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Dr Tony Romero Responds to NHS Confederation Report

Responding to the recent report "[No wrong door: a vision for mental health, autism and learning disability services in 2032](#)" issued by the NHS Confederation today, Dr Tony Romero, CEO of leading healthcare company Cygnet Health Care has lent his support to the visions and themes outlined.

He said:

"I applaud the vision set out in No Wrong Door and implore the NHS to work alongside the independent sector to make the vision a reality and tackle the nationwide mental health crisis.

"The report places much needed emphasis on how the government must focus more resources on prevention, as well as enhancing the availability of mental health support through expansion and transformation of mental health services. We need to encourage and educate people to take good care of their mental health on a day-to-day basis.

"It also rightly mentions the need for a stronger workforce. Future-proofing the workforce by motivating and rewarding healthcare staff is essential. In our line of work, people are everything. Good care gives the patient the best chance of recovery. I believe the independent sector can support the NHS to optimise its use of flexible staffing. Sector partners should form region-wide staff banks which has the advantage of ensuring good standards of staffing, and offers opportunities for training which are unavailable to those who work unplanned agency shifts.

"Finally, it highlights the need to see the person as a whole. Cygnet Health Care believes there is a need for an innovative approach to care and after-care that involves families more. This will help meet the vision of whole-person care. Parity of esteem was enshrined in the UK in 2012 but the laudable aim still requires more attention in this area. Families are too often the missing jigsaw piece. The ripple effect of mental illness can keep going if we don't do enough to support loved ones. Relatives can struggle with a lack of information but filling that void with good communication and greater awareness can help to reduce relapse rates."

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About Cygnet Health Care

Cygnet Health Care has been providing a national network of high-quality, specialised mental health services for the NHS and local authorities for the past 30 years.

Cygnet Health Care's pioneering services support people with complex and acute mental health needs across the UK.

As one of the best quality providers in mental health services in the country, Cygnet Health Care's focus is always on the best outcomes for those who use or commission its services. 85% of Cygnet's facilities are rated as good or outstanding, which is above the national average. www.cygnethealth.co.uk