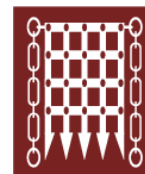


**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:  
Transitioning to non-animal methods in science and regulation**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Health Forum
- 9.05 **Scaling non-animal methods - innovation, workforce training and addressing adoption barriers**  
Senior representative, research
- 9.20 **Priorities for animal regulation, compliance and welfare protection in science during phased transition**  
Senior representative, policy
- 9.35 **Maintaining standards of quality and patient safety**  
Senior representative, regulation
- 9.50 **Next steps for policy and delivery in the transition to non-animal methods in science**  
Senior representative, life sciences
- 10.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Irene Campbell MP
- 10.10 **Assessing the outlook for transitioning to non-animal methods and priorities for scientific discovery**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Funding, infrastructure and access for NAMs**  
*preclinical translational models hub and other programmes aiming to accelerate alternative methods | scaling innovative NAM technologies | support for SMEs, academic labs and early career researchers | addressing disparities in access to validation infrastructure and specialist capability | training programmes and workforce upskilling | transition impact on specialist animal technologists | building effective cross-sector partnerships | addressing IP, data-sharing and commercial sensitivity issues that may affect validation and collaboration | potential tensions between open datasets and proprietary platforms*  
Dr Tomasz Kostrzewski, Director, Biology, CN Bio Innovations  
Professor Amir Ghaemmaghami, Professor, Immunology and Immuno-bioengineering, University of Nottingham  
Grace Ford, Innovation Lead for Medicines, Innovate UK  
Dr Simon Calaminus, Senior Lecturer, Pharmacology, Hull York Medical School  
Senior representative, legal  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Irene Campbell MP
- 11.35 Break
- 11.45 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior parliamentarian
- 11.50 **International developments - drawing on lessons for the UK**  
Kirk Leech, Executive Director, European Animal Research Association
- 12.00 **Research design, safety and system reform - evidence standards, capability and considerations for competitiveness in the UK life sciences sector**  
*integrating research design, validation and regulatory evidence requirements for wider NAM acceptance | safety, reproducibility and scientific robustness during transition | evidence assessment in decision-making | UK alignment with FDA Modernisation Act 2.0, OECD guidelines and wider international standards | reducing duplicative testing | ASPA licensing, evidence of no viable alternative and implications for inspectors, ethics committees and licence holders | support and incentives for universities and publishers to prioritise NAMs | implications for UK competitiveness and investment | stakeholder engagement, transparency and confidence in research design and evidence standards | workforce capability, NAM transition and career pathways | cross-government coordination, progress metrics and accountability for delivery | clarifying expectations for dual-running periods and realistic timelines*  
Dr Robin Lovell-Badge, Head, Developmental Genetics, The Francis Crick Institute  
Dr Lorna Ewart, Chief Scientific Officer, Emulate Bio  
Dr Julia Baines, Head, Science Policy, PETA  
Dr Jayne Spink, Director, Translational Research, Prostate Cancer Research Centre  
Dr Tamas Korcsmaros, Associate Professor, Intestinal Epithelial Systems, Head, Imperial BRC Organoid Facility and Director, Centre for Intestinal Systems, Imperial College London
- 12.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**  
Senior parliamentarian  
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Health Forum