

## Westminster Health Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for patient safety in England

Timing: Morning, Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Policy developments and next steps for improving patient safety in England**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Implementing the Patient Safety Incident Response Framework**  
**Melanie Ottewill**, Senior Safety Investigator, Health Services Safety Investigations Body
- 9.40 **Assessing the Dash Review - accountability, roles and developing a system that prioritises learning**  
*recommendations from the Dash Review and next steps for implementation / governance and accountability for system-wide safety / roles of the National Quality Board, CQC and HSSIB / developing the national quality strategy for adult social care / transparency and fairness in NHS trust performance league tables and use for targeted improvement support / maintaining patient and staff voice / streamlining responsibilities across oversight and investigative bodies / interoperability and data quality foundations for AI and digital safety tools / consistent adoption of Martha's and Jess's Rules across acute and primary care / aligning workforce supervision and organisational culture with improved safety outcomes*  
**Kathryn Helley**, Chief Clinical Governance Officer, Lincolnshire Community and Hospitals NHS Group  
**Melissa Mead**, Clinical Partnerships Co-Ordinator, The UK Sepsis Trust  
**Penny Pereira**, Director, Q Initiative  
**Fraser Rickatson**, Policy Manager, Care England  
**Dr Zuzanna Sawicka**, Clinical Director, Clinical Standards and Patient Safety, Royal College of Physicians
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Embedding patient voice into policy going forward**  
**Professor Henrietta Hughes**, Patient Safety Commissioner for England  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Building trust in regulatory processes and addressing gaps in care**  
**Sonia Macleod**, Research Associate, University of Oxford  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Priorities for creating a culture of shared learning in day-to-day practice**  
**Helen Hughes**, CEO, Patient Safety Learning
- 11.45 **The role of electronic patient records in enhancing the delivery of safe and effective care**  
Senior representative, research
- 11.55 **Improving patient safety in care delivery and service design - priorities for prevention, equity and innovation**  
*maintaining safety standards as more care moves into community settings / strengthening escalation routes, second opinions and rapid reviews / targeted improvement support and tackling inequalities in safety outcomes / improving public awareness of advocacy options and access routes / embedding patient and community voice in commissioning decisions / use of early-warning systems and digital monitoring to improve maternity and neonatal safety / effective teamworking, supervision and skill mix / governance for physician and anaesthesia associates / local learning alongside national coordination / data interoperability and evidence use across pathways*  
**Steph Lawrence**, Chief Executive, Queen's Institute of Community Nursing  
**Dr Harsha Wodeyar**, Consultant Nephrologist, Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Senior representative, patient  
Senior representative, case study  
Senior representative, primary care
- 12.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Key considerations for improving patient safety going forward**  
Senior representative, policy
- 13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Jessica Lear**, Westminster Health Forum