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## **Healthcare involves more than just doctors and nurses, says Allied Health Professions Federation**

Responding to the Nuffield Trust and Health Foundation report released today, the Allied Health Professions Federation (AHPF) agrees with the call for more data to show the impact that allied health professionals (AHPs) have on the quality of care in the NHS.

According to AHPF Chair Ann Green, “As the general election approaches, there is a risk that politicians will opt for the traditional narrative that the health service is staffed only by doctors and nurses.

“The Nuffield report is a timely and authoritative reminder that 173,000 registered allied health professionals, including physios, occupational therapists and speech and language therapists, are indispensable to integration and to person-centred, coordinated care.

“We look forward to hearing from policy makers their vision for how patients can continue to benefit from the expertise of the 12 allied health professions.”

### **ENDS**

#### **Notes for editors**

The Allied Health Professions Federation (AHPF) is made up of 12 member bodies: The Society of Chiropractors and Podiatrists; The Society and College of Radiographers; The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists; The College of Paramedics; The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy; The British and Irish Orthoptic Society; The British Association/College of Occupational Therapists; The British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists; The British Dietetic Association; The British Association of Dramatherapists; The British Association of Art Therapists; The British Association for Music Therapy

The AHPF provides collective leadership and representation on common issues that impact on its member professions. The AHPF is well placed to ensure that health, social care and education decision makers understand the unique contribution of the allied health professions. It aims to promote inter-professional working enabling allied health professionals (AHPs) to provide high-quality care for patients and their carers across the whole of the health and social care sectors.

The AHPF is a UK-wide organisation and has management boards in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The AHPF Boards work to a shared agenda with delivery activity tailored to the unique context offered by each country.

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