

**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:**  
**Next steps for technology, data and innovation in the NHS**  
*Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2026*  
**\*\*\*Taking place online\*\*\***



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Baroness Harding of Winscombe
- 9.05 **Assessing priorities for translating health innovation into real-world adoption**  
Professor Mike Lewis, Scientific Director, Innovation, National Institute for Health and Care Research  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Innovation, service delivery and technology adoption in the context of the 10 Year Health Plan**  
*innovation priorities in the 10 Year Health Plan and implications for service delivery / developing an AI-ready Health Data Research Service and improving access to high-quality data / strengthening innovation and MedTech adoption pathways / support for earlier evaluation / evolving procurement models, including the Innovator Passport and rules-based pathways / addressing fragmented adoption and variable digital capability / innovation that responds to patient need and service pressures / collaboration across key partners*  
Amy Freeman, Chief Digital Information Officer, University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust  
Dr Amanda Begley, Director, Digital and Transformation, Health Innovation Network South London  
Dr Videha Sharma, Clinical Innovation Lead and Lecturer, Health Informatics, University of Manchester  
Thomas Whicher, Chief Executive, DrDoctor  
Senior representative, patients  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Assessing clinical and economic value in health technologies - supporting consistency and scale in adoption**  
Professor Neil Hawkins, Professor, Health Economics and Health Technology Assessment, University of Glasgow  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Baroness Harding of Winscombe
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary
- 11.05 **Technology, data and service delivery - operational readiness, productivity and system-wide implementation**  
Tim Horton, Assistant Director, Insight and Analysis, The Health Foundation  
Steve Wightman, General Manager, Health and Integrated Care, Access Group  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Next steps for workforce capability, leadership and adoption in the NHS**  
James Freed, Deputy Director, NHS Digital Academy, NHS England  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 **Priorities for patient access, interoperability and digital models of care**  
*development of NHS Online and online access to services / the NHS App, service navigation and patient-facing digital tools / Single Patient Record governance, safeguards and interoperability / the Federated Data Platform and priorities for information-sharing across systems / ICS responsibilities and coordination of neighbourhood-level digital development / integration of digital tools across primary, community and acute care / digital access models and support continuity for patients with complex needs / addressing digital exclusion / assessing the role of AI, ambient voice technology and emerging tools in clinical pathways / the future for virtual wards and remote monitoring*  
Aurora Todisco, Director of Lived Experience, Insights4Improvement  
John Mitchell, Chair, Digital Health Networks ICS Digital Council; and Associate Director, Digital, NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board  
Dr Sara Shaw, Professor, Health Policy and Practice, University of Oxford  
Dr Osman Bhatti, General Practitioner, Royal Docks Medical Practice; Clinical Consultant, Accurx; and Programme Director, Newham GP VTS  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.50 **Policy priorities for innovation, governance and supporting long-term NHS reform**  
Senior representative, health policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.15 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary  
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum