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To:
Utskottet för Välfärd i Norden

From:
Nordiska rådet för Yngre Läkare (NRYL)

Question on the committee's position on closer cooperation regarding the future need for healthcare personnel

Dear committee members,

We are five organisations that together represent 50,000 pre-specialist doctors in the Nordic region. Today, there is a major shortage of specialised doctors throughout the Nordic region. At the same time, young doctors often face bottlenecks in the education system.

There is a need of organizing specialist training, in all the Nordic countries, to meet the future needs of the healthcare. This includes all training programs, and especially specialist training to manage the treatment of more elderly patients, more chronic patients, more patients with multiple conditions, and more psychiatric patients. Both medical and technological developments will lead to many more treatment options, and overall, the healthcare system will be under pressure.

In our opinion we need to be better in predicting the need for medical specialists. We believe we need to get a comprehensive picture of the demand for specialists in the Nordic countries, and maybe we can start by exchanging data and knowledge about the expected future demand for specialists.

Security policy situation and climate policy challenges are urgent and come on top of the challenges that national healthcare systems already are experiencing and only make the overall planning and forecasting task even more complicated. Precisely for this reason, a joint effort is needed.

Question to the Committee: How can we better collaborate in the Nordic region to get a clearer understanding of the future need for medical specialists and healthcare personnel in general?

Yours sincerely,
Nordiska rådet för yngre läkare

- Félag almennra lækna (FAL) – Iceland
- Sveriges yngre läkares förening (SYLF) – Sweden
- Nuorten Lääkärien Yhdistys (NLY) - Finland
- Yngre legers forening (YLF) - Norway
- Yngre Læger (YL) - Denmark