand sections.

Show ESR SIP and Difference columns

When this option is checked, the ESR Staff in Post and Difference (ESR SIP – Org SIP) columns are visible.

Show Newly Qualified columns

When this option is checked, Trusts/Providers will see additional columns asking specifically about NQ staff in each row.

Show Fill Rate

When this option is checked, the fill rate (Baseline Demand/Establishment / Org SIP)

Recalculate Demand Growth when Establishment value changes

When this option is unchecked, the Forecast for Years 1 to 5 will only be calculated when the Demand Growth % column is modified.

When checked, the Forecast for Years 1 to 5 will be calculated when either the Establishment Column or the Demand Growth % columns are modified.

Retain Demand Growth after Save

When this option is unchecked, the values entered into the Demand Growth % column are discarded after the template has been saved.

When checked, the values entered for the Demand Growth % are saved with the template data. For clarity and consistency, whenever the values in Forecast for Years 1 to 5 are modified, the associated Demand Growth % cell will be cleared.

Contributors

LETBs should use the next section to assign contributors to specific narrative questions.

Each question may have more than one contributor (e.g. Workforce Planner; Chief Executive).

Contributors must be separated with a semicolon; to be recognised.

This allows the system to automatically assign contributors to narrative questions when they register on the system.

Welcome Text

The final section on the configuration page allows LETBs to set the welcome message that appears for each Trust/Provider. *We recommend that this includes contact details for the LETB workforce planning team.*

This section supports Rich Text (i.e. formatting).

Incoming Access Requests

This section is where the LETB will need to approve incoming access requests and passwords reset requests.