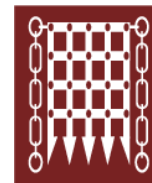


**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Next steps for the use of patient data in the UK**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 3rd September 2026

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the current state of health data infrastructure in the UK - priorities for integration and public benefit going forward**
Professor Cathie Sudlow, Review Lead, *Uniting the UK's Health Data: A Huge Opportunity for Society*; Director, Usher Institute; and Head, School of Population Health Sciences, University of Edinburgh
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Coordination and alignment of new UK frameworks with existing devolved data policies**
Layla Robinson, Chief Operating Officer, Research Data Scotland
- 9.40 **Patient data in the UK - collection, integration, security and infrastructure**
priorities for ensuring security of confidential information | approaches to strengthening accountability for data access and use | developing a UK-wide approach to data access processes | addressing data quality issues and gaps in linkage across primary and secondary care | improving interoperability across care and research settings | priorities for governance alignment across jurisdictions | ways forward for embedding trust, consent and social licence in system design | tackling regional variability in data quality and completeness | prioritising data collection in the context of operational pressures | linking cross-sector data to support deeper understanding of population health
Professor Ben Goldacre, Director, Bennett Institute for Applied Data Science; and Bennett Professor, Evidence-Based Medicine, Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences, University of Oxford
Nuria Pastor, Director, Data, Fieldfisher
Dr Daphne Hazell, CEO, Primary Care Research Alliance
- 9.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Embedding patient voice and consent in health data policy and system design**
Senior representative, patients
- 10.30 **Priorities for transparency, public benefit and trust in Health Data Research Service development**
Dr Nicola Byrne, National Data Guardian for Health and Social Care in England
- 10.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 **The future vision for the HDRS - secure delivery, sustainability and system alignment**
Dr Melanie Ivarsson, CEO, Health Data Research Service
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Priorities for aligning large-scale health data resources with national infrastructure to drive preventative health policy**
Professor Raghb Ali, CEO, Chief Investigator and Chief Medical Officer, Our Future Health
- 11.55 **Next steps for designing effective models for health data access, sharing and public value**
approaches to pricing and value-sharing | defining fair value across academic, charitable and commercial use | securing transparency in commercial access arrangements and assessment of public benefit | developing robust safeguards for data access and use | simplifying approval processes for researchers and innovators where appropriate | coordination with secure data environments and existing infrastructure to avoid duplication | balancing accessibility with operational security in data sharing models | support for clinical trials and accelerating research | ensuring datasets are appropriately prepared for safe AI development and deployment | long-term sustainability of access models and supporting infrastructure
Dr Chris Tomlinson, AI+ Academic Senior Fellow, King's College London; and Honorary Senior Research Fellow, UCL Institute of Health Informatics
Dr Kristin-Anne Rutter, Executive Director, Cambridge University Health Partners; and Senior Responsible Officer, Eastern England Secure Data Environment
Dr Elizabeth Ford, Associate Professor, Health Data Science and Digital Health Lead, Sussex Health and Care Research Partnership, Brighton and Sussex Medical School
Dr Caroline Dalton, Head, Research, MS Society
Senior representative, pharma
- 12.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Tess Mitchell-Thomas, Westminster Health Forum