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MEPs Interested in Health



“While healthcare is not a direct competence of the EU, it is crucial that all EU Member States continue to work together to improve healthcare in every European country. Next to MRSA, the prevention of sharp injuries is an important topic and I regret the social partners delayed the legislative process, just at a time the Commission was ready! Let’s see with what Social Partners will come up within the coming months”, Elizabeth Lynne, MEP.

The EFN is taking part in the exhibition organised by Health First Europe (HFE) in the European Parliament, from 6 to 9 January 2009, under the patronage of the MEP Elizabeth Lynne, to raise awareness on health in the EU.

Healthcare quality, patient safety and skill mix/needs need to be high on the political agenda and more MEPs start to be interested prior to elections. The adoption of a proposal for a “Health Services Directive” and the adoption of a Communication and a proposal for a Council Recommendation on Patient Safety, including the prevention and control of Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAIs) and the launch of the Green paper on the EU Workforce for Health are concrete policy initiatives in which the European Parliament will be involved. The awareness week was therefore an excellent opportunity to achieve MEPs attention.



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