

Westminster Health Forum policy conference
Next steps for the use of genomics in healthcare

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 29th June 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Neville-Jones, Former Minister of State (Home Office) 2010-2011
- 9.05 **Priorities for delivering the Genome UK strategy**
Professor Sir Mark Caulfield, Chief Scientist, Genomics England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Genomics and the COVID-19 response - lessons learned and improving preparedness to respond to future health threats**
Professor Sharon Peacock, Professor of Public Health and Microbiology in the Department of Medicine, University of Cambridge; and Executive Director and Chair, COVID-19 Genomics UK (COG-UK) Consortium
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 Break
- 10.00 **The ambition of a holistic genomics ecosystem - data infrastructure and sharing, use of interdisciplinary insights, translation of research into clinical care, and the role of open science and the private sector**
Dr Imran Rafi, Reader in Primary Care and Genomics, St George's University of London
Professor Sir Peter Donnelly, Founder and CEO, Genomics plc
David Atkins, Chief Executive Officer, Congenica
Dr Philippa Brice, External Affairs Director, PHG Foundation
Dr Meriel McEntagart, Care Group Lead, South West Thames Regional Genetics Service, St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Neville-Jones, Former Minister of State (Home Office) 2010-2011
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Liz Twist MP
- 11.20 **Addressing barriers in the delivery of genomics in healthcare and priorities for scaling up - workforce development, patient awareness and involvement, diversity and inclusion, and targeting investment**
Professor Sarah Coupland, Vice President, Communications, The Royal College of Pathologists and George Holt Chair in Pathology, Honorary Consultant Histopathologist, University of Liverpool
Samantha Barber, Chief Executive, Gene People
Dr Emma Baple, Medical Lead for Rare Disease, South West Genomic Laboratory Hub and Consultant in Clinical Genetics, Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Kenneth Baillie, Senior Clinical Research Fellow, Roslin Institute, University of Edinburgh and Academic Consultant in Critical Care Medicine, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
Dr David Bentley, Vice President and Chief Scientist, Illumina
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Next steps for advancing the uptake of genomics in the NHS**
Dr Sarah Byron, Interim Programme Director for Devices, Diagnostics and Digital Technologies, NICE
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Liz Twist MP
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Health Forum