

Academic Health Science Centres QSD on 2 July 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Lord Butler of Brockwell to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their policy and timetable for re-designating academic health science centres.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

Key Information

- Department of Health and Social Care, '[NHS Patients to Benefit As Top Flight Academic Health Science Centres Named](#)' 9 March 2009; and '[Top NHS and University Alliances Recognised by Department of Health](#)', 29 November 2013

Press release from 2009 announcing the NHS and university partnerships that were designated as academic health and science centres; and a press release from 2013 detailing the six partnerships that would be designated as academic health and science centres from April 2014.

- UCL Partners, '[Academic Health Science Centre \(AHSC\)](#)', accessed 26 June 2019; Cambridge University Health Partners, '[Who We Are](#)', accessed 26 June 2019; Imperial College Academic Health Science Centre, '[About Imperial College AHSC](#)', accessed 26 June 2019; King's Health Partners, '[Academic Health Sciences Centres](#)', accessed 26 June 2019; Health Innovation Manchester, '[Academic Health Science Centre](#)', accessed 26 June 2019; and Oxford Academic Health Science Centre, '[Health Science Centre Brings University and NHS Closer](#)', 29 November 2013

Webpages of the six academic health science centres detailing their remits and programmes. This includes working closely alongside academic health science networks on medical innovation.

- NHS England, '[Academic Health Science Networks](#)', accessed 27 June 2019

Webpage detailing the role of academic health science networks. This includes information on their core objectives, such as speeding up the adoption of innovation to improve clinical outcomes and patient experiences.

- Department of Health and Social Care, '[Leading the World in Developing Innovative Technologies for Patients](#)', 13 June 2019

Speech by Baroness Blackwood, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department for Health and Social Care, on technological innovations in healthcare. In her speech, Baroness Blackwood stated that the Government had invested £39 million in academic health science networks over the past three years.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- A selection of written questions from both Houses: [220224](#) (20 February 2019); [192782](#) (22 November 2018); [186379](#) (5 November 2018); [HL6714](#) (9 April 2018); [HL6713](#) (9 April 2018); and [58762](#) (16 January 2017)
- [QSD on 'Health: Academic Health Partnerships'](#), HL Hansard, 29 November 2010, cols 1341–54

Press Articles and Comment

- Mike Hannay, '[Catalysts and Connectors: Five Years of the Academic Health Science Networks](#)', NHS Confederation, 23 May 2018
- Deborah Bull, '[Universities Are a Key Resource for the NHS. Why Are They So Underused?](#)', *Guardian*, 16 April 2018
- Brendan Delaney et al, '[Academic Health Sciences Centres: An Opportunity to Improve Services, Teaching, and Research](#)', *British Journal of General Practice*, October 2010, vol 60 no 579, pp 719–20
- Stephen Smith, '[Value of Academic Health Science Centres for UK Medicine](#)', *The Lancet*, 28 March 2009, vol 373 no 9669, pp 1056–8

Further Information

- Academic Health Science Networks, [Impact Report 2018/19](#), 19 June 2019
- Healthcare for London, [A Framework for Action](#), 11 July 2007

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