



Health debate, Wednesday 10 June 2015

**Introduction**

6FRWODQG¶V SRSXODWLRQ LV JURZLQJ DQG RXU LQFUHDVL UDQJH RI FRPSOH[ DQG PXOWLSOH KHDOWK QHHGV &RPELQI record, and inflationary pressures from new will

put our NHS on a sustainable footing for future generations.

As a result of these discussions, the Royal College of Nursing and the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and Faculties in Scotland have issued a statement setting out four key areas of activity that we believe would have the greatest impact on the future sustainability of the NHS (4 June 2015).

**Action 1: A genuine public debate on change**

Change is desperately needed, but can only be successful if everyone affected is involved. Starting right now the public, politicians and staff must be brought into a frank debate about the current pressures on the health service and the options available to put the NHS on a more sustainable footing.

**Action 2: A new approach to targets**

The current approach to setting and reporting on national targets and measures, while having initially delivered some real improvements, i