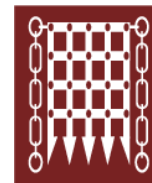


**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:  
Next steps for the use of patient data in the UK**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the current state of health data infrastructure in the UK - priorities for integration and public benefit going forward**  
**Professor Cathie Sudlow**, Review Lead, *Uniting the UK's Health Data: A Huge Opportunity for Society*; Director, Usher Institute; and Head, School of Population Health Sciences, University of Edinburgh  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Coordination and alignment of new UK frameworks with existing devolved data policies**  
**Layla Robinson**, Chief Operating Officer, Research Data Scotland
- 9.40 **Patient data in the UK - collection, integration, security and infrastructure**  
*priorities for ensuring security of confidential information | approaches to strengthening accountability for data access and use | developing a UK-wide approach to data access processes | addressing data quality issues and gaps in linkage across primary and secondary care | improving interoperability across care and research settings | priorities for governance alignment across jurisdictions | ways forward for embedding trust, consent and social licence in system design | tackling regional variability in data quality and completeness | prioritising data collection in the context of operational pressures | linking cross-sector data to support deeper understanding of population health*  
Senior representative, primary care  
Senior representative, legal  
Senior representative, research
- 9.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Embedding patient voice and consent in health data policy and system design**  
Senior representative, patients
- 10.25 **Priorities for transparency, public benefit and trust in Health Data Research Service development**  
**Dr Nicola Byrne**, National Data Guardian for Health and Social Care in England
- 10.35 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 **The future vision for the HDRS - secure delivery, sustainability and system alignment**  
**Dr Melanie Ivarsson**, CEO, Health Data Research Service  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Priorities for aligning large-scale health data resources with national infrastructure to drive preventative health policy**  
Senior representative, dataset
- 11.40 **Next steps for designing effective models for health data access, sharing and public value**  
*approaches to pricing and value-sharing | defining fair value across academic, charitable and commercial use | securing transparency in commercial access arrangements and assessment of public benefit | developing robust safeguards for data access and use | simplifying approval processes for researchers and innovators where appropriate | coordination with secure data environments and existing infrastructure to avoid duplication | balancing accessibility with operational security in data sharing models | support for clinical trials and accelerating research | ensuring datasets are appropriately prepared for safe AI development and deployment | long-term sustainability of access models and supporting infrastructure*  
Senior representative, pharma  
Senior representative, charity  
Senior representative, research  
Senior representative, SDE  
Senior representative, AI
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Building a coherent UK health data strategy to support 10 Year Health Plan delivery**  
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Department of Health and Social Care**  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Tess Mitchell-Thomas**, Westminster Health Forum