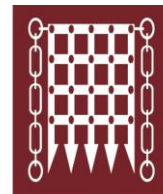


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Next steps for general practice and primary care in England**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Examining the current state of primary care and policy options going forward**
Jake Beech, Policy Fellow, The Health Foundation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for improving patient access and choice, and overcoming barriers to general practice**
William Pett, Head, Policy, Public Affairs and Research, Healthwatch England
- 9.40 **Assessing proposals for improving accessibility and reducing pressures in primary care**
examining the direction of government policy | practical considerations and implications for patients, communities and those working in primary care | 'family doctor' style of general practice | proposed trials of neighbourhood health centres, building evidence and learnings from abroad | increasing role of pharmacists in prescribing | addressing challenges with appointment booking systems | increased potential of the NHS app | improving infrastructure | moving care closer to the community | complexity of care | health inequalities
Dr Nick Thayer, Head, Policy, Company Chemists Association
Dr Tom Davis, Co-Country Manager, and Medical Director, Livi UK
Nicholas Woolley, Manager, Frontier Economics
Senior representative, GP practice
Senior representative, service user
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Key considerations on the future of primary care integration, and managing increasingly complex care in the community**
Professor Aruna Garcea, Chair, Primary Care Network Advisory Group, NHS Confederation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mike Martin MP
- 11.20 **Priorities for GP training places, job availability, and key issues for retention and relieving pressure on the workforce**
Professor Kamila Hawthorne, Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **The outlook for the primary care workforce and the future for the GP contract**
funding and resourcing general practice | supporting practice sustainability | funding models for primary care in the move towards preventative healthcare | next steps for additional roles within general practice | expanding the role of pharmacist prescribing and achieving an effective use of the skill mix within primary care | priorities for retention and well-being | tackling bureaucracy
Dr Jamie Green, Education Clinical Lead, NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board, and Partner, Eleanor Cross Healthcare
Dr Caroline Taylor, Chair, National Association of Primary Care
Charlotte Wickens, Policy Advisor, The King's Fund
Senior representative, workforce
Senior representative, physician associate
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for investment, efficiency and workforce development in general practice**
Dr Samira Anane, GP; and Deputy Chair, GP Committee England, BMA
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Mike Martin MP
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum