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8.45 - 9.00       Registration

9.00 - 9.05       Chairman’s opening remark
Lord Patel, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Maternity

9.05 - 9.45       Maternity Matters and the National Service Framework (NSF) for Children, Young People and Maternity Services
Themes: To what extent have the objectives in ‘Maternity Matters’ been met and how successful has it been on the ground? Where are we in terms of providing all women with a real choice around the type of maternity care that they receive? How can the achievements of Maternity Matters be built upon looking forward to the 2014 implementation deadline for the NSF for Children, Young People and Maternity Services?
Jane Verity, Head of Maternity, First Years and Families, Department of Health
Suzanne Cunningham, Clinical Director for Maternity & Newborn, South Central Strategic Health Authority (SHA)
Questions and comments from the floor

9.45 - 10.40    Independent appraisal of Maternity Matters and improving delivery of services on the ground
Themes: What impact have Maternity Matters and the NSF had on frontline delivery of services and on frontline staff? Has the strategy improved women’s choice about the type of maternity and antenatal care they receive? What more can be done to support staff in the successful implementation of the NSF?
Louise Silverton, Deputy General Secretary, Royal College of Midwives
Professor Sabaratnam Arulkumaran, President, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
Belinda Phipps, Chief Executive, The National Childbirth Trust
Yana Richens, Joint-Editor-in-Chief, British Journal of Midwifery and Consultant Midwife, University College London Hospital
Questions and comments from the floor

10.40 - 11.10 The regulation of maternity services
Themes: What are the key challenges for the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in regulating maternity services? What steps are the CQC taking in order to ensure that maternity services are monitored regularly and thoroughly? What more can be done to promote best practice? Progress made towards the development of a new ‘Children’s Health Strategy’ which will cover children’s and maternity services.
Andrea Holder, Strategy Manager, Children and Maternity Services, CQC
Questions and comments from the floor

11.10 - 11.15 Chairman’s closing remarks
Lord Patel, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Maternity

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Earl of Listowel, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Maternity

11.45 - 12.45 Reducing inequalities, improving patient choice while ensuring patient safety in maternity care - meeting the challenges of the NSF
Themes: What more can be done to improve patient choice, improve patient safety and maintain continuity of midwifery care and support? To what extent will Professor Sir Michael Marmot’s review into health inequalities be linked in with work taking place to reduce inequalities in maternity care services? What challenges are posed by rising levels of obesity, diabetes and other public health issues in pregnant women? In addition to this what more can be done to meet the challenges of the NSF and to ensure that all children are given the best start to life?
Vivien Bell, Head of Midwifery, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital
Sara Johnson, Head of Child Health and Maternity Care, National Patient Safety Agency
Jill Demilew, Consultant Midwife, King’s College Hospital, NHS Foundation Trust
Rob Williams, Chief Executive, The Fatherhood Institute
Susanne Cox, Service Improvement Lead, Safer Births, The King’s Fund
Questions and comments from the floor

12.45 - 12.55 Conclusion and the next steps
Jane Verity, Head of Maternity, First Years and Families, Department of Health

12.55 - 13.00 Chairman’s & Westminster Health Forum closing remarks
Earl of Listowel, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Maternity
Michael Ryan, Senior Producer, Westminster Health Forum

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