

**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
The role of the independent sector in healthcare delivery**

Timing: Morning, Friday, 22nd March 2024

*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Will Quince MP, former Minister of State, Department of Health and Social Care
- 9.05 **Next steps for the elective recovery taskforce and the future for independent sector involvement**
Senior representative, NHS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Examining progress of tackling elective care backlogs**
The capacity of the independent sector in meeting key targets | Priorities for collaboration | Innovative approaches going forward
Rachel Power, Chief Executive, Patients Association
Andy Howlett, Director of Strategy, Community Diagnostic Centres
Senior representative, integrated care board
Senior representative, NHS trust
Senior representative, research
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Priorities for the independent sector, support for its workforce, and collaboration with the NHS**
David Hare, Chief Executive, Independent Healthcare Providers Network
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Will Quince MP, former Minister of State, Department of Health and Social Care
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Alternative options for policy and the role of the independent sector in healthcare**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Key priorities for patient choice and accessibility, improving patient understanding of their options, and addressing inequity of care provision**
James Roach, Managing Director, Conclusio
- 11.45 **Navigating changes in the healthcare landscape and overcoming key challenges**
Regulation | Standards and patient safety | Commissioning and integrated care systems | Support for the workforce
Sarah Maling, Chair of the Training Committee, The Royal College of Ophthalmologists
Professor Kieran Walshe, Professor of Health Policy and Management, Alliance Manchester Business School
John Forrest, Chief Operations Officer, Spire Healthcare
Patrick Parkin, Partner, Burges Salmon
Senior representative, commissioning
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for the independent sector and its role in healthcare delivery**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Associate Editor, Westminster Health Forum