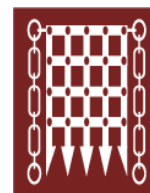


**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Next steps for cancer policy in England - research, prevention and care**

Timing: Morning, Friday, 9th May 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Dr Scott Arthur MP
- 9.05 **Developing the National Cancer Plan - key priorities to improve cancer care and outcomes in England**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for cancer prevention and next steps for national screening, diagnostics and early detection**
integrating prevention into long-term cancer care planning | growing screening capacity | strategies for increasing screening uptake | improving accessibility of screening, particularly in underserved areas | priorities for screening technologies, and early indications from the AI breast cancer screening trial | expanding community diagnostic centres | tackling regional and socio-economic inequalities in diagnosis | potential for genomics and biomarker testing
Chiara De Biase, Director of Health Services, Equity and Improvement, Prostate Cancer UK
Dr Sarah Taylor, Associate Medical Director, Early Diagnosis and Primary Care, Greater Manchester Cancer Alliance; and GP Lead, GatewayC
Dr Bernie Croal, President, Royal College of Pathologists
Professor Marc Gunter, Professor and Chair, Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics; and Co-Director, Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention Research Unit, Imperial College London
Dr Elizabeth Towers, System Clinical Lead for Cancer and Alliance Clinical Cancer Care Lead, NHS Mid and South Essex
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Patient priorities for the National Cancer Plan - addressing challenges including financial pressures, and ensuring a person-centred approach in care**
Eve Byrne, Director, National System Change, Macmillan Cancer Support
- 10.30 **Improving care, treatment options, and outcomes for people of all ages living with cancer**
tackling regional and socio-economic inequalities in availability and access to treatment and cutting-edge therapies | options for addressing treatment funding and infrastructure challenges | enhancing patient voice in cancer policy, care and treatment decisions | improving public health education and cancer awareness campaigns | priorities for the reinstated Children and Young People Cancer Taskforce | cancer service integration and enhancing communication between care providers | strategies for supporting those working in cancer care | improving workforce planning, service delivery and patient outcomes
Rachel Kirby-Rider, Chief Executive, Young Lives vs Cancer
Dame Laura Lee, Chief Executive, Maggie's
Professor Rowan Pritchard Jones, Executive Medical Director, NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board
Dr Simon Vincent, Director, Research, Support and Influencing, Breast Cancer Now
Senior representative, cancer alliance
- 10.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Dr Scott Arthur MP
- 11.25 Break
- 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.40 **Priorities for R&I - identifying key focal areas for research to improve patient outcomes and addressing barriers to research application**
Dr Ian Walker, Executive Director, Policy Information and Communications, Cancer Research UK
- 11.50 **Maximising the impact of innovative research and the future outlook for harnessing technology in cancer care**
priorities for innovation in diagnosis and treatment innovation | use of AI for screening, diagnostics, and personalised treatment | bias, ethical considerations and data security | integration of AI-driven care models | the future for digital health records | expanding trials and implementation of innovative therapies | alignment between research priorities and NHS capabilities | international collaboration and opportunities for UK leadership | translational science in cancer research and driving clinically relevant research
Professor Ross Cagan, Director, McNab Centre for Cancer Innovation; and Regius Professor, Precision Medicine, University of Glasgow
Professor Geoff Hall, Professor, Digital Health and Cancer Medicine, University of Leeds
Julia Levy, Principal, Oncology Real World Solutions, UK and Ireland, IQVIA
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for integrating data, technology and AI advancements within the cancer pathway**
Dr Tom Roques, Vice-President, Clinical Oncology, The Royal College of Radiologists
- 12.40 **'Overarching policy priorities for UK cancer in the next decade'**
Professor Richard Sullivan, Director, Institute of Cancer Policy; and Co-Director, Centre for Conflict and Health Research
- 12.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum