Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Priorities for men's health and wellbeing in England
Timing: Afternoon, Monday, 11th January 2027
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12.30 Registration

13.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

13.05 **Assessing progress and priorities in men's health - policy, accountability and action**
Mark Brooks, Director, Policy, Centre for Policy Research on Men and Boys

13.15 **Embedding men's health across local systems - commissioning, prevention and service design**
men's health within ICB commissioning, local authority and public health structures | implications of ICB mergers and the move towards strategic commissioning | links with neighbourhood health under the 10 Year Health Plan for England | relationship between men's and women's health strategies | moving beyond standalone initiatives towards mainstream commissioning and service design | accountability mechanisms, workforce capability and sustainable funding | the role of sex-disaggregated data and local dashboards | addressing access inequalities and place-based variations in outcomes | pharmacy-first approaches, community outreach and neighbourhood health services | learning from the Men's Health Community Fund and approaches to reaching men less likely to engage with conventional services
Senior representative, NHS
Senior representative, ICB
Senior representative, public health
Senior representative, patients

13.35 Questions and comments from the floor

14.00 **Improving prostate cancer outcomes - preparing for targeted screening and priorities for earlier diagnosis**
Amy Rylance, Director of Health Services, Equity and Improvement, Prostate Cancer UK

14.10 **Research, diagnostics and screening - improving early diagnosis and outcomes for men**
priorities for prevention and earlier intervention across prostate cancer, cardiovascular disease and other conditions with significant impacts on men | implications of the National Cancer Plan for male outcomes | improving access and engagement for higher-risk, ethnic minority and underserved groups | increasing engagement with NHS Health Checks and earlier diagnosis pathways | next steps for risk identification and stratification alongside appropriate use of diagnostics and screening | priorities for R&I in diagnostics | preparing for targeted prostate cancer screening, including identification of eligible men and genetic testing pathways | the expanded TRANSFORM trial and the position of Black men and others at increased risk outside the recommended programme
Dr Sam Merriel, Clinical Senior Lecturer and NIHR Advanced Fellow, Centre for Primary Care and Health Services Research, University of Manchester
Dr Bunmi Olajide, GP Partner, Rush Green Medical Centre; Director and Educational Lead, Havering Health GP Federation; and Member, Prostate UK Clinical Advisory Group
Senior representative, diagnostics

14.25 Questions and comments from the floor

14.50 **Men's health policy in practice - evidence, evaluation and implementation**
Professor Paul Galdas, Professor, Men's Health, University of York; Chair, Men's Health Academic Network; and Member, Men's Health Stakeholder Group
Questions and comments from the floor

15.15 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

15.20 Break

15.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Farmer, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Men and Boys' Issues

15.35 **Men's health, employment and wellbeing - addressing the links between mental health and economic participation**
Senior commentator

15.45 **Strengthening support for men's mental health - workplace, community and service approaches**
conditions needed for targeted and accessible mental health support for young and working-age men | addressing barriers to engagement, including stigma and isolation | social connection, online influences and other pressures affecting young men | pathways between NHS, community and voluntary-sector support, including for co-occurring mental health and substance use needs | priorities for suicide prevention and rapid-response pathways | improving pathways into work through mental health support | workplace health, occupational health and employer-led models including access for smaller employers | the role of community and peer-support models in improving access to services | development of the forthcoming mental health strategy | implementation and emerging learning from Keep Britain Working
Dan Flanagan, Founder, Dad La Soul
Helen Parry, Suicide Prevention Lead, Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board
Senior representative, employers
Senior representative, local government

16.05 Questions and comments from the floor

16.30 **Next steps for delivering the *Men's Health Strategy* - translating national priorities into sustainable local action**
Dr Justin Varney-Bennett, Member, Men's Health Academic Network and Regional Director, Public Health for the South West, Department of Health and Social Care
Questions and comments from the floor

16.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Lord Farmer, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Men and Boys' Issues
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum