

Joint statement on behalf of the Co-Chairs of the NHS Staff Council

The NHS Staff Council co-Chairs, on behalf of the NHS trade unions and employers in England, ask that the Government makes funding a fair pay award for health staff on Agenda for Change contracts a priority as part of its current comprehensive spending review.

The co-Chairs acknowledge the economic context in which the current CSR is taking place, but also recognise that during the coronavirus pandemic staff have gone above and beyond, often at risk to themselves, in ensuring that patients receive the best care possible. A fair and fully funded pay award will ensure that staff feel valued, while at the same time ensure that the NHS is able to attract and recruit new people to fill vacancies, retain experienced staff, and boost morale for the coming year.

Both parties feel that a clear statement of intent – and clarity of the funding that will be provided - would help recognise the extraordinary commitment displayed by health staff this year, and equip organisations for the work ahead to ensure that the NHS has enough staff to meet the rising service demands it faces.



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