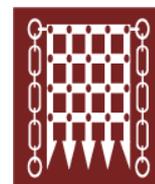


**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:  
Next steps for cancer policy in England**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Priorities for cancer diagnosis, treatment and care - assessing the role of the National Cancer Plan in addressing challenges and strengthening delivery**  
**Professor Mark Lawler**, Professor, Digital Health and Chair, Translational Cancer Genomics, Queen's University Belfast
- 9.15 **Evolving cancer pathways - survivorship, earlier diagnosis, and developing the role of patients**  
**Eve Byrne**, Director, National System Change, Macmillan Cancer Support
- 9.25 **Priorities for prevention, early diagnosis, and screening**  
*strategies for strengthening public awareness and community engagement | the role of school and workplace health promotion | community-level programmes for high-risk groups | public health, including restrictions on HFSS food volume promotions | access to screening | reducing inequalities and improving access for hard-to-reach groups | implementing Jess's rule and developing workforce education | addressing pressures in primary care | use of genomics in inherited conditions | alignment with women and men's health strategies | assessing priority groups for screening and expansion of newborn screening | the UK National Screening Committee's consultation on prostate cancer screening | practical implementation of the Faster Diagnosis Standard | use of AI-enabled triage in early diagnosis pathways*  
**Dr Anup Shah**, Clinical Director, Primary Care in Potters Bar; and Co-Director, Hertsmeare Neighbourhood, Central East ICB  
Senior representative, diagnostics  
Senior representative, screening  
Senior representative, public health
- 9.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 **Learning from approaches to cancer care pathways outside England**  
Senior representative, international
- 10.20 **Assessing the way forward for system reform, neighbourhood care, and workforce transformation**  
*assessing commitments set out in the National Cancer Plan and NHS 10 Year Health Plan | oversight and accountability arrangements | cross-departmental coordination | staffing and capacity for interpreting test results | use of the NHS App in improving follow-up pathways | the role of community diagnostic hubs | digital alternatives and managing risk of exclusion for patients | budget allocation within integrated care systems | mitigating disruption during transition | the future role and structure of cancer alliances | retaining and upskilling clinical staff | improving IT infrastructure and interoperability for clinicians | delivery of holistic needs assessments and personalised care plans | supporting patient access to care, including travel to and from services*  
**Susan Sinclair**, Managing Director, RM Partners West London Cancer Alliance  
**Dr Nicky Thorp**, Vice President, Clinical Oncology, The Royal College of Radiologists  
Senior representative, digital
- 10.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Assessing innovative cancer diagnostics, supporting equitable access for patients, and guiding adoption through real-world evidence**  
**Dr Sarah Byron**, Programme Director, HealthTech Strategy and Development, NICE  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Research, clinical trials and personalised treatment - priorities for innovation, AI, and equitable access**  
*criteria for selecting patients for genomic testing | funding models for personalised vaccines | equity in eligibility decisions | structures for faster ethical and contract approval | incentives for non-commercial and rare cancer trials | governance of AI-driven analysis | the role of the Health Data Research Service | assessing regulatory changes for clinical trials and personalised medicines | improving access to innovation | assessing variation in adoption | expanding vaccine trials through the NHS Cancer Vaccine Launch Pad | priorities for the Children and Young People Cancer Taskforce, including rarer cancers and age-specific needs*  
**Gary McAllister**, Chief Technology Officer, Healthcare and Public Sector, Dell Technologies  
Senior representative, research  
Senior representative, NHS  
Senior representative, genomics  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for delivering the National Cancer Plan**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Jessica Lear**, Westminster Health Forum