

Westminster Health Forum policy conference:

Next steps for clinical negligence in England

Timing: Morning, Monday 15th December, 2025

Taking place online



Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the direction of clinical negligence policy and regulation, and insights from international practice**
Professor John Tingle, Associate Professor, Law, University of Birmingham
- 9.20 **Priorities and next steps for addressing rising clinical negligence costs in the NHS**
strategies for reducing financial pressures on the NHS / implementation of the Clinical Negligence Claims Agreement 2024 and scope for future revision / options for containing legal costs without undermining fairness, including access to justice in complex lower-value claims / outlook for fixed recoverable costs following pause in implementation / alternative funding models alongside early resolution approaches / implications of parliamentary scrutiny, including the Public Accounts Committee inquiry
Lisa Jordan, Managing Partner, Medical Negligence, Irwin Mitchell
Senior representative, NHS
Senior representative, health economics
Senior representative, workforce
- 9.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 **Examining costs of clinical negligence and considerations for future management**
Andy Morrison, Director, Value for Money, National Audit Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 **Implementing the NHS Resolution Strategy 2025-2028 - insights, data and collaboration**
Helen Vernon, CEO, NHS Resolution
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Supporting healthcare staff through clinical negligence claims and embedding learning from incidents across the NHS**
Dr Matthew Lee, CEO, Medical Defence Union
- 11.30 **Achieving a more compassionate and responsive clinical negligence pathway for patients**
Senior representative, patients
- 11.40 **Improving patient safety and developing collective learning approaches**
examining current patient safety initiatives, including Getting It Right First Time / clearer accountability, reduced duplication and options for a unified patient safety strategy under the National Quality Board / transparency and frameworks for collaboration between NHS Resolution and claimant representatives / proposals for a no-fault liability scheme / healthcare professional regulatory frameworks / implications of NHS structural changes for governance, risk oversight and patient safety / evaluating digital tools, including patient-held records and the NHS App, alongside AI / embedding learning, restorative approaches and early complaint resolution / recommendations and next steps following the Dash review
Dr Ben Richardson, Paediatric Consultant, Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust; and Clinical Lead, Regional Martha's Rule Pilot, Yorkshire and Humber
Senior representative, workforce
Senior representative, advocacy
Senior commentator
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for clinical negligence policy**
Senior representative, policy
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum