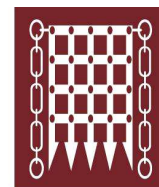


Westminster Health Forum Keynote Seminar
Priorities for health and clinical research: funding, Brexit and the future for Academic Health Science Networks

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 4th July 2017

Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Cumberlege, former Chair, Association of Medical Research Charities and former Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health
- 9.05 - 9.20 **Priorities for investment in medical science**
Dr Declan Mulkeen, Chief of Strategy, Medical Research Council
- 9.20 - 9.30 **Next steps for the 100,000 Genomes Project and developing a genomics medicine service for the NHS**
Dr Tom Fowler, Deputy Chief Scientist and Director of Public Health, Genomics England
- 9.30 - 9.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 - 10.40 **The future for collaboration, funding and Academic Health Science Networks (AHSNs)**
What steps are needed by academia, industry and the NHS to develop and improve the sharing of learning and how can AHSNs and the growing field of translational research also improve coordination in this area? What are the wider prospects for future collaboration in research, and what should be considered as part of the possible renewal of licences for AHSNs to help improve outcomes? With NIHR funding announced for clinical research facilities and staff, what further opportunities are there to enable NHS organisations to contribute to health research? How effectively has public and patient participation in research been utilised, what lessons have been learnt from initiatives like Join Dementia Research and the 100,000 Genomes Project on patient engagement and what further opportunities are there for future crowdsourced research?
Simon Denegri, National Director for Patients and the Public in Research, National Institute for Health Research and Chair, INVOLVE
Dr Liz Mear, Chair, The AHSN Network and Chief Executive, The Innovation Agency - Academic Health Science Network for the North West Coast
Professor Richard Byng, Deputy Director, PenCLAHRC, National Institute for Health Research and Professor, Primary Care Research, Plymouth University
Rob Thomas, Head of Strategic National Accounts, Boehringer Ingelheim
Chris Poole, Outcomes Research Team Manager, Boehringer Ingelheim
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.45 **Key issues for regulation: transparency, the approval process and creating a 'fertile environment' for clinical trials**
Professor Jonathan Montgomery, Chair, Health Research Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 - 12.30 **Challenges for medical research: Brexit, improving coordination and developing the life sciences industrial strategy**
In light of the UK vote to leave the European Union, how will the uncertain future of Horizon 2020 funding impact clinical research in the UK, and of EU residents working in health research? As part of the renegotiation process, how can the new EU Clinical Trials Regulation be incorporated into UK law in order to maintain the UK's place as a centre for clinical trials? How will the formation of the UK Research Institute increase the coordination of health research? What more can be done to address research needs in areas not of clinical priority, and how can support from third sector improve this? With a life sciences industrial strategy currently being developed, how can Government address challenges in improving the adoption of proven innovations, ensuring funding for the development of advanced therapies and regenerative medicines and guaranteeing a clear regulatory landscape for medicines?
Dr Virginia Acha, Executive Director, Research, Medical and Innovation, ABPI
Dr Liz Philpots, Head of Research and Impact, Association of Medical Research Charities
Dr Beth Thompson, Head of Policy (UK and EU), Wellcome Trust
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **'Funding health research to address future health needs'**
Dr Tony Soteriou, Deputy Director and Head of NHS Research Faculty, Infrastructure and Growth, Science, Research and Evidence, Department of Health
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Cumberlege, former Chair, Association of Medical Research Charities and former Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health
Sam Dolton, Senior Producer, Westminster Health Forum