# **Westminster Health Forum Keynote Seminar:**

Key issues in clinical negligence: funding, early intervention and the future of NHS Resolution

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 14th September 2017

Venue: Congress Centre, 28 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS

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8.30 - 9.00	Registration and coffee	н
9.00 - 9.05	Chair's opening remarks Eleanor Smith MP	

#### 9.05 - 9.35 Priorities for NHS Resolution and the implementation of its five year strategy

Helen Vernon, Chief Executive, NHS Resolution Questions and comments from the floor

## 9.35 - 9.55 'Clinical negligence - what works for patients?'

Sir Robert Francis QC, President, Patients Association and Chair, Freedom to Speak Up Review Questions and comments from the floor

# 9.55 - 10.05 'Getting it Right First Time - to improve quality outcomes for patients and reduce unwanted variation

and litigation with the NHS'

Professor Tim Briggs, Chair, GIRFT; National Director, Clinical Quality and Efficiency, NHS Improvement and Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust

# 10.05 - 10.55 Key issues for prevention and early intervention: safety failures, reducing 'frustration claims' and creating a learning culture

With NHS Resolution projecting the cost of clinical negligence to rise to £2.7 billion by 2019/2020, what procedures need to be put in place by trusts, regulators and other stakeholders to help tackle the rising cost of harm in the NHS? In creating a learning culture, how can lessons from patient safety failures be incorporated to improve future practice and what can be done to reduce instances of such failures being attached to individual members? As NHS Resolution identifies intervention as one of its priorities, what more can be done to address issues at an earlier stage and reduce the number of 'frustration claims'?

Peter Walsh, Chief Executive, Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA)

Suzanne Trask, Member, Executive Committee, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers

Sarah Barclay, Founder, The Medical Mediation Foundation

Dr Diana Hamilton-Fairley, Medical Director, Medway NHS Foundation Trust and Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Questions and comments from the floor with Professor Tim Briggs, Chair, GIRFT; National Director, Clinical Quality and Efficiency, NHS Improvement and Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust

# 10.55 - 11.00 Chair's closing remarks

**Eleanor Smith MP** 

11.00 - 11.25 Coffee

#### 11.25 - 11.30 Chair's opening remarks

Baroness Cumberlege, National Maternity Review, NHS England

### 11.30 - 11.40 Managing the costs of clinical negligence in trusts: key findings from the NAO report

Jenny George, Director, Health Value for Money Audit, National Audit Office

### 11.40 - 11.50 The potential impact of the Rapid Resolution and Redress (RRR) scheme for severe avoidable birth injury

Dr Sonia Macleod, Researcher, The Swiss Re/CMS Programme for Civil Justice Systems, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford

11.50 - 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor

# 12.00 - 12.50 Next steps for tackling the rising costs of clinical negligence: funding, insurance and reducing formal litigation

What effect would the Department of Health's proposed fixed recoverable costs scheme have on clinical negligence? What needs to be implemented with regard to early intervention, RRR and creating a learning culture to succeed in reducing the rising costs of the Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts (CNST), and what other approaches to cost reduction might be considered? With concerns about the impact of the change to the 'Ogden' discount rate on the costs of clinical negligence, how can these issues best be addressed? Following changes to the NHS Standard Contract as set out in the Next Steps on the NHS Five Year Forward View, what will be the effect of law firms being banned from marketing their services on NHS premises?

Paul McNeil, Partner, Medical Negligence and Head of Personal Injury, Fieldfisher

Dr Christine Tomkins, Chief Executive, Medical Defence Union

Paul Winner, Director, Resolve Mark 2 Senior representative, insurance Senior representative, secondary care Questions and comments from the floor

#### 12.50 - 12.55 **Keynote concluding remarks**

Ian Dilks, Chair, NHS Resolution

### 12.55 - 13.00 Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks

Baroness Cumberlege, National Maternity Review, NHS England Sam Dolton, Senior Producer, Westminster Health Forum

