



PRESS STATEMENT

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Focusing on analysis and solutions

Responding to today's report from the King's Fund [Bringing together physical and mental health](#), Saffron Cordery, director of policy and strategy at NHS Providers, said:

"This report provides an excellent, thorough, and intelligent intervention into the conversation on integrating physical and mental health. It achieves this by focusing on both analysis *and* solutions.

"Of particular importance are the benefits to patients and service users that the King's Fund report highlights, and the financial savings that can be made by integrating physical and mental health. This is a part of the integration agenda that is often overlooked. However it is fundamental if we are to continue to improve quality and drive through the efficiencies required in these straitened times. The report provides helpful pointers.

"The report also aligns its thinking with the priorities of both the five year forward view and the recent report of the mental health taskforce. This is really helpful. By focusing on issues such as perinatal mental healthcare and the need to make 'parity of esteem' more than a simple catchphrase, this report illustrates the ways in which taking a truly 'whole person approach' can become a reality."

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Notes to editors

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- NHS Providers acts as the public voice for those NHS trusts, helping to deliver high quality care by promoting shared learning, providing support and development and shaping the strategic system in which our members operate
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