
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORKING TIME DIRECTIVE – AND ITS IMPACT ON THE NHS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

CALL FOR EVIDENCE

Background

A taskforce considering the implementation of the European Working Time Directive and its impact on the NHS and health professionals has been convened at the request of the Prime Minister's office. The taskforce is chaired by Professor Norman Williams, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and includes representatives from: The Association of Surgeons in Training; The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health; The British Medical Association; Health Education England; The Foundation Trust Network; The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges; The College of Emergency Medicine; The Royal College of Physicians; The NHS Confederation; NHS Employers; a representative from a NHS Foundation Trust; and lay representation.

Call for evidence

To aid this process, the taskforce want to hear from as many stakeholders as possible and ask you to consider:

- Have you or your organisation encountered any problems relating to the Working Time Regulations and, if so, around what issue in particular?
- What have you or your organisation been able to do to solve these problems?
- What more could be done to solve these problems?
- Is there specific evidence (such as publications or studies) you would highlight to the taskforce?
- Are there any examples of ways in which the Working Time Directive has been successfully implemented that you would like to highlight?

We invite you to submit responses to the taskforce secretariat (WTDreview@dh.gsi.gov.uk).

Timetable

Given that the taskforce will be reporting to the Secretary of State for Health by January 2014, the timetable is short. As a result, we must request that any responses are submitted by no later than **22 November**. We will try to accommodate any individuals or organisations that believe themselves to be unlikely to be able to meet this deadline.