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To ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Markham on 7 June (HL7873), what assessment they have made of the implications for (1) openness, (2) transparency, and (3) accountability in public procurement, of their decision not to place those items in the [Library of the House](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theyworkforyou.com%2Fglossary%2F%3Fgl%3D271&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624671396%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4GjapuLt9PU%2BS90CmZwgtvN7lrZvw4IJqyF0imDzKxo%3D&reserved=0).

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[Lord Markham The Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Health and Social Care](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theyworkforyou.com%2Fpeer%2F%3Fp%3D26093&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624671396%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=iqyh%2BDIEWwoSOAlDHabYtYyKrmNyFsvRQ2eXqBueJvc%3D&reserved=0)

As part of the Value Based Procurement ([VBP](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FVBP&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624671396%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7f7rkK%2BhZeQkFP6HIlk63CoG33hgdMp5PpZm9t7PyCQ%3D&reserved=0)) programme, [NHS Supply Chain](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FNHS_Supply_Chain&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624671396%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Ec8iGh96S6Mjr%2FQc6U43SzYRP1O89IsObXMhOW%2F8G%2Fg%3D&reserved=0) (NHSSC) has developed a toolkit and two VBP models. The toolkit and models are designed for internal use by NHSSC’s procurement teams and Category Management Service Providers and are not available for publication as they are **commercially sensitive**.

Recognising the public interest in openness, transparency and accountability in public procurement, NHSSC is supporting awareness of VBP across the [National Health Service](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FNational_Health_Service&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624671396%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oYfCvJ4FmHgaRO9Yg99BsKxxVR59sQN5vfxrpSVMV80%3D&reserved=0) and the supplier community.

NHSSC has a dedicated VBP website that is updated as the programme evolves. This website contains the 2021 ‘Value Based Procurement Project Report and Findings’ that has an overview of the VBP toolkit.

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To ask His Majesty's Government what is their policy justification for deciding not to define an Integrated Care Board as a “relevant body” in regulation 2 of the [National Health Service](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FNational_Health_Service&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624671396%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oYfCvJ4FmHgaRO9Yg99BsKxxVR59sQN5vfxrpSVMV80%3D&reserved=0) Commissioning Board and Clinical Commissioning Groups (Responsibilities and Standing Rules) Regulations 2012, with the effect that a **range of patient rights formerly imposed on clinical commissioning groups are not now imposed on integrated care boards.**

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‘The [National Health Service](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FNational_Health_Service&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624671396%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oYfCvJ4FmHgaRO9Yg99BsKxxVR59sQN5vfxrpSVMV80%3D&reserved=0) ([Integrated Care](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FIntegrated_Care&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624671396%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nGCKSZUEAzLhiPIq2TtI8XD9mWTOXaUW0u5kn4WIBsk%3D&reserved=0) Boards: Responsibilities) Regulations 2022’ has made consequential amendments to regulation 2 of the [NHS Commissioning Board](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FNHS_Commissioning_Board&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624671396%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oyq%2BdqzPwHfzYUqCnxTr9lRyTJqlcg%2B0EI9rswrYhaQ%3D&reserved=0) and Clinical Commissioning Groups (Responsibilities and Standing Rules) Regulations 2012, replacing references to Clinical Commissioning Groups with Integrated Care Boards (ICBs). ICBs are now the statutory bodies responsible for patient rights.

[John HayesConservative, South Holland and The Deepings](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theyworkforyou.com%2Fmp%2F%3Fp%3D10265&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624827627%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=m2TvH9ruC%2FZppJj%2BbDNhbu7M3xESa9BQhiMszcZ00Y0%3D&reserved=0)

My hon. Friend may have been about to intervene to tell us this, but last year, we built around 180,000 houses. Bear in mind that the population increased by 600,000.

We did not, and could not, build enough surgeries, clinics and hospitals to cope with more than 600,000 additional people.

We cannot build enough new railways and roads to deal with the extra demand.

We are simply adding 600,000 people to an infrastructure already in desperate need of being upgraded.

The pressure on the [NHS](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FNHS&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624827627%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=a1W3bUOdQWzmfujH3FRTZAij7iZHKz0WGtVEqToI4RE%3D&reserved=0), which my hon. Friend will know a great deal about, is immense.

**There were 700,000 new**[**GP**](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FGP&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624827627%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=D4nglJ%2BiHs%2Bd4YUGw5%2FWaJV41ncAgfj7FjyfGiNMtU8%3D&reserved=0)**registrations last year by people entering the country.**

(Citation: HC Deb, 27 June 2023, c88WH)

[Daniel Poulter](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theyworkforyou.com%2Fmp%2F%3Fp%3D24756&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624827627%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=la%2FqpIq3FtZs819M6%2F7f0bz5hxpZqMj8iUhgngZ6Cug%3D&reserved=0)[Conservative, Central Suffolk and North Ipswich](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theyworkforyou.com%2Fmp%2F%3Fp%3D24756&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624827627%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=la%2FqpIq3FtZs819M6%2F7f0bz5hxpZqMj8iUhgngZ6Cug%3D&reserved=0)

I thank my right hon. Friend for giving way. I wonder whether he might reflect that last year was slightly unusual in that this country rightly took in approximately 130,000 Ukrainian refugees.

There was also a net inflow of about 90,000 British citizens returning. There were other refugees from Afghanistan and [Hong Kong](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FHong_Kong&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624827627%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mvxVFKx6Nf3QkKqpB%2FLvF%2FSa9vrIxTexxNtNusplVpc%3D&reserved=0) to whom we rightly held out our hand as a country to give refuge.

On a wider point, my right hon. Friend is at slight risk of suggesting that immigration per se is bad, when we recognise that people who come here and work hard for the [NHS](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FNHS&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624827627%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=a1W3bUOdQWzmfujH3FRTZAij7iZHKz0WGtVEqToI4RE%3D&reserved=0) can make a great contribution to our country. Frankly, a number of our public services could not operate without them.

GPs and patient groups will be consulted on the **future of QOF** this summer as the government looks to 'streamline' the pay-for-performance framework.

Healthwatch Soft Market Testing

Main contract details: **Opportunity Id** DN676729

**Title:** Healthwatch Soft Market Testing

**Categories:** 85000000-9 - Health and social work services

**Description:** Healthwatch Service for **Gloucestershire**

Gloucestershire County Council are issuing this Soft Market Engagement Notice to providers to understand market interest in the delivery of Gloucestershire’s Local Healthwatch Service.

Please note this is not a competition at this stage but a soft engagement to understand your current capacity and market ability to deliver this service.

We would welcome your responses to some of the questions raised in this slide pack as well as any questions you may have for Gloucestershire County Council. Please respond by 12/07/2023.

**Region(s) of supply:** Gloucestershire

**Estimated value:** N/A

**Keywords:** Social Care, Healthwatch, Health

Key dates: **Estimated contract dates**

**Start date:** 28/06/2023.

**End date:** 12/07/2023.

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| To ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to **identify and prosecute unregulated overseas prescribers.** |

[Lord MarkhamThe Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Health and Social Care](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theyworkforyou.com%2Fpeer%2F%3Fp%3D26093&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624827627%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FZNZl%2BIhyMbbjVso%2FdjQvsjTn05D0G6IEa9%2Fzge2wgU%3D&reserved=0)

The Government has no powers to prosecute unregulated overseas prescribers, but arrangements are in place to safeguard patients as follows.

[The UK](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FThe_UK&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624827627%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=lsVmzayDdvhzZKYefzKX3fvWT28TTZovcgmQAweJjMc%3D&reserved=0) currently recognises prescriptions from countries on an approved list. A prescription from a country not on the list would not be recognised. We will only recognise prescriptions issued by prescribers of equivalent professional status to those eligible to prescribe in the UK.

We would expect all registered pharmacies and pharmacists to meet the regulatory standards set by the [General Pharmaceutical Council](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FGeneral_Pharmaceutical_Council&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624827627%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=i2tLgynZ0bIPcRHuG05GdNZW8%2FAOWZAQQQ6v9gjG4F8%3D&reserved=0) or the [Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FPharmaceutical_Society_of_Northern_Ireland&data=05%7C01%7C%7C33dfdf58e0794ed8424008db793fad98%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638237086624827627%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=85yUArFXwTyUbSVVL%2BtFFUtiYIHfEBPpOIma%2FqE8kiE%3D&reserved=0) when considering dispensing any lawfully valid prescription.

Any registered Pharmacy or Pharmacist failing to meet the relevant regulatory standards may be subject to action by the regulator.