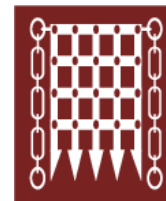


**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Next steps for clinical trials and research in the UK**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 11th March 2025

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Dr Peter Prinsley MP
- 9.05 **The current clinical research landscape and opportunities for growth**
Professor Andrew Ustianowski, Interim National Executive Director, RDN National Coordinating Centre, NIHR Research Delivery Network
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **'Making it easier to do clinical trials and research in the UK that people can trust'**
Becky Purvis, Director, Policy and Partnerships, Health Research Authority
- 9.45 **Priorities for streamlining clinical trials delivery and broadening options for participation**
developing new clinical trials hubs | priorities for regulation to support innovation | building clinical trials infrastructure | implementation of decentralised clinical trials | improving transparency and accessibility | priorities for workforce recruitment and retention | flexible sample sizes and treatment doses | identifying and catering to varying patient needs
Dr Catriona Manville, Director, Research Policy, Association of Medical Research Charities
Professor David Strain, Chair, Board of Science, and Academic Staff Committee, British Medical Association; and Parliamentary Thematic Research Lead, Health, Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology
Professor Michael B Cook, Executive Director, Science, Our Future Health
Dr Clare Grace, CEO, EMS Healthcare
Ben Quartley, Head, Study Start-Up, Global Drug Development, Novartis
- 10.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **The role of regulatory reform in encouraging innovation**
Dr Kingyin Lee, Head, Clinical Trials, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Dr Peter Prinsley MP
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Markham, Shadow Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology; and former Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Health and Social Care (2022 - 2024)
- 11.30 **Next steps for innovation in the delivery of clinical trials**
opportunities for harnessing AI and developing technologies | next steps for data-sharing between bodies | improving use of metrics | removing obstacles to innovation whilst maintaining patient safety | furthering the UK as an attractive destination for clinical research | developing ethical best practice for innovative trial delivery | the role of digitalisation in improving access | integrating sustainable practices into clinical trials
Keith Moore, Programme Coordinator, Sustainable Healthcare Coalition
Dr Angela Parker, Chief Operating Officer, Fylde Coast Clinical Research, Layton Medical Centre
Chris Cannaby, Clinical Operations Manager, MSD UK
Professor William Whiteley, Professor, Neurology and Epidemiology, University of Edinburgh; and Associate Director, Brain Health, Health Data Research UK
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities and the long-term plan for clinical research in the UK**
Dr Louise Newport, Head, Clinical Trials Engagement and Governance, Department of Health and Social Care
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Lord Markham, Shadow Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology; and former Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Health and Social Care (2022 - 2024)
Tess Mitchell-Thomas, Westminster Health Forum