



## Westminster Health Forum Keynote Seminar

### Developing clinical senates and networks: commissioning, integration and efficiency

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Venue: Central London

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Thornton**, Shadow Minister for Health
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Clinical senates and networks within the reformed health service**  
**Dr Rebecca Rosen**, Senior Fellow, The Nuffield Trust  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 9.35 **Utilising expertise and improving leadership**  
**David Stout**, Deputy Chief Executive, NHS Confederation
- 9.35 - 9.45 **Commissioning and clinical networks – engaging the healthcare profession**  
**Stephen Foster**, National Network Lead, Healthcare Professionals Commissioning Network (HPCPN)
- 9.45 - 10.35 **Building clinical expertise and enabling effective informed commissioning - the role of clinical senates**  
*How will clinical senates work with other newly-formed bodies such as the NHS Commissioning Board in the reformed NHS to provide an integrated and efficient health service? How should the relationship between clinical senates and clinical commissioning groups be managed to ensure that expertise is provided with commissioning services, whilst also ensuring that senates do not 'interfere with or constrain' the work of clinical commissioning groups? How should clinical senates work to combine local oversight with clinical leadership to deliver optimum outcomes for patients? What can clinical senates learn from the experience of previous clinical networks across the NHS?*  
**Howard Catton**, Head, Policy Development and Implementation, Royal College of Nursing (RCN)  
**Dr Peter Weaving**, GP and Joint Chair, Clinical Senate, NHS Cumbria  
**Ross Clark**, Partner, Hempsons  
**Victoria Bleazard**, Associate Director of Policy, Research and Activism, Rethink Mental Illness  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Stephen Foster**, National Network Lead, Healthcare Professionals Commissioning Network (HPCPN) and **David Stout**, Deputy Chief Executive, NHS Confederation
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chairman's closing remarks**  
**Baroness Thornton**, Shadow Minister for Health
- 10.40 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Mark Simmonds MP**, Co-Chair, Associate Parliamentary Health Group
- 11.10 - 11.40 **The role, scope and function of clinical senates and networks**  
**Dr Kathy McLean**, Clinical Transitions Director, Department of Health  
Questions and comments on the floor
- 11.40 - 11.50 **Implementation and managing the transition**  
**Dr Michael Dixon**, Chairman, NHS Alliance
- 11.50 - 12.45 **The role of clinical networks in specialised commissioning**  
*What will be the role of existing clinical networks in the commissioning structures of the reformed health service? What can be done to ensure that existing and newly-formed clinical networks are strengthened and able to provide support to clinical commissioning groups on specific areas of care, such as cancer? How will clinical networks work alongside clinical senates, clinical commissioning groups and the NHS commissioning board to deliver well-informed integrated care? How can clinical networks work together with other NHS organisations to promote and disseminate good practice? How will senates be involved in the quality aspects of clinical commissioning groups' annual assessment? What will the NHS Commissioning Board do to ensure clinical senates cover a greater range of specialised areas? What relationship will the clinical networks have with Monitor?*  
**John Murray**, Director, Specialised Healthcare Alliance  
**Sunita Berry**, Network Director, Avon, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Somerset Cardiac and Stroke Network  
**Professor Ann Jacklin**, Chief Pharmacist, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust  
**Professor Terence Stephenson**, Vice Chair, Advisory Group for National Specialised Services  
**Dr Angus Bell**, Clinical Director of Adult Mental Health, NHS North East Strategic Health Authority  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Michael Dixon**, Chairman, NHS Alliance
- 12.45 - 12.55 **Clinical senates and networks: moving forward**  
**Dr Kathy McLean**, Clinical Transitions Director, Department of Health
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**  
**Mark Simmonds MP**, Co-Chair, Associate Parliamentary Health Group  
**Michael Ryan**, Executive Producer, Westminster Health Forum