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

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 **Priorities for clinical trials and research in the UK - delivery, participation and evidence generation**
Professor Sir Martin Landray, Professor, Medicine and Epidemiology, Nuffield Department of Population Health, University of Oxford; and CEO, Protas
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 **Clinical trials regulation - early implementation, proportionate oversight and delivery**
Dr Kingyin Lee, Head, Clinical Trials, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Health Research Authority**
Questions and comments from the floor

10.05 **Trial set-up, recruitment and participation across the UK**
reducing barriers between regulatory approval, site set-up and first-patient recruitment | contracting and responsibilities between sponsors, research organisations and NHS sites | next steps for national and digital recruitment services alongside local and community-based routes | supporting research delivery across primary, secondary and community care | reaching underserved groups and addressing geographical and socioeconomic inequalities | identifying and approaching potential participants using data-enabled approaches | patient involvement in trial design and public confidence | community engagement, culturally appropriate recruitment and clear participant information | plans to link clinical trial recruitment with NHS App in England and the UK-wide Be Part of Research service | access to trials beyond traditional research centres
Andrew Miles, Chief Business Officer, Our Future Health
Dr Daphne Hazell, CEO, Primary Care Research Alliance
Senior representative, patients
Senior representative, NHS/ICB
Senior representative, industry
Questions and comments from the floor

10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

11.00 Break

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Senior Parliamentarian

11.15 **Health data, genomics and digital research - access, governance and new models**
next steps for the development of the Health Data Research Service | data access, interoperability and governance | confidentiality, public confidence and requirements for researcher access | digital and decentralised research models | remote monitoring, virtual follow-up and consent | safety monitoring and ethical oversight beyond traditional trial sites | genomics, access to biomarker testing and precision trials | accessibility and practical requirements for participants and research teams | validation, accountability and responsible use of AI in trial design, recruitment, monitoring and delivery
Senior representative, data
Senior representative, innovation
Senior representative, NHS
Questions and comments from the floor

11.45 **Research capacity, advanced therapies and commercial research - readiness and delivery**
next steps for supporting advanced therapies and emerging treatment models | cell and gene therapies, regenerative medicine and personalised cancer vaccines | planned Cancer Clinical Trials Accelerator Programme, Vaccine Innovation Pathway and Cancer Vaccine Launch Pad | research infrastructure and addressing variation in local delivery capacity | workforce recruitment, retention and specialist research skills | protected time and practical support for NHS staff undertaking research alongside service delivery | site capability and access to appropriate patient populations for increasingly complex trials | collaboration between NHS, academia and industry | reliability and predictability of commercial trial delivery | longer-term investment, commercial partnerships and UK competitiveness for clinical research
Sarah Burge, Director, Clinical Integration, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, patients
Senior representative, workforce
Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 **Next steps for clinical research policy and delivery in the UK**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Tess Mitchell-Thomas, Westminster Health Forum