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#### **The Sickness Absence Review: what will it mean for occupational physicians? Faculty conference: 14 December**

The newly published [Government Sickness Absence Review](#) will be discussed at the Faculty conference on 14 December.

The conference will be addressed by Dame Carol Black, one of the authors of the Review, and Dr Bill Gunnyeon, who will play a key role in the Government's response.

The outcome of the Review will have implications for all occupational physicians. What are the implications of the proposed new Independent Assessment Service? How would the proposed tax relief on employers' expenditure on medical treatments work? How would the job-brokering service impact on long-term sick employees?

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With best wishes

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