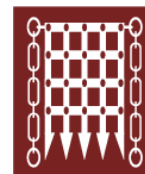


**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Transitioning to non-animal methods in science and regulation**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 29th June 2026

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Health Forum
- 9.05 **Scaling non-animal methods - innovation, workforce training and addressing adoption barriers**
Senior representative, research
- 9.20 **Priorities for animal regulation, compliance and welfare protection in science during phased transition**
Senior representative, policy
- 9.35 **Maintaining standards of quality and patient safety**
Senior representative, regulation
- 9.50 **Next steps for policy and delivery in the transition to non-animal methods in science**
Senior representative, life sciences
- 10.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Irene Campbell MP
- 10.10 **Assessing the outlook for transitioning to non-animal methods and priorities for scientific discovery**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Funding, infrastructure and access for NAMs**
preclinical translational models hub and other programmes aiming to accelerate alternative methods | scaling innovative NAM technologies | support for SMEs, academic labs and early career researchers | addressing disparities in access to validation infrastructure and specialist capability | training programmes and workforce upskilling | transition impact on specialist animal technologists | building effective cross-sector partnerships | addressing IP, data-sharing and commercial sensitivity issues that may affect validation and collaboration | potential tensions between open datasets and proprietary platforms
Dr Tomasz Kostrzewski, Director, Biology, CN Bio Innovations
Professor Amir Ghaemmaghami, Professor, Immunology and Immuno-bioengineering, University of Nottingham
Grace Ford, Innovation Lead, Medicines, Innovate UK
Senior representative, AI
Senior representative, legal
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Irene Campbell MP
- 11.35 Break
- 11.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Steve Race MP
- 11.50 **International developments - drawing on lessons for the UK**
Kirk Leech, Executive Director, European Animal Research Association
- 12.00 **Research design, safety and system reform - evidence standards, capability and considerations for competitiveness in the UK life sciences sector**
integrating research design, validation and regulatory evidence requirements for wider NAM acceptance | safety, reproducibility and scientific robustness during transition | evidence assessment in decision-making | UK alignment with FDA Modernisation Act 2.0, OECD guidelines and wider international standards | reducing duplicative testing | ASPA licensing, evidence of no viable alternative and implications for inspectors, ethics committees and licence holders | support and incentives for universities and publishers to prioritise NAMs | implications for UK competitiveness and investment | stakeholder engagement, transparency and confidence in research design and evidence standards | workforce capability, NAM transition and career pathways | cross-government coordination, progress metrics and accountability for delivery | clarifying expectations for dual-running periods and realistic timelines
Dr Robin Lovell-Badge, Head, Developmental Genetics, The Francis Crick Institute
Dr Lorna Ewart, Chief Scientific Officer, Emulate Bio
Dr Julia Baines, Head, Science Policy, PETA
Senior representative, patient experience
Senior representative, workforce
- 12.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Steve Race MP
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Health Forum