

Dear Sir,

Attached some views from the perspective of a Profesor of Physiotherapy Research.

yours faithfully

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Review Questions

### 1. Strength- **Capacity building for AHP's**

Department of Health personal awards have resulted in a concrete post- my research chair in physiotherapy at a research led University.

1985	DHSS Remedial Research Fellowship (£32K)
1997	Trent Region NHSE Health Services Research Training Fellowship (£98K)
1999	NHS R&D National Primary Care Research Development Award (£195K)
2000	National Primary Care Career Scientist Award (£421K)

Weakness- Lack of programme and infrastructure awards to support the personal awards (as was successful in Primary Care initiative).

### 2. Key Challenges

A barrier to moving AHP research forward is the division between aims of SHA in funding *training* programmes and the needs of an evidence led NHS. We need to develop a more academically skilled profession with the ability to access the opportunities that are clearly now available through Best Research for Best Health. Evidence for this is the appalling RAE performance of AHP Schools.

One solution would be for HEFCE to take on costs of training AHPs.

3. The quality of many small scale investigator led studies in AHP and nursing are of very poor quality and what they deliver is questionable.
4. Clearly for a service organisation there are clear priorities and the HTA is successful and appropriate.

5. Again, very little AHP education is research based. Lessons from Australia where clinicians and researchers help determine the educator run curriculum could vastly improve this. Improving the research skills of educators would help too.

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7. Improve personal reward

No further comments