

Westminster Health Forum policy conference:

Priorities for women's health in England

Timing: Morning, Friday 15th May 2026

Taking place online

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the current state of women's health in England and priorities for the renewed Women's Health Strategy**
Dame Lesley Regan, Women's Health Ambassador for England, Department of Health and Social Care
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Insights from the development of Women's Health Hubs - progress and pathways toward integrated, accessible care**
Deborah O'Nyons, Women's Health Champion, NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board
- 9.40 **Priorities for prevention, access, and delivery of improved women's healthcare under the 10 Year Health Plan**
prioritising women's health in the shifts towards prevention, community care and utilising digital tools | creating equitable care pathways | assessing current services through women's health hubs | examining funding streams for conditions predominantly or exclusively affecting women | increasing access to screening and health checks | tailored services to groups with lower participation | creating accountability mechanisms and metrics for progress | meeting both core standardised specifications and specific local needs | improving maternity care and aligning with recommendations from the National Investigation | next steps for women's services and promoting early cancer diagnosis following the National Cancer Strategy | improving diagnosis and treatment for reproductive conditions | women's mental health care priorities
Dr Fiona Reid, Honorary MAHSC Clinical Chair and Consultant Urogynaecologist, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
Maria Symeonaki, Professional Lead, Midwifery and Women's Health, Royal College of Nursing
Lorna Orriss-Dib, Research Officer, Healthwatch Essex
Dr Anita Sharma, GP; Chair, Women's Doctors Forum, BIDA; and Chair, Endometriosis Awareness North Charity
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Improving clinical pathways for women - priorities for policy and health system change**
Senior representative, healthcare
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Advancing women's health as a priority across research, development and innovation**
the role of inclusive research in driving equitable and effective healthcare for women | tackling under-representation in clinical trials, in light of updated clinical trial regulations | priorities for increasing women's participation in research and data | incentivising and advancing R&D and treatment development for female-specific conditions, such as endometriosis | opportunities for technology in supporting earlier diagnosis, improving outcomes and addressing inequalities | strategies for safeguarding against AI gender bias | involvement of women in design and delivery of new technologies
Dr Shadi Farhangrazi, CEO, S. M. Discovery Group (SMDG)
Dr Nina Wilson, Clinical Advisor, Association of British HealthTech Industries (ABHI)
Senior representative, research
Senior representative, advocacy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **Tackling inequalities in healthcare delivery - strategic priorities for raising awareness, addressing social determinants, and equitable access to care, information and support**
strategies for improving awareness and understanding of women's health conditions, including reproductive health | making women's health information more accessible, including utilising online systems | ways forward and effective practice for tackling stigma | priorities for building trust, and the role of partnerships with VCSE and community groups | identifying and addressing factors that influence the disproportionate length of time women spend in ill-health | use of data in tracking and addressing regional, socioeconomic and ethnic inequalities | supporting informed decision-making and personalised care | addressing knowledge gaps in the NHS workforce | supporting women's health in the workplace
Fatima Khan-Shah, Inclusivity Champion, West Yorkshire Combined Authority and West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership
Dr Catherine Durkin, Joint Presidential Lead, Women and Mental Health, Royal College of Psychiatrists
Dr Philippa Greenfield, Joint Presidential Lead, Women and Mental Health, Royal College of Psychiatrists
Senior representative, employer
Senior representative, community
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Next steps for women's health policy in England**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Tess Mitchell-Thomas, Westminster Health Forum



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