

**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:  
Next steps for technology, data and innovation in the NHS**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing priorities for translating health innovation into real-world adoption**  
**Professor Mike Lewis**, Scientific Director, Innovation, National Institute for Health and Care Research  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Innovation, service delivery and technology adoption in the context of the 10 Year Health Plan**  
*innovation priorities in the 10 Year Health Plan and implications for service delivery | developing an AI-ready Health Data Research Service and improving access to high-quality data | strengthening innovation and MedTech adoption pathways | support for earlier evaluation | evolving procurement models, including the Innovator Passport and rules-based pathways | addressing fragmented adoption and variable digital capability | innovation that responds to patient need and service pressures | collaboration across key partners*  
Senior representative, NHS trust  
Senior representative, industry  
Senior representative, research  
Senior representative, Health Innovation Network  
Senior representative, patients  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Assessing clinical and economic value in health technologies - supporting consistency and scale in adoption**  
Senior representative, regulation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Technology, data and service delivery - operational readiness, productivity and system-wide implementation**  
**Tim Horton**, Assistant Director, Insight and Analysis, The Health Foundation  
**Steve Wightman**, General Manager, Health and Integrated Care, Access Group  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Next steps for workforce capability, leadership and adoption in the NHS**  
**James Freed**, Deputy Director, NHS Digital Academy, NHS England  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 **Priorities for patient access, interoperability and digital models of care**  
*development of NHS Online and online access to services | the NHS App, service navigation and patient-facing digital tools | Single Patient Record governance, safeguards and interoperability | the Federated Data Platform and priorities for information-sharing across systems | ICS responsibilities and coordination of neighbourhood-level digital development | integration of digital tools across primary, community and acute care | digital access models and support continuity for patients with complex needs | addressing digital exclusion | assessing the role of AI, ambient voice technology and emerging tools in clinical pathways | the future for virtual wards and remote monitoring*  
Senior representative, ICS  
Senior academic  
Senior representative, primary care  
Senior representative, patients  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.50 **Policy priorities for innovation, governance and supporting long-term NHS reform**  
Senior representative, health policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.15 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Jessica Lear**, Westminster Health Forum