

**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:  
Next steps for improving mental health services and prevention in England**

*Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023*

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



*Agenda subject to change*

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Tom Moberly**, UK Editor, British Medical Journal
- 9.05 **Assessing progress in improving mental health services in England**  
**Ashley McDougall**, Director, Health Value for Money, National Audit Office  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Addressing key barriers to the development and accessibility of mental health services - waiting times, the role of the third sector, innovative community support, and patient awareness and engagement**  
**Beccy Wardle**, Associate Director for ICB Partnerships, Rethink Mental Illness  
**Cllr Evelyn Akoto**, Cabinet Member, Community Safety and Public Health, London Borough of Southwark  
**Karina Malhotra**, Managing Director, Acumentice  
**Sarah Owen**, Policy and Communications Manager, Bipolar UK  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Next steps for tackling variation in mental health services and improving patient flow through service pathways**  
**Dr Ian Davidson**, Clinical Lead, Adult Mental Health Crisis and Acute Care, Getting it Right First Time  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Tom Moberly**, UK Editor, British Medical Journal
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Dr Ian Davidson**, Clinical Lead, Adult Mental Health Crisis and Acute Care, Getting it Right First Time
- 11.05 **The outlook for supporting growth within the mental health workforce to meet future patient demand**  
**Dr Roman Raczka**, President Elect, British Psychological Society  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Priorities for prevention and improving patient outcomes - the Major Conditions Strategy, health inequalities, developing personalised approaches, supporting children and young people, and the role of apps and digital health**  
**Konrad Deckers Dowber**, Managing Director, Advantage Mentoring  
**Andy Bell**, Chief Executive, Centre for Mental Health  
**Becky Rice**, Senior Policy Advisor, Barnardo's  
**Adrian Duffy**, Clinical and Operational Lead, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust  
**Chris Martin**, Chief Executive, The Mix  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **The future for mental health services and prevention within integrated care systems**  
**Sean Duggan**, Chief Executive, Mental Health Network, NHS Confederation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**  
**Dr Ian Davidson**, Clinical Lead, Adult Mental Health Crisis and Acute Care, Getting it Right First Time  
**Holly Attwell**, Senior Researcher, Westminster Health Forum