

**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Next steps for elective care and tackling NHS waiting times in England**

Timing: Morning, Friday, 25th October 2024

Taking Place Online



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Dr Anna Kuczynska, Senior Medical Officer, Primary Care, Mental Health, Substance Misuse & Vulnerable Groups Division, Welsh Government
- 9.05 **Assessing progress in elective recovery so far and priorities for building capacity and driving improvement**
Dr Jo Andrews, Chief Medical Officer, Carnall Farrar
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Key considerations for tackling NHS waiting lists**
assessing the new Government's plans and Lord Darzi report | practicalities for increasing appointments | funding | workforce considerations and engagement on new practices | priorities for infrastructure and the NHS estate | approaches to pooling local resources | the role of ICSs and priorities for collaboration | opportunities for innovation, technology and data and to manage waiting lists
Professor Rowan Pritchard Jones, Executive Medical Director, NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board
Professor Ben Burton, President, Royal College of Ophthalmologists; and Consultant Ophthalmologist, James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Josh Keith, Assistant Director, Data Analytics, The Health Foundation
Philip Purdy, Principal Consultant, Acumentice
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **The future outlook for utilising independent sector capacity and improving patient choice**
David Hare, Chief Executive, Independent Healthcare Providers Network
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Dr Anna Kuczynska, Senior Medical Officer, Primary Care, Mental Health, Substance Misuse & Vulnerable Groups Division, Welsh Government
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Irene Campbell MP
- 11.05 **Case study: latest thinking on taking a high intensity theatre list model approach**
Professor Kariem El-Boghdady, Clinical Lead, Research Lead and HIT Lists Co-Lead, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
- 11.15 **Priorities for addressing pressures in primary care to support the elective recovery backlog**
Dr Ellen Welch, GP; Vice-Chair, Doctors' Association UK; and Vice-Chair, North Cumbria Local Medical Committee
- 11.25 **Supporting patients whilst on waiting lists and options for improving system capacity and patient flow in the NHS and social care**
mental health support and weight management | mitigating the impact on patient health of waiting for planned care | the role of community care | improving availability and access to social care | improving patient experience | tackling patient flow and discharge challenges | latest thinking on addressing root causes of high demand and low capacity | tackling health inequalities
Dr Kristina Wanyonyi-Kay, Research Programme Leader in Health Service Research and Senior Research Associate, THIS Institute
Paul Callaghan, Policy Manager, Healthwatch England
Melanie Weatherley, Chair, Lincolnshire Care Association; and Chief Executive, Walnut Care at Home
- 11.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **Next steps for diagnostic technology, delivery in the community, and the Fit for the Future Fund**
assessing latest developments in technology and priorities for implementation | the role of data and AI in enhancing diagnostics | key issues for the workforce in diagnostics delivery and processing | priorities for tackling diagnostic workforce shortages | enabling diagnostics to be delivered in the community and opportunities for community diagnostic centres
Paul Fisher, Head, Policy, Programmes and Compliance, BIVDA
Zahrah Rosun, Histopathology Laboratory Manager, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Dean Rogers, Executive Director, Industrial Strategy and Member Relations, Society of Radiographers
- 12.25 **The future for utilising AI in diagnostics - accuracy, increasing output and reducing burdens on clinical staff**
Dr Katharine Halliday, President, Royal College of Radiologists
- 12.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Irene Campbell MP
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum