



Response from the Royal College of Nursing Wales to the Health, Social Care & Sport Committee e e e e



only does this mean people being treated more quickly and efficiently, it also avoids unnecessarily impacting on the acute sector.

- VII. The RCN in Wales has long been calling for more innovative ways of supplementing the system of primary care, using advanced nursing skills and extended nursing skills (for example prescribing) and using salaried medical practitioners. It is vital that healthcare professionals working within the primary care and community sectors are being adequately skilled up and are employed in sufficient numbers in order to prevent pressure on the A&E admission route and the wider healthcare system.

- VIII. In relation to Brexit, depending on the settlement that the UK negotiates with the EU post-Brexit, it is likely to have an impact on international recruitment, both in the NHS and the independent sector. Brexit is also likely to have an impact on access to research funding. Pan European collaboration has contributed significantly to the success of UK science and research, and continued access to sustainable financial support for world-class infrastructure and facilities are essential for UK medical and health research.

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430,000 nurses, midwives, health visitors and nursing students, including over 25,000