

Westminster Health Forum policy conference:

Next steps for patient safety in England

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Policy developments and next steps for improving patient safety in England**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Implementing the Patient Safety Incident Response Framework**
Senior representative, safety
- 9.40 **Assessing the Dash Review - accountability, roles and developing a system that prioritises learning**
recommendations from the Dash Review and next steps for implementation | governance and accountability for system-wide safety | roles of the National Quality Board, CQC and HSSIB | developing the national quality strategy for adult social care | transparency and fairness in NHS trust performance league tables and use for targeted improvement support | maintaining patient and staff voice | streamlining responsibilities across oversight and investigative bodies | interoperability and data quality foundations for AI and digital safety tools | consistent adoption of Martha's and Jess's Rules across acute and primary care | aligning workforce supervision and organisational culture with improved safety outcomes
Senior representative, NHS
Senior representative, patients
Senior representative, social care
Senior representative, workforce
Senior commentator
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Embedding patient voice into policy going forward**
Professor Henrietta Hughes, Patient Safety Commissioner for England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Building trust in regulatory processes and addressing gaps in care**
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Priorities for creating a culture of shared learning in day-to-day practice**
Helen Hughes, CEO, Patient Safety Learning
- 11.45 **The role of electronic patient records in enhancing the delivery of safe and effective care**
Senior representative, research
- 11.55 **Improving patient safety in care delivery and serviced design - priorities for prevention, equity and innovation**
maintaining safety standards as more care moves into community settings | strengthening escalation routes, second opinions and rapid reviews | targeted improvement support and tackling inequalities in safety outcomes | improving public awareness of advocacy options and access routes | embedding patient and community voice in commissioning decisions | use of early-warning systems and digital monitoring to improve maternity and neonatal safety | effective teamworking, supervision and skill mix | governance for physician and anaesthesia associates | local learning alongside national coordination | data interoperability and evidence use across pathways
Senior representative, patient
Senior representative, case study
Senior representative, commissioning
Senior representative, community care
Senior representative, primary care
- 12.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Key considerations for improving patient safety going forward**
Senior representative, policy
- 13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum