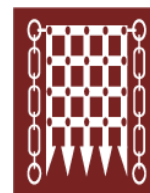


**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:  
Next steps for cancer policy in England - research, prevention and care**

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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*  
**Helen Gravestock**, Director, Policy, Influencing and Voice, 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 Parliamentary
- 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 Parliamentary  
**Jessica Lear**, Westminster Health Forum