

## Westminster Health Forum Keynote Seminar

### Realising the potential of Allied Health Professionals: policy priorities, integration and service redesign

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Venue: Royal Over-Seas League, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Cumberlege**, former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health and Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Health Group
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Challenges and opportunities for Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)**  
**Suzanne Rastrick**, Chief Allied Health Professions Officer, NHS England  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.40 **AHPs and the third sector: opportunities for collaboration**  
**Tom Wright**, Group Chief Executive, Age UK
- 9.40 - 10.30 **The developing role of AHPs: prevention, integration and independent prescribing**  
*In what further ways can AHPs be utilised through service reconfiguration; what role should the professions play in delivering the 7-day and integrated care agendas? What examples exist of AHPs working as part of multi-disciplinary teams to improve outcomes in intermediate and community care, and for patients with long-term conditions, and how can best practice be disseminated? In what ways can patient direct access to AHPs be improved; should self-referral be promoted? What opportunities exist for AHPs to engage in 'healthy conversations' with service users in order to promote good public health? How has giving prescribing rights to physiotherapists and podiatrists improved health outcomes for patients, and with NHS England looking at developing independent prescribing for paramedics and radiographers, what are the priorities for extending non-medical prescribing to other professions?*  
**Dr Fiona McCullough**, Honorary Secretary and Chair-elect, British Dietetic Association  
**Richard Evans**, Chief Executive Officer, Society and College of Radiographers  
**John Martin**, Vice-Chair, College of Paramedics  
**Dr Alan Borthwick**, Chair, Medicines and Medical Devices Committee, College of Podiatry  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Tom Wright**, Group Chief Executive, Age UK
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**  
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**Baroness Cumberlege**, former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health and Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Health Group
- 11.10 - 11.20 **Securing the future supply of AHPs**  
**Professor Ieuan Ellis**, Dean, Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, Leeds Beckett University
- 11.20 - 11.30 **Raising and developing standards**  
**Dr Anna van der Gaag**, Chair, Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- 11.30 - 11.40 **Developing non-medical prescribing**  
**Helen Marriott**, AHP Medicines Project Lead, NHS England
- 11.40 - 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.30 **Collaboration, new models of care, and utilising the skills of AHPs**  
*How can it be ensured that commissioners are consulting with AHPs on strategic and commissioning decisions, and what steps are being taken to involve them in the development of clinical pathways? What more can be done to promote the role of AHPs in the delivery of health and social care; are AHPs doing enough to self-advocate their work? How can challenges for commissioning AHP services – such as large numbers of AHPs having their primary role commissioned by sectors other than the NHS – be tackled? Following improvements in AHP-delivered stroke care since the inclusion of quality measurements in the National Stroke Audit, what more should be done to measure the impact and effectiveness of AHPs as part of multi-disciplined approaches to service delivery? How can wider challenges for the AHP workforce – such as less money for training places, a shortage of senior and specialist staff, and demand from multiple sectors – be addressed?*  
**Bryony Simpson**, Deputy Medical Director, Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and former Chair, The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists  
**Professor Kate Springett**, Head of School of Allied Health Professions, Canterbury Christ Church University  
**Debbie Moores**, Allied Health Professions Lead, South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Next steps for allied health professionals**  
**Linda Hindle**, Lead Allied Health Professional, Public Health England  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**  
**Baroness Cumberlege**, former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health and Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Health Group  
**Sam Dolton**, Westminster Health Forum