

## K E Y Q U E S T I O N S

**What has our Trust learned from WTD 2004?**

**How can we be best prepared for 2009?**

**Do we have the right clinical networks in place?**

**Have we implemented Hospital at Night?**

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# Working Time Directive

Why these questions can help

Virtually all Trusts are now compliant with the 2004 WTD for Doctors in training but some experienced teething problems implementing it in a few specialties, and many found it difficult. The 2009 challenge will be tougher. The NHS needs to build on successes to date and plan arrangements that are sustainable. Solutions should not assume that there will be a significant increase in staffing numbers to achieve WTD 2009.

Organisations need to identify sustainable co-operative solutions within robust clinical networks, whilst recognising other government priorities such as commissioning a patient led NHS, NSFs, system reform, 18 week waits and MMC. Building good network relationships with other Trusts will be essential, and takes time.

Hospital at Night is a model of care that achieves effective clinical care by having one or more multidisciplinary teams working in the hospital, who between them have the full range of skills and competencies to meet patients' immediate needs. Trusts that have implemented Hospital at Night or something similar already have experience of thinking differently about service delivery and this experience can be built on to meet the 48 hour week in 2009.

