

## CALL FOR EVIDENCE: Meeting the Short, Medium and Long-Term Needs for NHS Infrastructure

The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Healthcare Infrastructure is launching a call for evidence to help inform our first report on 'Meeting the Short, Medium and Long-Term Needs for NHS Infrastructure'. This report is intended to coincide with the anticipated publication of the Department for Health and Social Care's Capital Strategy, which will set out the long-term vision for all aspects of the Department's infrastructure spending over the next decade.

**The deadline for submissions for our report to Parliamentarians is 5pm on Friday 17 June 2022.** We welcome input from any interested stakeholder on these topics. This evidence will be used to inform the recommendations the APPG makes to Government.

**The APPG will hold two oral evidence sessions with key stakeholders, which will form part of the report on the following dates:**

1. Monday 16 May from 3.45pm to 5pm in Committee Room 17, House of Commons
2. Tuesday 14 June from 2pm to 3pm on Zoom

If you are interested in attending either of these sessions, please contact our Secretariat on [healthcareinfrastructureappg@connectpa.co.uk](mailto:healthcareinfrastructureappg@connectpa.co.uk). Spaces for attendees on 16 May will be limited and attendance for parliamentarians will be prioritised.

### Submissions

Limit your submission to **no more than two sides of A4** and send with the subject heading: 'APPG for Healthcare Infrastructure – Call for Evidence', to our Secretariat on [healthcareinfrastructureappg@connectpa.co.uk](mailto:healthcareinfrastructureappg@connectpa.co.uk).

We require concise responses focusing on specific policy recommendations as well as key facts and figures. Links to other sources are allowed, but not lengthy articles, academic papers or other such material.

All submissions must clearly state which individual and/or organisation has submitted them. We also welcome submissions of short audio or video clips of no more than two minutes in length.

### Scope of our inquiry

For this report, the All-Party Parliamentary is seeking evidence relating to the following areas of health infrastructure:

- 1) NHS estates and facilities
- 2) Equipment used by the NHS
- 3) Physical elements required to enable digital care

Other areas outside of these topics will not be covered by our report.

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### Key themes for evidence

The APPG is seeking evidence on the following ten key themes within the scope of our inquiry:

- What should the next steps of the Government's New Hospital Programme (NHP) be, and how can this investment be maximised for the wider NHS estate and patients care?
- What should the health infrastructure priorities of Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) over the next decade be and what do they need to achieve these?
- How can social care infrastructure be levelled up for those it looks after?
- Can our health infrastructure needs be met solely through public funds given the impact of the pandemic on government finances?
- What must be done to deliver fully digitally connected ICSs for patients?
- Can health infrastructure level up health outcomes whilst delivering the NHS's sustainability and net zero commitments?
- How can we tackle the backlogs in electives, and will community diagnostic centres (CDCs) alone help address this issue?
- What lessons have we learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and how should this inform how the NHS estate prepares for Winter 2022?
- What needs to change with the NHS estate to meet the Government's aim of additional health professionals into primary care settings, including GP-owned health premises?
- How can the health and care systems best utilise their existing fit for purpose estate to make the best use of available space?

### Further information

For more information about the APPG's work, including this call for evidence, please contact us on [healthcareinfrastructureappg@connectpa.co.uk](mailto:healthcareinfrastructureappg@connectpa.co.uk) or visit our [website](#).

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