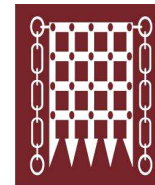


**Westminster Health Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for eye care services and treating visual impairment: quality, innovation and STPs**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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 - 9.15 **'Priorities for tackling hospital pressures and the strategy of the Clinical Council for Eye Health Commissioning'**  
**David Parkins**, Vice-Chair, Clinical Council for Eye Health Commissioning; Chair, London Eye Health Network; Council Member, General Optical Council and Immediate Past-President, College of Optometrists
- 9.15 - 9.25 **'Ophthalmic public health and improving reported outcomes'**  
**Parul Desai**, Chair, Clinical Council for Eye Health Commissioning and Consultant Ophthalmologist, Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- 9.25 - 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.20 **Key issues for eye care services: demand, new care models and tackling unwarranted variation**  
*How does the development of Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs) and the shift towards population-based healthcare affect frontline services, including improving the eye care pathway, enhancing community services and reducing waiting times? 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 present its findings at the end of the year, how can the wider health sector generate cost savings, improve quality and reduce unwarranted variation in ophthalmic care? In light of the publication of 'AHPs into Action', which puts 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 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 unnecessary admissions?*  
**Veronica Greenwood**, Chair Designate, British and Irish Orthoptic Society and Head of Orthoptic Services, Manchester Royal Eye Hospital  
**Lisa Donaldson**, Clinical Lead Optometrist, Children in Focus Campaign, SeeAbility  
**Katrina Venerus**, Clinical Director, Local Optical Committee Support Unit  
**Keith Valentine**, Chief Executive Officer, Vision UK  
Senior representative, local authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 10.40 **The developing role of regulation and optical education**  
**Vicky McDermott**, Chief Executive and Registrar, General Optical Council  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 - 11.25 **'The Way Forward' - priorities for policy**  
**Michael Burdon**, President, Royal College of Ophthalmologists
- 11.25 - 11.35 **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
- 11.35 - 12.05 **Key issues for research, innovation and adoption of new eye treatments**  
*Funding eye research, drug discovery and preventing sight loss*  
**Michele Acton**, Chief Executive, Fight for Sight and Co-Chair, Eye Research Committee, Vision UK  
*The potential impact of new NICE guidance - glaucoma, age-related macular degeneration and cataract surgery*  
Speaker to be confirmed  
*Accelerating access to eye treatment and meeting patient demand*  
**Richard Marsh**, Chair, Industry Vision Group and Head of Market Access, Allergan
- 12.05 - 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Next steps for NHS England and reducing waiting times for elective surgery**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed  
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