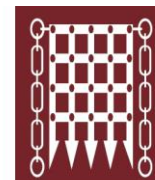


Westminster Health Forum policy conference

Clinical negligence in the NHS - patient safety, the impact of COVID-19, legal cost reform and next steps for policy

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 28th January 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Mackay of Clashfern
- 9.05 **Assessing the rising costs of clinical negligence in the NHS, and priorities for NHS Resolution**
Helen Vernon, Chief Executive, NHS Resolution
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **The impact of investigations on improving patient safety**
Leslie Hamilton, Chair, Independent review of gross negligence manslaughter and culpable homicide
- 9.40 **Understanding the key issues for patient complaints within the NHS, and the impact of COVID-19**
Warren Seddon, Director of Strategy and Communications, Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman
- 9.50 **Improving support for BAME staff - reducing bias in reporting, and tackling isolation and systemic issues**
Anthony Omo, Director of Fitness to Practise, General Medical Council
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 Break
- 10.25 **Patient safety and protecting the NHS workforce through the pandemic and beyond - tackling unwarranted variation, preventing safety failures, and learning from the new challenges posed by the COVID-19 emergency**
Peter Walsh, Chief Executive, Action against Medical Accidents
Professor Tim Draycott, Vice President, Clinical Quality, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
John Machin, Clinical Fellow, Joint Reconstruction & Oncology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, and Clinical Lead for Litigation - Getting It Right First Time Programme
Mike Fairbourn, Patient Safety Chair, ABHI and Vice President & General Manager, BD (Becton Dickinson)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Mackay of Clashfern
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sir Bernard Jenkin MP, Chair, Liaison Committee
- 11.30 **Challenges and opportunities for keeping cases out of litigation - mediation, regulation, next steps for legal cost reform and adapting practices during COVID-19**
Adrian Denson, Chief Legal Officer, Fletchers Solicitors
Sarah Barclay, Founder, Medical Mediation Foundation
Dr Jenny Vaughan, Law and Policy Officer, The Doctors Association and Consultant Neurologist, London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust
Dr Matthew Lee, Director, Professional Services, Medical Defence Union
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Next steps for improving patient safety**
Sir Robert Francis QC, Chair, Healthwatch England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Sir Bernard Jenkin MP, Chair, Liaison Committee
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Health Forum