Survey findings: the views of healthcare leaders

**Health inequalities**

- **95%** say success in tackling health inequalities should be a key measure when reviewing the performance of NHS leaders and their organisations.
- **59%** say health inequalities have widened as a result of the pandemic.
- **100%** say their organisations are taking practical steps to address health inequalities.

**Demand for care**

- **46%** say they are back to pre-COVID-19 levels of demand for services.
- **72%** predict a rise in demand for community mental health services.
- **89%** predict a significant rise in demand for CAMHS.

**Beneficial changes**

- **56%** of respondents selected 'better partnership working' when asked to identify which of a series of changes had been most important in driving improvement within their organisation or system during the pandemic.

**NHS reform**

- **7 in 10** support the direction of travel outlined in the government’s NHS white paper.
- **80%** disagreed with the statement that extending the Secretary of State’s powers of direction over the NHS will benefit patients.

**Funding**

- **77%** are not confident of being able to achieve the goals of the NHS Long Term Plan within their existing revenue funding settlement up to 2023/24.

**Regulation**

- **91%** are not confident that the government and its national bodies will retain this lighter touch inspection and quality regulation in the post-pandemic period.

**Workforce**

- **67%** say understaffing is putting patient safety and care at risk.
- **50%** say they do not have enough staff in their setting to ensure staff health and wellbeing.
- **95%** are concerned about the long-term impact of COVID-19 on the wellbeing of their staff.
- **59%** are concerned that too many staff will leave their organisation in the next year.
- **65%** say local organisations are working together well to address the backlog.