

**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:  
Priorities for medicine access, supply and pricing in the UK**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Rt Hon Lord Hunt of Kings Heath**, former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health (1999 - 2003)
- 9.05 **Examining the landscape for medicine accessibility and affordability in the UK**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Exploring emerging trends and priorities for improving medicine supply and accessibility**  
*Options for mitigating medicine shortages and supply chain disruption / Building resilience and stability across the supply chain / Maintaining continuity of patient care and access to medicines / The role of VPAG*  
**Professor Zaheer-Ud-Din Babar**, Professor in Medicines and Healthcare, University of Huddersfield  
**Yousaf Ahmad**, ICS Chief Pharmacist and Director of Medicines Optimisation, Frimley Health and Care Integrated Care System  
**Alison Dennis**, Partner, Taylor Wessing  
Senior representative, pharma  
Senior representative, patient group  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Priorities for economic growth in the UK life sciences sector, and coordinating policy to drive investment and innovation**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Rt Hon Lord Hunt of Kings Heath**, former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health (1999 - 2003)
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Rt Hon Lord Lansley**, former Secretary of State for Health (2010 - 2012)
- 11.15 **Examining opportunities for market access and innovation in the VPAG scheme**  
**David Watson**, Executive Director, Patient Access, Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry  
**Kim Assender**, Director of Commercial Policy and Analysis, Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Assessing the outlook for advanced therapy medicinal products, regulatory pathways and payment models**  
Senior representative, advanced therapies  
Senior representative, patient group  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 **Next steps for implementation of the VPAG scheme**  
*Transparency and options for monitoring and reporting / patient priorities for the scheme and accessibility to innovative medicine / regulatory pathways / financial sustainability and value for money in the NHS*  
**Dr Scott Purdon**, Head of Patient Advocacy, Myeloma UK  
Senior representative, pharma  
Senior representative, think tank  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**  
**Rt Hon Lord Lansley**, former Secretary of State for Health (2010 - 2012)  
**Jessica Lear**, Associate Editor, Westminster Health Forum