

PM issues warning to NHS: reform or perish.

Description

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The soaring NHS waiting times and backlog in emergency care and cancer treatment are significantly impacting public health and leading to avoidable deaths, as highlighted in a blunt government-commissioned report on the state of the service in England.

In response, Prime Minister Boris Johnson asserts that the health system urgently needs to "reform or perish," given the growing demands and financial strains facing the NHS.

Health Secretary Wes Streeting underscores the critical need for a substantial shift in NHS funding towards primary care, social services, and community initiatives to alleviate the mounting pressure on hospitals.

However, the report also calls out the Conservative government for delaying vital reforms in social care and infrastructure development, prompting opposition calls for immediate action to address the NHS's pressing challenges.

The report emphasizes the urgent need for a comprehensive overhaul of the NHS, focusing on digital transformation, decentralized care, and preventive measures to safeguard the health service's future resilience.

Vocabulary List:

- Soaring /'sɔ:rɪŋ/ (adjective): Increasing rapidly or significantly.
- 2. Backlog /'bæk.log/ (noun): A buildup of unprocessed work or tasks.
- 3. Urgently /'3:rdʒəntli/ (adverb): In a manner requiring immediate action or attention.
- 4. **Substantial** /səb'stænʃəl/ (adjective): Of considerable importance size or worth.
- 5. Alleviate /əˈliːvi.eɪt/ (verb): To make a problem less severe.
- 6. Overhaul /'oʊ.və.hɔ:l/ (verb): To examine and repair or improve something thoroughly.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What is identified as significantly impacting public health according to the government-commissioned report on the NHS in England?

Option: Increasing healthcare costs Option: Delayed social care reforms

Option: Soaring waiting times and backlog in care

Option: Medical staff shortages

2. Who asserts that the health system urgently needs to "reform or perish"?

Option: Health Secretary Wes Streeting Option: Prime Minister Boris Johnson

Option: Opposition leaders
Option: The NHS report authors

3. Which area does Health Secretary Wes Streeting highlight for a substantial shift in NHS funding?

Option: Research and development Option: Hospitals infrastructure

Option: Primary care, social services, and community initiatives

Option: Specialized medical equipment

4. What has the Conservative government been criticized for in the report on the NHS?

Option: Delaying vital social care reforms

Option: Underfunding hospitals

Option: Lack of transparency in healthcare data

Option: Ignoring medical staff shortages

5. What does the report emphasize about the future of the NHS?

Option: Decreasing reliance on technology Option: Centralized healthcare services

Option: Focusing on infrastructure development only Option: Digital transformation and decentralized care

6. Who is calling for immediate action to address the challenges outlined in the report?

Option: NHS administrators
Option: Public health experts
Option: Opposition leaders

Option: International organizations



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Soaring waiting times and backlog in care 2. Prime Minister Boris Johnson 3. Primary care, social services, and community initiatives 4. Delaying vital social care reforms 5. Digital transformation and decentralized care 6. Opposition leaders

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is used to describe the rapidly increasing number of COVID-19 cases?

Option: Easing Option: Fluctuating Option: Soaring

2. Which adverb emphasizes the need for immediate action?

Option: Casually ESL-NE

Option: Reluctantly Option: Urgently Option: Diligently

3. What term refers to the critical nature or seriousness of situation?

Option: Trivial Option: Severity Option: Mildness Option: Insignificant

4. What word is used when medication is officially recommended by a doctor?

Option: Optional Option: Customized Option: Prescribed Option: Suggested

5. What term relates to the growth and development of the brain and nervous system?

Option: Muscular

Option: Neurodevelopmental

Option: Respiratory Option: Digestive



6. What is the term for the careful examination or inspection?

Option: Neglect Option: Scrutiny	
Option: Approval	
Option: Superficiality	
7. Which process involves providing guidance or	support to someone in need?
Option: Judging	
Option: Compromising	
Option: Counselling	
Option: Accusing	
8. What term describes inappropriate behavior o	r wrongdoing?
Option: Pristine	
Option: Misconduct	
Option: Ethical	
Option: Compliant	
9. What is the term for a thorough examination a	and repair or renovation?
Option: Neglect	
Option: Overhaul	
Option: Patchwork	
9. What is the term for a thorough examination a Option: Neglect Option: Overhaul Option: Patchwork Option: Minimal	
10. What term refers to the frequency of occurre	
Option: Relevance	
Option: Frequency	
Option: Incidence	
Option: Negligence	
Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct	word from the vocabulary list.)
11. The company was struggling due to a huge _	of orders that needed to be
processed.	
12. The new medicine aims to	pain and reduce inflammation.
13. The community was	_ by the natural disaster with homes destroyed and lives
lost.	



14. The stadium has a seating	of 50,000 spectators.	
15. Lack of funding has been a major	to the project's pro	gress.
16. The new software system improved the com	npany's overall	and productivity.
17. Family planning includes methods of birth c	ontrol and	_ to prevent unwanted
pregnancies.		
18. The errors were not intentional but were du	e to several	in the quality contro
process.		
19. Scientists are studying the relationship betw	veen smoking and lung cancer to d	etermine if there is a
direct		
20. Leaders must take	for their actions and decisions.	

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)



- 21. The play depicted a story of love and loss that moved the audience to tears.
- 22. The campaign aimed to raise about the importance of environmental conservation.
- 23. The project's failure was attributed to several in the planning phase.
- 24. The university is known for its groundbreaking in the field of robotics.
- 25. The evidence presented in court was proven to be leading to a mistrial.
- 26. The company prides itself on its commitment to honesty and in all its dealings.
- 27. The theater has a seating of 500 making it suitable for large productions.
- 28. The patient needs to be seen by a doctor due to the severity of the symptoms.
- 29. Effective time management includes tasks based on their importance and deadlines.
- 30. The of flu cases usually rises during the winter months.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Soaring 2. Urgently 3. Severity 4. Prescribed 5. Neurodevelopmental 6. Scrutiny

7. Counselling 8. Misconduct 9. Overhaul 10. Incidence

Gap-Fill: 11. Backlog 12. Alleviate 13. Devastated 14. Capacity 15. Impediment 16. Efficiency 17.

Contraception 18. Oversights 19. Causality 20. Accountability

Matching sentence: 1. Tragic 2. Awareness 3. Oversights 4. Research 5. Fabricated 6. Integrity 7. Capacity

8. Urgently 9. Prioritization 10. Incidence

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1. Health - LEVEL4

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