

**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:  
Next steps for dementia diagnosis, care and research in England**

Timing: Morning, Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick**, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Dementia
- 9.05 **Dementia diagnosis, care and research in England - key developments and considerations for policy, regulation and practice**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for improving dementia care pathways - care pathways, integration, quality standards and addressing inequalities**  
*creating a Modern Service Framework for dementia and frailty | implementing the 10-Year Health Plan and implications for NHS and social care funding | coordination between health and social care, including ICSs and local systems | addressing variation in diagnosis rates and enabling access to support closer to home | development of a single patient record and next steps for the NHS App | supporting unpaid carers and recognising carer roles in formal planning | improving equitable access, including the Disabled Facilities Grant | priorities for the proposed National Care Service and Better Care Fund | system readiness for new therapies*  
**Karen Breese**, Dementia Care Clinical Specialist, Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust  
**Councillor Mitchie Alexander**, Cabinet Member, Communities, Equalities and Adult Social Care, Brighton and Hove City Council  
Senior representative, community care  
Senior representative, social care  
Senior representative, advocacy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Regulatory priorities for dementia care improvement**  
**Jo Wallace**, Interim Deputy Director, Adult Social Care, Care Quality Commission  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Evolving approaches to value assessment and establishing sustainable access pathways**  
**Helen Knight**, Director, Medicines Evaluation, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick**, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Dementia
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.30 **Assessing the direction of dementia research policy**  
**David Thomas**, Head, Policy and Public Affairs, Alzheimer's Research UK
- 11.45 **Research and innovation - next steps for prevention, detection and treatment**  
*assessing proposals in the Life Sciences Sector Plan | advancing clinical trials and developing real-world evidence | enhancing patient involvement and ensuring appropriate regulatory safeguards | AI-supported diagnostics and use of genomic insights for prevention | improving data access and integrating research into care pathways | funding and infrastructure for embedding innovation in routine care | availability of advanced diagnostics, including PET imaging and CSF analysis*  
**Dr Antonio Ruiz-Gonzalez**, Project Manager, Health Innovation Network South London  
Senior representative, clinical research  
Senior representative, prevention  
Senior representative, industry
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for dementia policy going forward**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Jessica Lear**, Westminster Health Forum