

## Westminster Health Forum policy conference:

### Priorities for women's health in England

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the current state of women's health in England and priorities for the renewed Women's Health Strategy**  
**Dame Lesley Regan**, Women's Health Ambassador for England, Department of Health and Social Care  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Insights from the development of Women's Health Hubs - progress and pathways toward integrated, accessible care**  
**Deborah O'Nyons**, Women's Health Champion, NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board
- 9.40 **Priorities for prevention, access, and delivery of improved women's healthcare under the 10 Year Health Plan**  
*prioritising women's health in the shifts towards prevention, community care and utilising digital tools | creating equitable care pathways | assessing current services through women's health hubs | examining funding streams for conditions predominantly or exclusively affecting women | increasing access to screening and health checks | tailored services to groups with lower participation | creating accountability mechanisms and metrics for progress | meeting both core standardised specifications and specific local needs | improving maternity care and aligning with recommendations from the National Investigation | next steps for women's services and promoting early cancer diagnosis following the National Cancer Strategy | improving diagnosis and treatment for reproductive conditions | women's mental health care priorities*  
**Dr Fiona Reid**, Honorary MAHSC Clinical Chair and Consultant Urogynaecologist, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust  
**Maria Symeonaki**, Professional Lead, Midwifery and Women's Health, Royal College of Nursing  
Senior representative, primary care  
Senior representative, patients
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Improving clinical pathways for women - priorities for policy and health system change**  
Senior representative, healthcare  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Advancing women's health as a priority across research, development and innovation**  
*the role of inclusive research in driving equitable and effective healthcare for women | tackling under-representation in clinical trials, in light of updated clinical trial regulations | priorities for increasing women's participation in research and data | incentivising and advancing R&D and treatment development for female-specific conditions, such as endometriosis | opportunities for technology in supporting earlier diagnosis, improving outcomes and addressing inequalities | strategies for safeguarding against AI gender bias | involvement of women in design and delivery of new technologies*  
**Dr Shadi Farhangrazi**, CEO, S. M. Discovery Group (SMDG)  
**Dr Nina Wilson**, Clinical Advisor, Association of British HealthTech Industries (ABHI)  
Senior representative, research  
Senior representative, advocacy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **Tackling inequalities in healthcare delivery - strategic priorities for raising awareness, addressing social determinants, and equitable access to care, information and support**  
*strategies for improving awareness and understanding of women's health conditions, including reproductive health | making women's health information more accessible, including utilising online systems | ways forward and effective practice for tackling stigma | priorities for building trust, and the role of partnerships with VCSE and community groups | identifying and addressing factors that influence the disproportionate length of time women spend in ill-health | use of data in tracking and addressing regional, socioeconomic and ethnic inequalities | supporting informed decision-making and personalised care | addressing knowledge gaps in the NHS workforce | supporting women's health in the workplace*  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior representative, employer  
Senior representative, community  
Senior representative, workforce  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Next steps for women's health policy in England**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Tess Mitchell-Thomas**, Westminster Health Forum