

Better Workforce Planning Will Alleviate Pressure of Spending Squeeze, says PULSE

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PULSE launches workforce optimisation suite at NHS Employers' annual conference

4th November - Birmingham - Specialist healthcare staffing provider PULSE has today launched a suite of support services to optimise NHS workforce operations.

Global skills shortages, high vacancy rates and an increasing pressure to meet Government targets all come at a time when demand for frontline services is increasing. PULSE Staffing Partners operates on the premise that cost savings can be realised and productivity levels increased when Trusts take a more collaborative approach with their staffing providers and engage in strategic workforce planning partnerships.

PULSE Staffing Partners delivers a range of support services which can be tailored to achieve workforce optimisation to meet local Trust needs. These include:

- PULSE Bank – set up to simplify the process of managing flexible workers whilst reducing agency spend. Working in partnership with NHS Trusts, PULSE Bank ensures that only competent and qualified staff treat patients. It also offers guaranteed fill rates to control spending and achieve savings.
- PULSE Recruitment Partners – NHS Trusts remain under pressure to recruit candidates to fill clinical vacancies. By working closely with local Trusts, PULSE can manage the entire process, recruiting these workers within agreed timescales whilst releasing savings to deliver patient services.
- PULSE International – many NHS Trusts recognise the difficulties in recruiting staff from overseas. PULSE's global network offers bespoke end-to-end solutions and provides expert professional support to clients and candidates throughout the process.

Speaking at the NHS Employers' annual conference and exhibition 2009, Richard MacMillan, Chief Executive of PULSE said:

“Workforce optimisation and flexible working practices have a central role to play in helping meet the ambitious savings target for NHS expenditure. Innovative use of a flexible workforce in partnership with staffing providers offers a real solution.”

PULSE has a track record delivering significant savings whilst working as a trusted partner with NHS Trusts, Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) and Strategic Health Authorities who use our Staffing Partners solutions.

NHS Trust and health and social care organisations can find out more by visiting pulsejobs.com.

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