

**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Next steps for tackling health inequalities in England**
Timing: Morning, Monday 17th November 2025
*****Taking place online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
- 9.05 **Assessing the current state of health inequalities in England, and key considerations going forward**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Strategic priorities for tackling health inequalities, and way forward following the 10-Year Health Plan**
role of shifts from sickness to prevention and hospital to community and embedding equity in delivery | narrowing the healthy life expectancy gap | targeting investment in prevention and early intervention | developing a whole-government approach to prevention | developing operational guidance for a more integrated and devolved healthcare model | commissioning priorities for addressing variation in access | protecting funding with competing demands | progress in integrated care systems | addressing workforce gaps and uneven distribution | strategies for child health inequalities and early intervention | patient empowerment through the NHS App, medical technology and equity in design
Senior representative, research
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, commissioning
Senior representative, patient group
Senior representative, public health
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Utilising data and insights to inform targeted action**
Professor Habib Naqvi, CEO, NHS Race and Health Observatory
- 10.40 **Embedding equity in clinical guidance and decision-making**
Senior representative, guidelines
- 10.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
- 11.25 **Understanding who is at risk of health inequalities and putting community voice at the heart of service design**
Louise Ansari, CEO, Healthwatch
- 11.35 **Developing community-based infrastructure to address local and regional disparities**
strengthening joint working | building trusted relationships with underserved communities | developing neighbourhood health teams and community health agents | tackling health disparities in marginalised populations | ensuring services reflect regional demographic health needs | moving care closer to the community | tackling barriers in accessing care | integrating data to target preventative strategies | inclusive service design
Charles Kwaku-Odoi, CEO, Caribbean and African Health Network
Simarjeet Kaur, Programme Manager, Sparkbrook Children's Zone
Dr Chris Bird, Co-Clinical Lead, Sparkbrook Children's Zone; and Paediatric Emergency Medicine Consultant, Birmingham Children's Hospital
Senior representative, local government
Senior representative, NHS
Senior representative, data
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Shaping a long-term approach for tackling health inequalities, and embedding prevention in the NHS**
Professor Mike Wade, Midlands Regional Director, Public Health, Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, Department of Health and Social Care, and NHS England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum