

FSRH welcomes NHS England's General Practice Forward View

FSRH welcomes NHS England's General Practice Forward View [announcement](#), which we hope will secure and enhance the role of general practice to enable women and men access to contraceptive care.

The significant financial investment announced within the Forward View meets the [Royal College of General Practitioners' campaign](#) demand for an immediate and sustained increase in funding for general practice, and provides the right incentives to ensure the profession is an attractive option for doctors.

In addition, the Forward View stipulates added investment for vulnerable GP practices, and for improving patient access and referral, which FSRH believes is particularly pertinent to areas experiencing significant health inequalities.

Dr Anne Connolly, GP, Vice President of FSRH and Chair of the Primary Care Women's Health Forum said:

'Given 80 per cent of women obtain their contraception through their general practice, this investment represents a significant milestone in protecting women's right to contraception. In a climate where many family planning services are experiencing extreme difficulty as a result of local authority cuts, it is ever more important that women can access quality contraception through primary care, and we hope that this added funding will go some way to ensuring that.'

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Notes to editors:

- The Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare is the largest professional membership body working in sexual and reproductive health in the UK. It supports healthcare professionals to deliver high quality care. Its vision is of a world where quality SRH is accessible to all. It grants diplomas, certificates, fellowships and equivalent recognition of specialist knowledge and skills in family planning and reproductive health care. It has over 16,000 members - doctors and nurses of whom over 10,000 are general practitioners. It promotes conferences and lectures, provides members with an advisory service and publishes *The Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care*. For more information please visit www.fsrh.org
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