Survey findings: the views of healthcare leaders

Health inequalities

95%
say success in tackling health inequalities should be a key measure when reviewing the performance of NHS leaders and their organisations.

59%
say health inequalities have widened as a result of the pandemic.

100%
say their organisations are taking practical steps to address health inequalities.

Demand for care

46%
say they are back to pre-COVID-19 levels of demand for services.

89%
predict a significant rise in demand for CAMHS.

72%
predict a rise in demand for community mental health services.

82%
are not confident the NHS will be able to meet public expectations on waiting times.

NHS reform

7 in 10
support the direction of travel outlined in the government's NHS white paper.

80%
disagreed with the statement that extending the Secretary of State's powers of direction over the NHS will benefit patients.

Funding

77%
are not confident of being able to achieve the goals of the NHS Long Term Plan within their existing revenue funding settlement up to 2023/24.

Beneficial changes

56%
of respondents selected 'better partnership working' when asked to identify which of a series of changes had been most important in driving improvement within their organisation or system during the pandemic.

Regulation

91%
are not confident that the government and its national bodies will retain this lighter touch inspection and quality regulation in the post-pandemic period.

Workforce

67%
say understaffing is putting patient safety and care at risk.

50%
say they do not have enough staff in their setting to ensure staff health and wellbeing.

95%
are concerned about the long-term impact of COVID-19 on the wellbeing of their staff.

59%
are concerned that too many staff will leave their organisation in the next year.

65%
say local organisations are working together well to address the backlog.