

**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:  
Priorities for improving maternity services and care**

*Timing: Morning, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

**\*\*\*Taking Place Online\*\*\***



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Helen Morgan MP**, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Baby Loss
- 9.05 **Evaluating the strategic direction for improving the standard and quality of maternity care**  
**Sandy Lewis**, Associate Director, Maternity Investigation Programme, Maternity and Newborn Safety Investigations  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing the current safety standards of maternity services**  
*Developing effective pathways | Improving team-working | Collaboration and communication between services | Listening to patients and improving their experience | Promoting best practice | Data, information and knowledge sharing*  
**Sian Brown**, Partner, Browne Jacobson  
**Dr Giles Thorpe**, Executive Chief Nursing Officer, NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board  
**Dr Clea Harmer**, Chief Executive, SANDS  
**Antoniya Georgieva**, Research Group Leader, University of Oxford  
Senior representative, midwifery  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Priorities for the maternity workforce: assessing education, training and retention in the workforce**  
**Gill Walton**, Chief Executive, Royal College of Midwives  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Helen Morgan MP**, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Baby Loss
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Theo Clarke MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Birth Trauma
- 11.05 **Improving care**  
*Addressing key challenges for improvement | Tackling inequalities | Improving access to support and information | Next steps for developing personalised approaches of care for pregnant women*  
**Karen Middleton**, Head of Campaigns and Policy, Maternal Mental Health Alliance  
**Sandra Igwe**, Chief Executive, The Motherhood Group  
Senior representative, public health  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **Priorities for post-partum care**  
*Continuity of care during the transition from hospital to home | Assessing well-being and safeguarding newborns*  
**Dr Miriam Donaghy**, Chief Executive Officer, MumsAid  
**Tracy Denmade**, Patient Experience Midwife, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust  
Senior representative, research  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for improving the quality and safety of maternity care**  
**Nicola Wise**, Director for Secondary and Specialist Healthcare, Care Quality Commission  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**  
**Theo Clarke MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Birth Trauma  
**Jessica Lear**, Westminster Health Forum