

Soapbox NHS. A Hyde Park Corner for the NHS.

Interview Questions:

Generic Introduction

When did you qualify and what are you doing now?

What jobs have you had since qualifying?

Have you ever been employed outside of the NHS?

Specific

What problems have you seen and experienced in the NHS, either in Hospital or General Practice or as a patient or as a relative of a patient?

Given the demographic changes to come, what problems do you expect to see in the future NHS?

How would you like to see the NHS you have experienced change?

Have you ever had an exit interview from a post, and in particular if you have retired?

Do you think the NHS is taking full advantage of the technological age? How could technology be improved to help patients and doctors? Why has GP been so many years ahead of Hospitals for using IT?

Bearing in mind that this interview will not have your name attached to it unless you so wish, would you like to comment on the relationships between managers, nurses, doctors and other team members in your working environments?

If you would like your name attached to this file please say so, and if not, please could you explain your reasoning?

How do you feel morale is – and how do you feel it might be improved?

Are significant events becoming more common? Please expand..

Many in the profession, and including the Kings Fund, feel rationing is inevitable. Do you think rationing of healthcare is inevitable? Do you think it more accurate or desirable to call it something different like “prioritisation” or “selection” or “restriction”.... Please explain.. Should rationing be overt or covert?

Do you feel Post Code rationing is an accurate description of what is happening now? How would you describe the current difference between your region and others? How should patients plan for the gaps in care in their area if the services rationed are not announced in advance?

Do you feel there is enough “choice” in your Region? Would you like to exercise choices that are not available to you if the need arise? How do you personally ensure choice for you and your family?

Do you feel the NHS is encouraging autonomy in patients enough? How could we encourage patients to take more autonomy for their own healthcare? Should patient education part of the NHS or should it be funded separately from the NHS.

Should prescription charges remain in England? Should they be re-introduced in Wales?

Have you ever read "In place of fear" – Aneurin Bevan's 1952 book on the Welfare State, and in particular chapter 5 on the NHS?

Do you feel politicians are adequately informed about the NHS? How could this be improved?

Do you know of any specific methods of rationing which might apply to the NHS?

Do you or have you ever had a gagging clause in your contract?

Have you studied models from any other countries? Would you like to make any recommendations?

Have you any more questions to suggest? Please e-mail me.

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