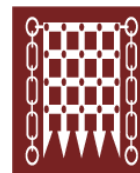


Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Next steps for dementia diagnosis, care and research in England
Timing: Morning, Friday, 24th October 2025
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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick, Vice Chair, 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