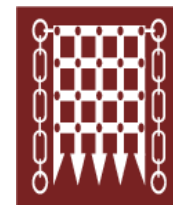


**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Future for vaccines in the UK - rollout, research and development**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 24th November 2026

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing developments in health protection and key considerations for vaccination policy, pandemic preparedness and resilience**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for childhood immunisation - reducing inequalities, building confidence and support for early intervention**
Dr Helen Stewart, Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine; and Officer for Health Improvement, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
- 9.40 **Improving uptake of vaccination - widening access, targeted outreach and community delivery**
alignment of the Pandemic Preparedness Strategy with implementation of the 10 Year Health Plan | the UKHSA Immunisation Equity Strategy, accountable system leadership and better communications | role of local data and population insights in identifying gaps in coverage | ICB vaccination commissioning responsibilities | the role of community pharmacy, schools and neighbourhood health services | enhancing use of the NHS App | addressing access barriers for underserved populations and engaging communities to support uptake | addressing misinformation and building confidence in vaccination | tackling declining childhood vaccination rates, including lessons from the Government's health visitor pilot | workforce training, including culturally sensitive practice | considerations for child health records and a single patient record
Dr Nick Thayer, Head, Policy, Company Chemists' Association
Dr Tom Nutt, CEO, Meningitis Now
Senior representative, commissioning
Senior representative, public health
Senior representative, data
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Delivering vaccination programmes through the NHS - commissioning, digital delivery and co-ordination**
Caroline Temmink, Director, Vaccination, NHS England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick, Member, Childhood Vaccinations Committee
- 11.15 **Considerations for regulation of innovative vaccines - safety, effectiveness and timely access**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Priorities for UK vaccine development and translating innovation into viable products**
Senior speaker confirmed from **Moderna**
- 11.50 **Next steps for vaccine capability and preparedness - regulation, innovation and outbreak response**
leveraging advances in vaccine R&D, including AI and data-driven approaches | incentivising R&I, including public-private partnerships and investment | expanding access to innovative programmes | patient-to-trial matching, genomic testing, trial set-up and regulatory considerations for personalised vaccines | timely regulatory approval and adoption alongside safety and quality | enhancing manufacturing resilience and supply chain security | preparing for future infectious disease threats | surveillance, diagnostics, testing capabilities, clinical countermeasures and rapid response infrastructure | co-ordinating routine immunisation, targeted vaccination programmes and outbreak response, including early lessons from the MenB response in Kent | investment in diagnostics, vaccines and therapeutics
Professor Jonathan Heeney, Professor, Comparative Pathology and Head, Lab of Viral Zoonotics, University of Cambridge
Anca Tacu, Senior Policy Manager, Policy Impact Unit, University College London
Senior representative, advocacy
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **The future for routine and targeted vaccination programme delivery - improving uptake, reducing inequalities and strengthening resilience**
Carole Boulton, Deputy Director, Vaccines Programme and Operations, UK Health Security Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick, Member, Childhood Vaccinations Committee
Anna Goddard, Westminster Health Forum