Where next for general practice?

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Is there a crisis?

- **GPs quit NHS in England at rate of 400 a month**
- **Satisfaction with GP services at record low**
- **General practice lost more than 700 GP partners in 2017**
- **NHS to spend £100m bringing in up to 3,000 GPs from abroad**
- **Soaring complaints against GPs as it becomes harder to get an appointment**
Why is there a crisis?

It’s very hard to say!

- No nationally available data on activity and workload
- Current estimates of activity created from analysis of records last carried out in 2008
- Surveys and rising complaints suggest unmet demand
Our work

Quantitative data from TPP ResearchOne and workload survey of practices

Qualitative data from practices around the country and from GP trainees.
What did we find?
So if anyone ten years ago had said: “Here’s what the NHS should now do - cut the share of funding for primary care and grow the number of hospital specialists three times faster than GPs”, they’d have been laughed out of court. But looking back over a decade, that’s exactly what’s happened.
What can be done?

Do more, faster?
What can be done?

Do it differently?
Innovative models of general practice

Our new project will consider general practice fit for the future

➤ What is general practice supposed to do?

➤ What do people want from general practice?

➤ What do we know about how innovative practices in the UK and internationally are addressing these issues?
But change will be difficult
How can we support general practice to change?

- Learning from others mistakes and successes
- Access to appropriate skills
- Appropriate and sufficient resources

What else?
Thank you

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