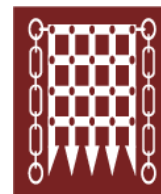


**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Next steps for AI in UK healthcare - development, regulation and implementation**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Key considerations for regulation of AI in UK healthcare**
Professor Alastair Denniston, Chair, UK National Commission on the Regulation of AI in Healthcare
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **The future role of AI in UK health services - development, implementation, and sector growth**
Senior representative, industry
- 9.40 **Priorities for innovation, safety, funding, market access and scaling in AI healthcare**
investment priorities and routes to adoption / utilising and channelling digital and AI funding / regulatory certainty for AI and Software as a Medical Device / insights from MHRA's AI Airlock programme / approval routes and market access for diagnostic AI / supporting safe scaling across multiple trusts / addressing interoperability challenges with NHS digital infrastructure and legacy systems / data governance and the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 / consent models, research collaboration, and maintaining public confidence / data quality and the accuracy of health records as a constraint on AI performance
Professor Angela Wood, Professor, Health Data Science, British Heart Foundation Data Science Centre
Senior representative, research
Senior representative, NHS
Senior representative, procurement
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Latest developments in the AI Airlock sandbox and next steps for regulation**
Professor Gabriela Commatteo, Head, AI Regulation, Policy and Projects, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Evans of Rainow
- 11.10 **Safety and public confidence in AI, quality of care, and automated decision-making**
frameworks for proportionate risk-based regulation for healthcare AI / addressing regulatory gaps alongside supporting innovation / safety, accountability, and liability for AI-enabled clinical tools / evidence requirements for safe and timely deployment / tackling bias and inequity in AI systems, including impacts related to accents and dialects / priorities for data security, information governance, and clinical confidentiality / frameworks for governance and human oversight in automated decision-making / implications for AI-assisted triage and eligibility assessments / using AI to support learning from patient safety incidents and engagement with PSIRF
Dr Sheikh Mateen Ellahi, GP Partner and Clinical Safety Officer, Elm Tree Medical Centre
Majid Hassan, Partner, Capsticks Solicitors
Senior representative, patients
Senior representative, technology
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **Assessing next steps for AI integration in the NHS - infrastructure, skills, trust, and efficiency**
scaling AI from pilots to wider adoption across the NHS / reducing duplication and costs associated with isolated pilot projects / centralised and standardised deployment models / digital capability, readiness, and infrastructure gaps / interoperability and integration with existing systems / organisational capacity for change and tackling siloed working / patient engagement and transparency about how AI is used in care / next steps for AI-enabled functionality in the NHS App / pilots and safeguards for generative AI symptom checkers and triage / health and digital literacy requirements for safe use / workforce skills for managing data and interpreting AI insights / leadership and capability building when time and resources are pressured / adapting to evolving roles and system-wide capacity impacts
Professor Colin Fleming, Consultant Dermatologist, British Association of Dermatologists, and Director, Innovation, NHS Tayside
Senior representative, digital
Senior representative, skills
Senior representative, industry
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Priorities for policy and the use of AI in UK healthcare**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Lord Evans of Rainow
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum