

## **NHS Employers responds to Shipman Inquiry report**

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NHS Employers, the new employers' organisation for the NHS in England, said today that it will be looking at the recommendations of the fifth report of The Shipman Inquiry and the implications for the NHS.

Alastair Henderson, Deputy Director of NHS Employers, said today:

'It is important to recognise that a lot of work has already been done to safeguard patients and improve the quality of patient care but we recognise that there may be more that we can still do.

The recommendations are likely to have significant implications for primary care trusts. We will be working with NHS employers and professional bodies to identify the next steps in the areas for which we have responsibility including safer recruitment, whistleblowing, and electronic smart cards for doctors'.