

**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Next steps for elective care and tackling NHS waiting times in England**

Timing: Morning, Friday, 25th October 2024

Taking Place Online



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Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing progress in elective recovery so far and priorities for building capacity and driving improvement**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Key considerations for tackling NHS waiting lists**
assessing the new Government's plans | practicalities for increasing appointments | funding | workforce considerations and engagement on new practices | priorities for infrastructure and the NHS estate | approaches to pooling local resources | the role of ICSs and priorities for collaboration | opportunities for innovation, technology and data and to manage waiting lists
Professor Rowan Pritchard Jones, Executive Medical Director, NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board
Josh Keith, Assistant Director, Data Analytics, The Health Foundation
Philip Purdy, Principal Consultant, Acumentice
Senior representative, infrastructure
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **The future outlook for utilising independent sector capacity and improving patient choice**
David Hare, Chief Executive, Independent Healthcare Providers Network
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Irene Campbell MP
- 11.05 **Case study: latest thinking on taking a high intensity theatre list model approach**
Professor Kariem El-Boghdady, Clinical Lead, Research Lead and HIT Lists Co-Lead, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
- 11.15 **Priorities for addressing pressures in primary care to support the elective recovery backlog**
Dr Ellen Welch, GP; Vice-Chair, Doctors' Association UK; and Vice-Chair, North Cumbria Local Medical Committee
- 11.25 **Supporting patients whilst on waiting lists and options for improving system capacity and patient flow in the NHS and social care**
mental health support and weight management | mitigating the impact on patient health of waiting for planned care | the role of community care | improving availability and access to social care | improving patient experience | tackling patient flow and discharge challenges | latest thinking on addressing root causes of high demand and low capacity | tackling health inequalities
Paul Callaghan, Policy Manager, Healthwatch England
Senior representative, NHS trust
Senior representative, social care
- 11.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **The future for utilising AI in diagnostics - clarity, increasing output and reducing burdens on clinical staff**
Senior representative, innovation
- 12.10 **Next steps for diagnostic technology, delivery in the community, and the Fit for the Future Fund**
assessing latest developments in technology and priorities for implementation | the role of data and AI in enhancing diagnostics | key issues for the workforce in diagnostics delivery and processing | priorities for tackling diagnostic workforce shortages | enabling diagnostics to be delivered in the community and opportunities for community diagnostic centres
Paul Fisher, Head, Policy, Programmes and Compliance, BIVDA
Dr Michael Eden, Consultant Histopathologist and Cytopathologist, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; and Clinical Director for Safety and Quality, Royal College of Pathologists
Senior representative, community diagnostic centre
Senior representative, research
Senior representative, primary care
- 12.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Irene Campbell MP
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum