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Health and Social Care

**NHS**

Bringing forward next year £3.8bn of the £8bn NHS funding already promised by 2020

Up to 10,000 new nursing places, whilst abolishing bursaries for nursing education

Option of a 2% social care precept that would allow local authorities to raise £2bn to fund social care

Additional £600m investment in mental health services

“Simon Stevens shows his influence”

**Analysis**

“NHS England chief executive Simon Stevens showed his influence by securing a better than expected deal for the NHS, but at the expense of other health bodies like Public Health England and Health Education England – the latter suffering £1.2bn of cuts. Stevens must now use these funds to take forward the Five Year Forward View – a challenge given how the poor health prevention pillar has been undermined. The intended £2bn for social care is welcome, but unlikely to be raised in full, leaving gap in the £3bn figure needed to prevent deep running issues such as bed blocking”.

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