

**Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:
Next steps for tackling NHS waiting times in Scotland**

Timing: Wednesday, 27th November 2024

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 the NHS in Scotland and key considerations for policy going forward**
Senior commentator
- 9.20 **Priorities for tackling NHS waiting times in Scotland**
identifying effective measures to meet waiting time targets | options for improving outpatient and inpatient care timelines | addressing delays in rollout of National Treatment Centres (NTCs) and strategies for expediting completion of NTCs | improving hospital productivity levels | addressing health inequalities caused by waiting times | strategies for fair distribution of healthcare resources
Sara Redmond, Chief Officer, Development, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland
Senior representative, health board
Senior representative, health inequalities
Senior representative, patient group
Senior representative, primary care
- 9.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Next steps for the healthcare workforce**
strategies for improving staff retention | addressing workforce shortages and improving morale | assessing the impact of contract reforms and pay rises | assessing potential reforms for improving transparency in NHS governance and accountability
Matt McLaughlin, Regional Organiser, Head of Health, UNISON Scotland
Senior representative, health board
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, clinicians
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Dr Sandesh Gulhane MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Scottish Conservative Party
- 11.25 **Priorities for long-term improvement of health services in Scotland**
Senior representative, innovation
- 11.40 **Strategic priorities for improvement, innovation, and collaboration**
what new technologies can best support improvement in healthcare and care management | strategies for early intervention and prevention | pathways to enhance partnerships between key stakeholders | opportunities in digital health | steps for moving care closer to home
Professor George Crooks, CEO, Digital Health Intelligence
Senior representative, community care
Senior representative, prevention
Senior representative, innovation
Senior representative, legal
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **The future of healthcare policy and implementing strategies for recovery**
Caroline Lamb, CEO, NHS Scotland; and Director General, Health and Social Care, The Scottish Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Dr Sandesh Gulhane MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Scottish Conservative Party
Sean Cudmore, Scotland Policy Conferences