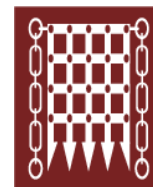


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Next steps for professional healthcare regulation in the UK**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle
- 9.05 **Modernising the regulatory framework at the GMC, and lessons learned so far**
Tim Aldrich, Assistant Director, Regulatory Reform, General Medical Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing current professional healthcare regulation and supporting healthcare professionals at different phases of regulatory reform**
Thomas Reynolds, Director, Policy and Communications, Medical Defence Union
- 9.40 **Preparing for regulatory reform and adapting to the evolving environment in healthcare**
Christine Elliott, Chair, Health and Care Professions Council
- 9.50 **Reforming regulatory frameworks - key considerations for assessment protocols, coordination and patient safety**
implications for statutory regulators | assessing the impact of delayed reform | key lessons learned from PA and AA oversight | risks and advantages of the new regulatory regime | priorities for flexibility, streamlining and coordination across systems | responsibilities for enforcement and compliance | the future of protected titles | efficiency in the fitness to practice process and supporting safety and welfare | mental health in the NHS workforce | role of professional oversight in organisation culture and patient safety | key considerations for future professional body reviews | legal and financial structures underpinning reform
Lynn Woolsey, Chief Nursing Officer, Royal College of Nursing
John Lucarotti, Partner, Blake Morgan
Dr Zaid Al-Najjar, Medical Director, NHS Practitioner Health
Paul Whiteing, Chief Executive, Action Against Medical Accidents
Senior representative, dentistry
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Examining latest developments on the future scope and regulation of associates**
Dr Hilary Williams, Clinical Vice President, Royal College of Physicians; and Chair, Physician Associate Oversight Group
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 **Priorities for leadership frameworks in supporting safe and responsible practice**
Professor Rich Withnall, CEO, Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Coordination of leadership and professional regulatory priorities in enabling workforce development, service improvement, and public confidence**
regulatory links to NHS workforce development | impact of current processes on healthcare staff | integration of learning into investigations and future practice | role of bolstering leadership in improving NHS performance | accountability mechanisms for non-clinical roles | approaches to reduce unnecessary referrals | safeguards for diverse workforce groups | regulation and education requirements for moving towards a new care model in the 10-Year Health Plan | ensuring transparency in decision-making | key considerations for the NHS workforce plan | use of AI and accountability | key considerations for greater managerial freedom and powers
Kay Keane, Director, Institute of General Practice Management
Jon Restell, Chief Executive, Managers in Partnership
Senior representative, NHS
Senior representative, patient group
Senior representative, education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for professional healthcare regulatory reform in the UK**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum