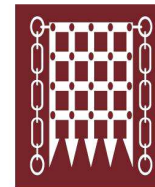


Westminster Health Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for eye health and visual impairment

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 24th October 2017

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Low of Dalston
- 9.05 - 9.20 **Priorities for tackling hospital pressures and the developing role of the Clinical Council for Eye Health Commissioning**
David Parkins, Chair, Clinical Council for Eye Health Commissioning; Chair, London Eye Health Network; Council Member, General Optical Council and Immediate Past-President, College of Optometrists
- 9.20 - 9.30 **Public eye health and improving the prevention of avoidable blindness**
Parul Desai, Consultant Ophthalmologist, Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- 9.30 - 9.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 - 10.35 **Challenges and opportunities for eye health services: demand, new care models and tackling unwarranted variation**
What challenges, including the potential closure of hospitals, will delivering Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs) present for the eye health sector; and what opportunities might the shift towards population-based healthcare and accountable care systems bring for improving the pathway of care? With NHS England's recently published 'Next steps on the Five Year Forward View' document removing the waiting time standard for elective care as a priority, what further measures need to be taken to relieve waits for surgery? With the Getting it Right First Time (GIRFT) report on ophthalmology due to report at the end of the year, how can commissioners and providers generate cost savings, improve quality and reduced unwarranted variation in ophthalmic care, and how should examples of best practice be disseminated across the wider health sector? In light of the publication of 'AHPs into Action', which put forward how allied health professionals such as orthoptists could be best utilised to deliver STPs, how could new workforce models involving the wider disciplinary team in eye health improve the delivery of care and improve hospital capacity? In light of financial pressures on public health and social care services, what more should be done to further support eye care in the community to prevent admissions and avoidable sight loss?
Veronica Greenwood, Chair Designate, British and Irish Orthoptic Society and Head Orthoptist, Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Speaker confirmed from **SeeAbility**
Senior representative, Sustainability and Transformation Partnership
Senior representative, primary care
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Low of Dalston
- 10.40 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 - 11.25 **Case study: 'Delivering improved eye health across Greater Manchester'**
Dharmesh Patel, Chair, Greater Manchester Local Eye Health Network and Chair, Primary Care Advisory Group, Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 - 11.45 **The potential impact of new NICE guidance - glaucoma, age-related macular degeneration and cataract surgery**
Senior speakers to be confirmed
- 11.45 - 12.05 **Next steps for research and development: drug discovery, repurposing medicines and translational research**
Richard Marsh, Chair, Industry Vision Group, and Head of Market Access, Allergan
Senior representative, research
- 12.05 - 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **'The Way Forward' - priorities for policy**
Michael Burdon, President-Elect, Royal College of Ophthalmologists
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Matthew Bradberry, Forum Lead, Westminster Health Forum