

## Westminster Health Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for genomics in the UK

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026

\*\*\*Taking place online\*\*\*



WESTMINSTER  
HEALTH FORUM

Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Genomics in England - developments, priorities and issues for consideration**  
**Dr Ellen Thomas**, Chief Medical Officer, Genomics England  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Genomics research, regulation and system capability - priorities for innovation, integration and data use**  
*assessing the Life Sciences Sector Plan and progress from the Genome UK strategy / developing the new Health Data Research Service / building public trust in genomic data use and engaging historically under-represented groups / advancing emerging technologies and AI-powered risk prediction / coordinating systems across the health service and research to improve integration, efficiency and interoperability / supporting Integrated Care Boards and neighbourhood providers to embed genomic insights in commissioning and care delivery / infrastructure and workforce needs to support genomic population health services / increasing patient involvement in clinical trials / expanding personalised medicines and developing the regulatory environment / addressing health inequalities / approaches to patient consent and management of actionable findings / enabling joined-up research and clinical activity to support innovation*  
Senior representative, research  
Senior representative, industry  
Senior representative, AI  
Senior representative, data  
Senior representative, legal  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Next steps for genomics policy and strengthening coordination and integration across the system**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Genomic healthcare across the UK nations - progress, coordination and next steps**  
Senior representatives, devolved administrations  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Developing workforce education and capacity to support genomics in routine care**  
**Professor Kate Tatton-Brown**, Clinical Director and Head, National Genomics Education, NHS England; and Consultant Clinical Geneticist, St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- 11.50 **Streamlining genomic medicine adoption in the NHS - priorities for testing, prevention and diagnostics**  
*genomics and support for key shifts in the 10-Year Health Plan / tackling workforce skills and capacity challenges, including training neighbourhood genomics champions / equitable access to genomic testing and treatments / expansion of DNA testing to all newborns / enhancing patient engagement and communication of complex results / developing pharmacogenomics capabilities in prescribing / prioritising, assessing and commissioning new genomic technologies / implementing population-based polygenic risk scoring / supporting Integrated Care Boards to use genomic insights in commissioning / whole genome sequencing service delivery across the health service and reducing variation / the role of genomics in preparing the workforce for AI-supported clinical decision-making*  
Senior representative, NHS trust  
Senior representative, pharmacogenomics  
Senior representative, patients  
Senior representative, diagnostics  
Senior representative, research
- 12.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.40 **Priorities for genomics in the NHS and delivering the 10-Year Health Plan**  
**Professor Dame Sue Hill**, Chief Scientific Officer for England and Senior Responsible Officer for Genomics, NHS England  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.05 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Jessica Lear**, Westminster Health Forum