Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Next steps for net zero and sustainability in the NHS
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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 **Assessing progress on NHS net zero and sustainability efforts and priorities going forward**
Rachel McLean, Transformation Director, Centre for Sustainable Healthcare

9.20 **Considerations for stakeholders in delivering a net zero NHS aligned with the *10 Year Health Plan***
integrating sustainability considerations in the three shifts toward community, digital and prevention | embedding sustainable models of care into clinical practice, including prescribing and treatment choices | workforce support and training priorities, including clinical leads and GIRFT | implications of digitalisation and growing use of AI on emissions | sustainable approaches in estate design, construction and maintenance, including the NHS Net Zero Building Standard | strengthening accountability and net zero leadership, including board-level ownership and oversight expectations | climate adaptation and extreme weather preparedness, including overheating risk in older buildings
Dr Joseph John, Lead, Sustainable Care Pathway Development, Getting It Right First Time
Dr Jay Burt, Clinical Policy Fellow, The Health Foundation
Susie Vernon, Associate Director, Sustainability, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust
Senior representative, workforce
Senior representative, construction

9.45 Questions and comments from the floor

10.10 **Practical steps for accelerating decarbonisation across the supply chain and wider healthcare system**
Heidi Barnard, Head, Sustainability, NHS Supply Chain

10.20 **Strategies for reducing emissions across procurement, logistics and transport, and strengthening assurance in supply chain delivery**
verification and assurance of supplier claims and approaches to auditing delivery | assessing the potential of emerging technologies in identifying and reducing inefficiencies | structuring partnerships with suppliers and manufacturers to support sustainable products | targeted support for SMEs and supply chain capability | developing circular economy approaches and reducing unnecessary waste | supporting the development of sustainable travel plans and options for zero-emission transport
Alkis Tsikardonis, Director, Global Sustainability, Sandoz
Alex Forrest, Managing Consultant, Eunomia
Lucy Symons-Jones, Director, Net Zero, WSP
Senior representative, transport
Senior representative, NHS

10.45 Questions and comments from the floor

11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

11.15 Break

11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

11.30 **Policy priorities for delivering NHS net zero strategy**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor

11.55 **Approaches to enhancing energy efficiency and delivering heat decarbonisation**
the role of public-private partnerships in decarbonisation projects | assessing approaches to heat decarbonisation pathways | integrating modern low carbon technologies in legacy systems and minimising operational disruption | energy conservation measures, fabric improvements and advanced energy management systems | on-site renewables and investment in solar, including collaboration through the NHS-Great British Energy partnership | opportunities for delivering long-term savings | utilising data to identify efficiency gaps
Jonathan Coyles, Partner, Barker Associates
Senior representative, energy
Senior representative, NHS trust
Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 **Embedding net zero and sustainability practice going forward, and priorities for adaptation**
Chris Gormley, Chief Sustainability Officer, NHS England
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Tess Mitchell-Thomas, Westminster Health Forum