



Joint Action Health Workforce
Planning and Forecasting

What is the United Kingdom context; lessons learned about training migration between four countries?

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Our purpose

- *Health is all about people. Beyond the glittering surface of modern technology, the core space of every health care system is occupied by the unique encounter between one set of people who need services and another who have been entrusted to deliver them'*

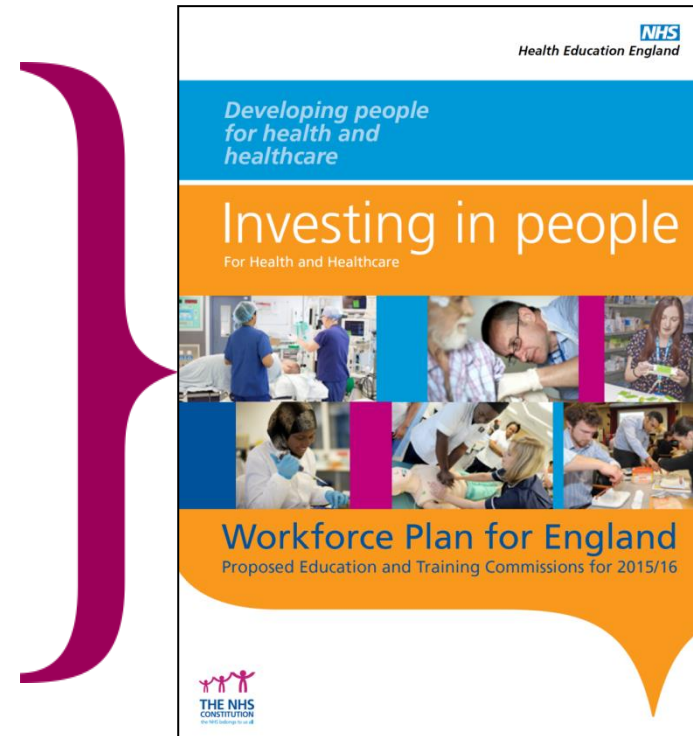
Health professionals for a new century [first published in the Lancet], 2010



Our core functions

- Workforce planning
- Attracting and recruiting the right people to the posts we have identified
- Commissioning excellent education and training
- Lifelong investment in our people

We don't work alone – we have many key partners including other Arms Length Bodies (ALBs), Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Regulators, Professional Bodies and the Department of Health (DH).



UK-wide NHS

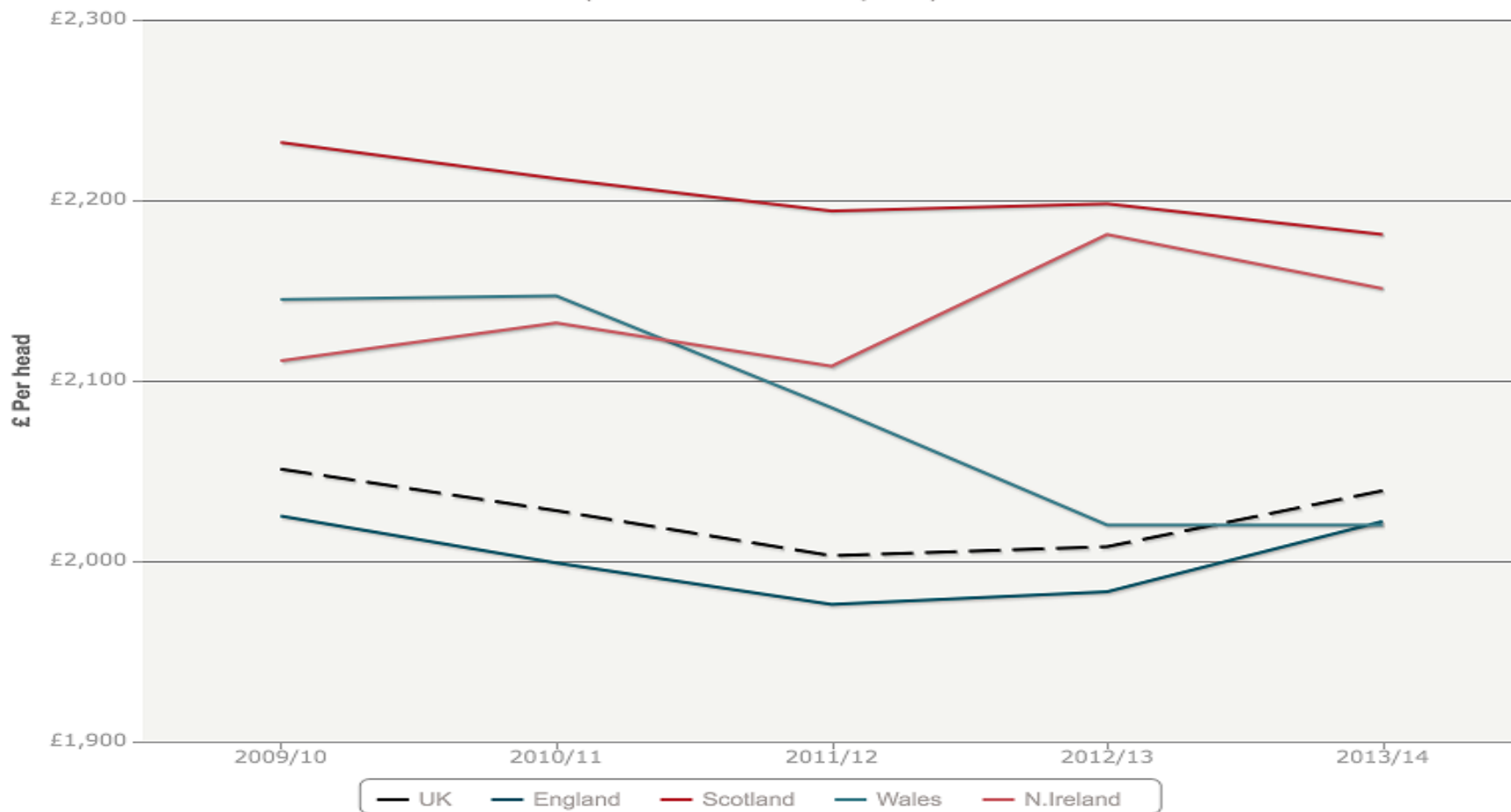
Devolved responsibility since
1999

Population (2013)

- England – 53 million
- Scotland – 5 million
- Wales - 3 million
- Northern Ireland - 1.8 million



Health spending per head by country (in real terms at 2014/15 prices)



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Country	England	Scotland	Wales	N Ireland
Population	54 m	5 m	3 m	2 m

National recruitment for doctors

- All four nations of the UK part of national recruitment, reduces competition between countries
- Single timeline
- Applicants only need to apply once and not multiple times to each country
- Each nation has unpopular areas of the country which they struggle to attract applicants to
- Northern Ireland – least impacted as they tend to consume their output. Little migration for other countries.

Medical student / Junior doctor migration

- 43% of medical students take jobs near Medical School (57% do not)
- 86% of post-graduate trainees take consultant posts in the areas in which they trained

BUT – gender and specialty variances

- Women significantly more likely than men to remain where they are trained.
- Surgeons more likely to move than Psychiatrists

Staff movement and supply planning

– the UK situation

- The English NHS has a powerful workforce planning tool in its Electric Staff Record – an HR system used by NHS Providers
- This allows us to track the movement of staff into and out of NHS employment

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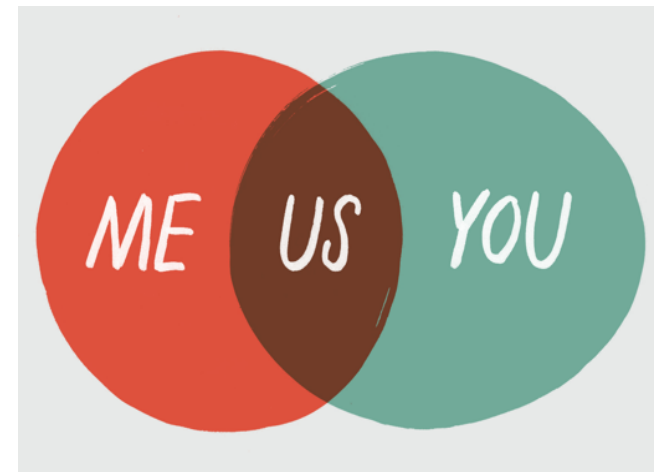
- Leavers are recorded by reason not destination
- Accuracy of leaver/joiner record is poor, with significant ‘unknowns’ and ‘none’
- No complementary data in respect of other countries
- Professional Registration data currently not granular enough to be helpful

SNP launches drive to lure English doctors to Scotland

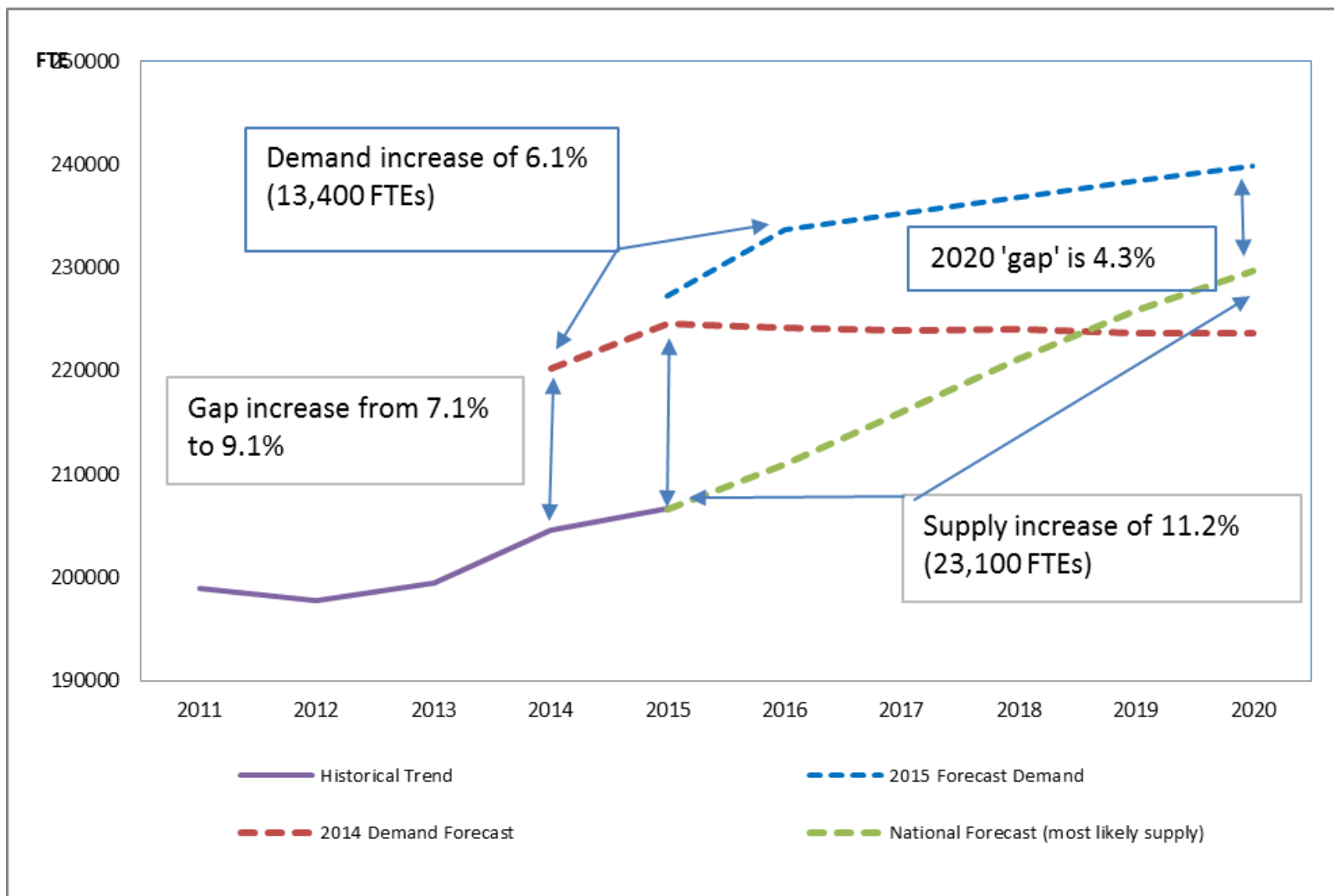


Movement of the workforce across devolved nations

- Devolved governments and health
 - 'politics'
 - different systems/architecture
 - policy and pace
- Workforce shortages/recruitment
- New workforce
- Single regulators
- Compete or collaborate?
- Data



NHS Adult Nurses

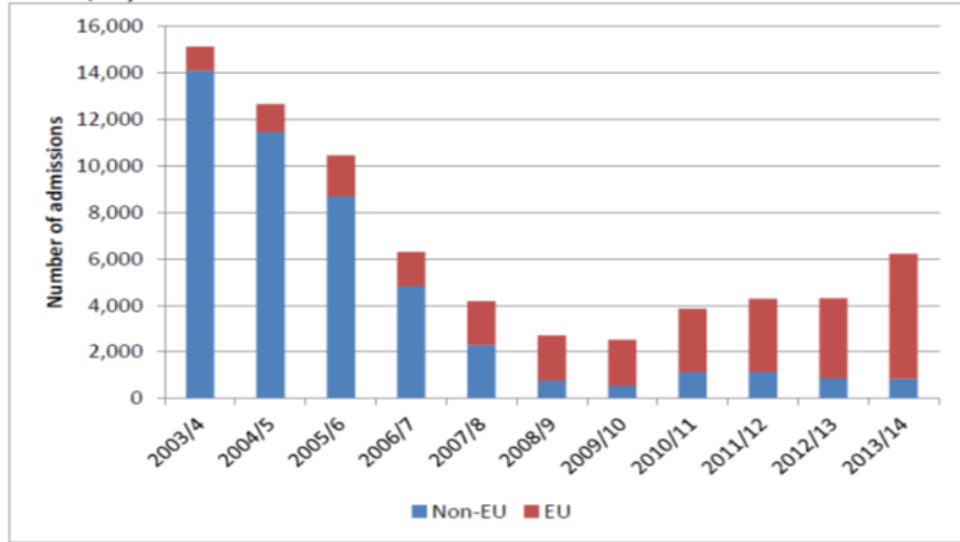


Migration of Nursing Staff into and out of the UK 2003/4 to 2013/14



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Figure 9: Number of new entrants to the UK nursing register from non-EU and EU sources (2003/4 to 2012/13)

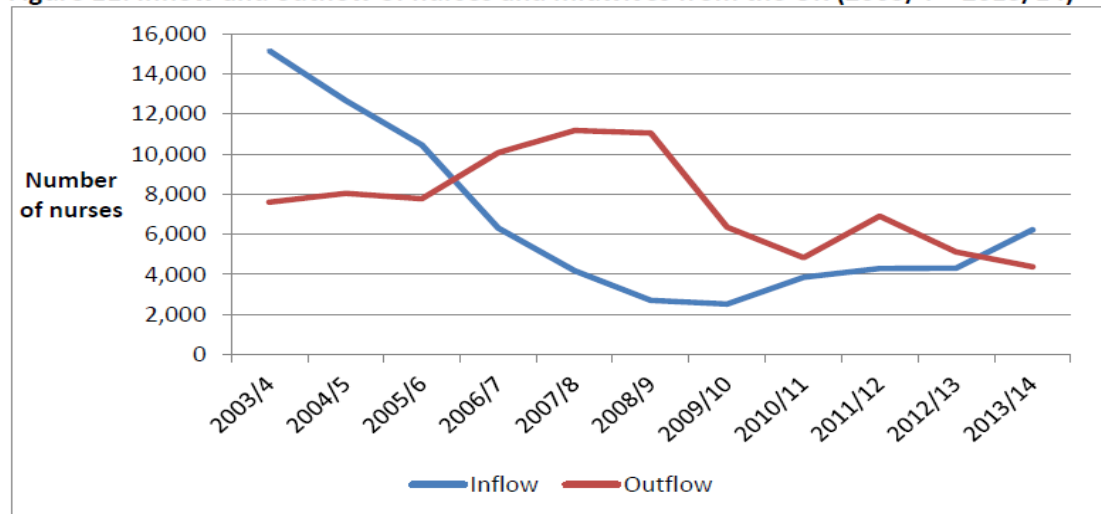


Source: Nursing and Midwifery Council, obtained under Freedom of Information

- Non EU immigration has been approx. 1000 per annum for the previous 6 years (UK wide including non NHS employers)
- NMC confirm 763 new registrants in 2014/15 (compared to the 3600 CoS issued)
- We would expect reliance on both EU and Non EU to diminish from 2017/18 as high levels of excess vacancies reduce
- EU migration is due to push factors as well as pull (redundant health staff in southern Europe)

- Nursing has demonstrated net outward migration until 2013/14
- There has been a welcome reduction in the number of UK nurses leaving

Figure 11: Inflow and outflow of nurses and midwives from the UK (2003/4 – 2013/14)



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Framework 15: HEE's strategic approach

Our best chance of success is to base our long-term workforce strategic framework on the anticipated needs of future patients.

Global drivers of change



Our understanding of the key drivers of change in health and healthcare, based upon a review of international evidence.

Future patients



Our judgement of the impact these drivers are likely to have on people and patients of the future, and how this will shape their characteristics and needs.

Future workforce



Our view of the characteristics of the future workforce that will be needed in order to meet the anticipated needs of people and patients.

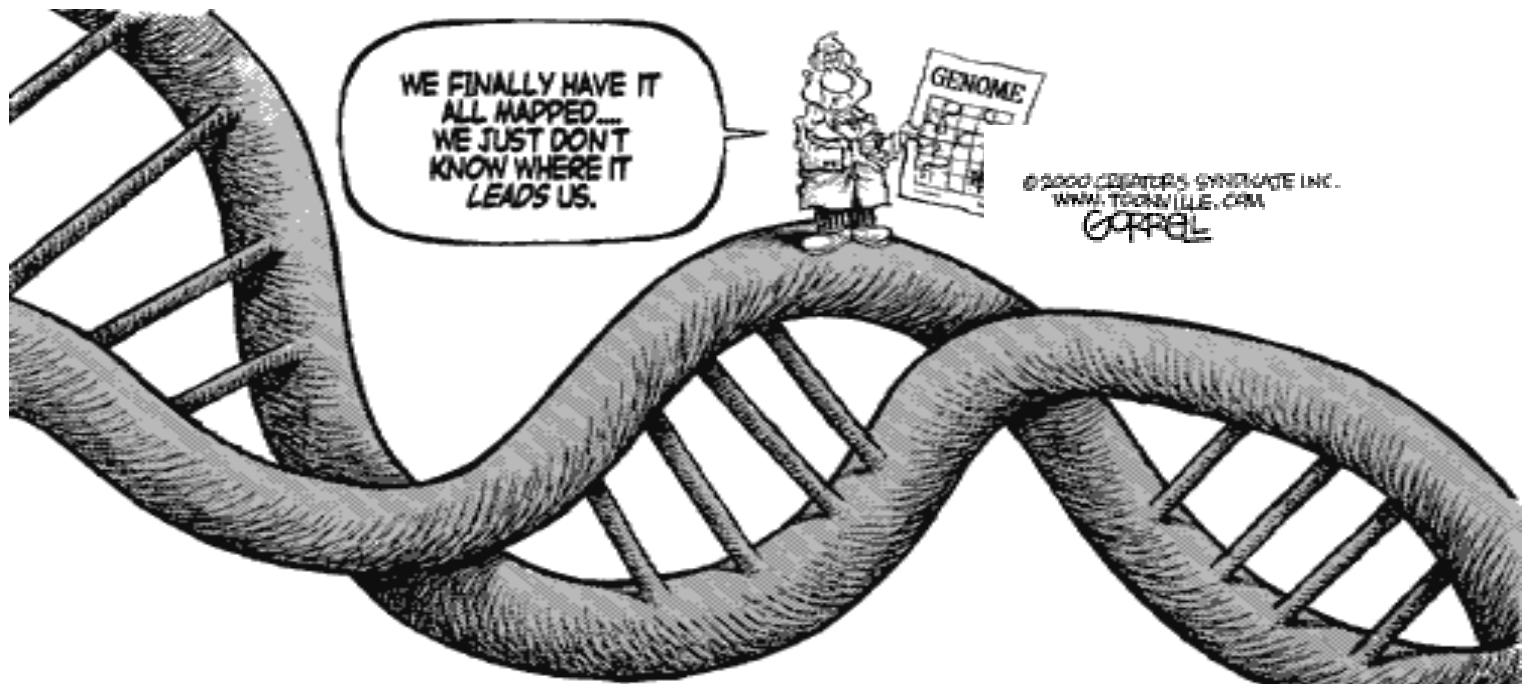
Migration and technology



Migration and genomics

100,000 Genome project

From Diagnose-and-Treat to Predict-and-Prevent



We must be bold and brave... *Health Education England*

“We always overestimate the change that will occur in the next two years and underestimate the change that will occur in the next ten. Don’t let yourself be pulled into inaction.”

Bill Gates