

The Social Partnership Forum brings together NHS Employers, NHS trade unions, NHS England, Health Education England, NHS Improvement and the Department of Health to debate the development and implementation of the workforce implications of policy.

### **A big thank you for entering the HPMA Awards 2017**

Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry for the 2017 SPF sponsored HPMA award for partnership working between employers and trade unions. The judges have already started the shortlisting process. The award is a fantastic way to recognise and reward the outstanding partnership work that takes place in health and care. Good luck to all entrants. Please see the [SPF website](#) for more information about the HPMA Awards.

### **SPF Strategic Group update**

For an update from the latest meeting of the SPF Strategic Group on 16 February 2017, please visit the [SPF website](#).

### **Tackling bullying in the NHS: a collective call to action**

The workforce issues group (WIG) has been the main driver in taking forward the SPF initiative to tackle bullying in the NHS. The call to action was signed by Minister and the staff side and employer side co-chairs of SPF at the strategic group meeting in December 2016. [See how your organisation can get involved](#). For information about other WIG priorities and the work the group is undertaking visit their web page on the [SPF website](#).

### **SPF Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STP) workshop**

To find out what happened at the SPF STP workshop on 25 January, please visit the [SPF website](#).

### **SPF apprenticeships workshop**

An SPF workshop was organised on apprenticeships for members of the SPF Strategic Group on 31 January. The workshop was opened by the Minister and chair of the SPF, Philip Dunne. The outcomes from this discussion were that national and regional SPFs should encourage local and regional collaborations between employers and higher education institutions across the STP areas; there should be a push for better engagement with regulators and it may be useful for the SPF to develop a step-by-step guide to good partnership working in apprenticeships.

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## **Seen and heard update - Learn how to spot the signs of child sexual abuse and exploitation as Unite members did**

For more information on the Seen and Heard training initiative, an e-learning package and film developed by The Children's Society and funded by the Department of Health in partnership with NHS England, please visit the [SPF website](#).

## **North SPF partnership conference - Working in partnership during system change**

The North SPF held their bi-annual meeting on the 20 January 2017 in Horizon Leeds. The meeting focused on working in partnership during system change with particular emphasis on the impact of STP workforce issues on staff in the North of England. For more information, including presentations and evaluation of the conference, please visit the [SPF website](#).

## **7-day services (7DS) SPF subgroup**

The SPF 7DS sub group will consider the workforce implications of emerging 7DS policy. The group met for the first time in December 2016 and has a primary focus on 7 day hospital services, mental health and data. For more information, including the group's terms of reference, Please visit the [SPF website](#).

For all the latest updates from the SPF and for more information about their priorities visit the [SPF website](#).

## **Partnership in practice**

We are keen to include examples of good partnership working from regional and local SPFs on our website. If you have examples of good practice or case studies that you think would be useful to share with SPF colleagues, please send details in an email marked *good practice* to: [webenquiries@socialpartnershipforum.org](mailto:webenquiries@socialpartnershipforum.org).

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