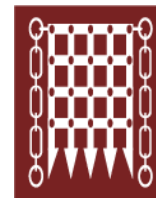


**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:  
Next steps for the life sciences industry in the UK**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the current landscape of the life sciences sector and priorities for growth**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Enhancing the UK's position as a leader in research and innovation**  
**Dr Janet Valentine**, Executive Director, Innovation and Research Policy, ABPI
- 9.35 **Policy priorities, sector development and making the UK an attractive location for the life sciences industry**  
*priorities for the new government | regulation that supports innovation and safety standards | addressing barriers to innovation | role of the Regulatory Innovation Office | planning and wider regulatory reform | partnership frameworks for industry, research bodies, and government | addressing skills gaps and workforce development | manufacturing capabilities | innovation investment requirements for global competitiveness | encouraging foreign direct investment and improving access to finance*  
**Dr David Montgomery**, Senior Medical Director, Ipsen UK & Ireland  
**Dr Samantha Walker**, Director, Research and Innovation, Asthma and Lung UK  
**Rachael Davidson**, Senior Associate, Charles Russell Speechlys  
Senior representative, health services  
Senior representative, investment
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Next steps for driving innovation - the role of regulation**  
**Louise Knowles**, Deputy Director, Innovation Accelerator and Regulatory Science, MHRA  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Sadik Al-Hassan MP**
- 11.05 **Opportunities for aligning priorities for the NHS and the life sciences sector**  
Senior representative, health services  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Supporting life science businesses to start and scale-up within the UK**  
Senior representative, industry
- 11.40 **Next steps for streamlining patient access to innovation, and collaboration between health services, industry, the third sector and research institutions**  
*frameworks for effective cross-sector collaboration | overcoming barriers such as capacity constraints and differing organisational cultures | targeted grants | tax incentives for innovation | increasing patient participation in clinical trials | harnessing data and AI technologies to improve patient care | effective frameworks for government-industry partnerships | initiatives for addressing obesity and other public health challenges | regional development and support for high-potential clusters | spin-outs in the life sciences sector*  
**Professor Chris Molloy**, CEO, Medicines Discovery Catapult  
Senior representative, industry  
Senior representative, research  
Senior representative, advocacy  
Senior representative, health services
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **The role of the life sciences sector in supporting improved health outcomes and economic growth**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**  
**Sadik Al-Hassan MP**  
**Jessica Lear**, Westminster Health Forum