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### LANSLEY WARNS BMA INDUSTRIAL ACTION THREAT WILL WIN 'NO CONCESSIONS' ON PENSIONS

Andrew Lansley has told the BMA ministers will not 're-open' key elements of its final pensions offer for further negotiation and has warned the threat or use of industrial action by doctors will secure 'no concessions'.

In a strongly-worded reply to BMA chair Dr Hamish Meldrum's formal rejection of the Government's final offer, Mr Lansley warned industrial action by doctors would 'harm patients'.

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### NURSES' UNION BACKS CALLS TO SCRAP HEALTH BILL



The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) has declared its opposition to the Health Bill 'in its entirety', in the latest blow to DH efforts to secure support for its NHS reforms from health professionals.

The RCN said the Bill posed a 'serious threat to the NHS' and did not deliver on the original aims of the reforms. It said the NHS will face a 'very bleak future' as a result of the Health Bill, the rising financial pressures and the public health challenge.

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## GPS TRIALLING PATIENT ACCESS MODEL SAVE £300,000

A practice trialing a pioneering access model under which GPs triage patients and book their appointments has saved hundreds of thousands of pounds in locum and salaried GP costs.

The three-partner practice in Leicester introduced the system last summer and immediately saw its average time from booking to appointment fall from 5.5 days to just over one day.



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## COMPETITIVE TENDERING WILL BE 'AS IMPORTANT' AS ANY QUALIFIED PROVIDER



Competitive tendering will be as significant as the use of any qualified provider in the reformed NHS; an influential commission is expected to conclude at the end of the month.

Health secretary Andrew Lansley has argued that AQP will do away with costly tendering processes and ensure providers compete on quality, not price.

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## EDIBLE MICROCHIPS COULD MONITOR UK PATIENTS' TEMPERATURE AND HEART RATE

Edible microchips could be used to monitor UK patients' temperature and heart rate, after a high street pharmacy signed up to market the devices later this year.

Lloyds Pharmacy plans to start selling Helius pills, developed by US company Proteus Biomedical, in September 2012. Helius pills monitor patients' reaction to treatments, and send the information to their mobile phone or computer. Helius contains a soluble microchip, which patients take alongside their usual medicine.



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