

The Festival of Governance 2017 Future of the NHS Scotland

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Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ

The debate will explore and discuss the future for the National Health Service in Scotland, which, like all healthcare systems, is experiencing pressures in relation to funding, demand, workforce, access and quality. Against the backdrop of Brexit and a possible future referendum on Scottish independence, the debate will critically consider how we build upon the 2020 Vision, and how Realistic Medicine and the National Clinical Strategy will move the NHS forward over the next 10 – 15 years.

The seminar will consider what the future holds for the NHS in Scotland:

- Is a more radical and challenging approach required? Are there lessons to be learned, or examples to avoid, from other parts of the UK, and further afield?
- How can the balance between hospital and community services be improved? Can, or should, the integration of health and social care reduce the number of hospital beds and admissions? What should the role of the state, the individual and local bodies be in terms of the health improvement agenda to prevent people coming to hospitals unnecessarily?
- What should the model of investment for integrating health and social care look like to make it a success? Are the governance arrangements fit for purpose?
- How is NHS spending going to keep up with the increasing pressures being placed upon it? Should there be charges for certain appointments, treatments and prescriptions? Or is raising or introducing new taxes, for those who can afford it, the answer? Should we consider other models of social insurance?

These are just a few of the matters to debate in order to address the direction in which the NHS in Scotland should be heading as it meets the challenges of changing demographics, an increase in long-term conditions, and staffing pressures while embracing the latest treatments, technologies and medical innovations.

SPEAKERS

- Professor John Connell, Chair, NHS Tayside
- Claire Sweeney, Assistant Director, Audit Scotland
- Dr Caroline Whitworth, Associate Medical Director, NHS Lothian
- Gordon Jackson, Dean of the Faculty of Advocates
- Lord Newby, Liberal Democrat Leader in the House of Lords
- Professor Charles Swainson, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
- Mr Andrew Corbett-Nolan, Chief Executive, GGI

This event is by invitation only but to register your interest please contact:

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