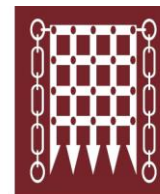


**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Next steps for dentistry in England - access, prevention and reform**

Timing: Morning, Friday 29th November 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the current position of NHS dentistry and progress so far with the dental recovery plan**
Tom Tyson, Senior Audit Manager, NAO
Lee Summerfield, Director, Investigations, NAO
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for improving patient access to NHS dentistry services**
Rebecca Curtayne, External Affairs Manager, Healthwatch England
- 9.45 **The Dentistry Rescue Plan and addressing pressures in NHS dentistry, accessibility and oral health**
assessing the direction of government policy and the practicalities of implementation | recruitment in areas of greatest need | the impact of incentives on retention | increasing capacity for emergency appointments without affecting routine care | public awareness of services and schemes | funding, developing effective local commissioning, and tackling inequalities | tooth brushing in schools | challenges in paediatric dentistry and moving towards a preventative model
Andy Evans, CEO, DentaId
Finley Bason, Director, Principal Dentist, and Vice Chair CIOS LDC, Lostwithiel Dental Surgery
Nicola Brunning, Deputy Director, Commissioning, NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board
Dr Hannah Walsh, Honorary Secretary, British Society of Paediatric Dentistry; and Specialist, Paediatric Dentistry, Blackpool Teaching Hospital
Jenny Wynn, Head, The Oaks Infant School, Sittingbourne
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Priorities for strengthening the dentistry workforce - quality and standards of care**
Stefan Czerniawski, Executive Director, Strategy, General Dental Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Addressing workforce pressures and utilising the full scope of the dentistry workforce**
Miranda Steeples, President, British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy
- 11.45 **Improving long-term provision of NHS dentistry, contract reform and shifting to a preventative model of care**
addressing challenges presented by current targets | appropriate funding for time, resources, treatment and delivery of routine care | options for contract reform to incentivise efforts for accessing hard to reach groups | delivery of workforce expansion commitments | key considerations for improving retention | lessons from prototypes and options for taking a capitation approach
John Makin, Head, Dental Defence Union
Dr Elizabeth Fisher, Senior Fellow, Nuffield Trust
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, prevention
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **The outlook of NHS dentistry and the next steps for reform**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum