

CLAHRC Director Professor Rosalind Raine has been invited to be part of a major new independent inquiry considering the future of the NHS.

Professor Raine joins the *Future of the NHS* Commission which launched on November 30th and is organised by the London School of Economics and The Lancet. It will investigate and report on options for relieving the growing pressures on the system and ensuring that the service has governance, care, operating, and funding models fit-for-purpose in the 21st Century.



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Rosalind Raine is  
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Professor Raine will draw on her expertise in evaluations of NHS interventions and research experience in inequalities in the distribution of health care, its causes, impact on health inequalities and policy responses. She has long advised national, international and regional policy makers, her research being highly valued due to its diversity (spans acute & chronic conditions and all NHS settings), representativeness (national datasets, long time periods) and applied nature, allowing direct policy translation.



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Last week saw the publication of a report on the long-term sustainability of the National Health Service (NHS) and adult social care in the UK. The report, published on April 5, was the outcome of a year-long inquiry by a House of Lords Select Committee, chaired by the crossbench peer and obstetrician Narendra Patel. The Committee's main conclusion is that unless several changes are implemented, the NHS and adult social care system will be unsustainable. Radical service transformation, long-term funding solutions, and immediate action on adult social care are needed. As the report says, "Our NHS, our 'national religion', is in crisis and the adult social care system is on the brink of collapse."

The underlying principle of a health system that is tax-funded and free at the point of need was endorsed by the Select Committee as the most cost-effective method of delivering health care. But unless the culture of short-term fixes is replaced by one of long-term planning, the NHS cannot

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Calls for a rational, considered view of the NHS have come from across the political spectrum (see below) and the Commission will draw on a range of views and perspectives in its work. In April 2017 [The Lancet argued](#) that ***“An independent inquiry is needed to bring together clinical and policy experts, and the voices of the public and patients, to answer the question: what sort of NHS do we want and need in 2020, 2025, and 2030?”***

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