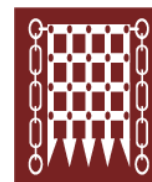


**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Next steps for the use of patient data in the UK**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 3rd September 2026

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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
Professor Ben Goldacre, Director, Bennett Institute for Applied Data Science; and Bennett Professor, Evidence-Based Medicine, Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences, University of Oxford
Senior representative, primary care
Senior representative, legal
- 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
Dr Chris Tomlinson, AI+ Academic Senior Fellow, King's College London; and Honorary Senior Research Fellow, UCL Institute of Health Informatics
Dr Kristin-Anne Rutter, Executive Director, Cambridge University Health Partners; and Senior Responsible Officer, Eastern England Secure Data Environment
Senior representative, pharma
Senior representative, charity
Senior representative, research
- 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 representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Tess Mitchell-Thomas, Westminster Health Forum