



Chairs' conference

17 March 2021, online event

This virtual conference provides NHS chairs with a unique learning and networking opportunity alongside valuable insight for those in leadership roles.

Delegates that attend this event will have the opportunity to hear sessions from high profile speakers focusing on leadership, diversity and the role of the chair following an unprecedented year for the NHS in 2020. Operating under Chatham House Rules, this event will be a chance for those that attend to discuss and debate in a closed environment whilst virtually networking with peers.

Programme

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10:30	Login and networking
10:50	Chair's welcome <i>Barbara Gregory, audit chair and joint non-executive director, Somerset NHS Foundation Trust</i>
11:00	Integrating care: progress and next steps <i>Matthew Style, director of strategic finance, NHS England and NHS Improvement</i> The Government has published its White Paper on the legislative proposals for a Health and Care Bill. This brings forward measures for statutory Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) and enables a way of making financial decisions about healthcare services that is in step with the integrated, collaborative approach developed in recent years. Matthew will give an update following the publication of the White Paper and will discuss important next steps for NHS chairs.
11:40	Break and networking

11:50	<p>Reflections on change Roger Wilson CBE, <i>patient advocate and founder of Sarcoma UK</i></p> <p>Since being diagnosed with a soft tissue sarcoma in 1999, Roger has undergone numerous operations, chemotherapy and radiotherapy, including a lower leg amputation in 2007 and two thoracic metastectomy operations in 2013. Three years after his diagnosis, Roger and his wife started work on what would become Sarcoma UK.</p> <p>Roger's own journey has involved working as a patient representative across cancer, believing that the more we can empower patients to speak out, the better we can make the landscape for all patients. Alongside his personally story, Roger will reflect on how the NHS is coping with the Covid-19 pandemic, what changes in patient care he is seeing as a result of the move to Integrated Care Systems, and what the challenges ahead for the NHS feel like from a patient perspective.</p>
12:20	Lunch and networking
12:50	<p>Chair's welcome Paul Dillon-Robinson, <i>non-executive director, Queen Victoria Hospital NHS FT</i></p>
	<p>HFMA Governance award winners 2020 Helen Taylor, <i>chair, East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust</i></p> <p>A clear governance structure underpinning East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust's Covid response has scooped it the HFMA Governance Award for 2020. Once the level 4 national incident was declared in March, the trust established a governance structure quickly to provide trust-wide leadership, allocate resources, ensure timely decision-making, manage demand, maintain safety for patients and staff, and keep the board informed. In this session Helen will outline the work undertaken and give her perspective as chair, and will discuss some of the longer term lessons they are taking forward.</p>
13:30	Break and networking
13:40	<p>Leadership priorities: motivation, recovery & growth Danny Mortimer, <i>interim chief executive, NHS Confederation</i></p> <p>One of the biggest challenges facing NHS chairs this year and beyond is responding and recovering from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. In this session, Danny will provide an overview of how his organisation is planning on supporting NHS colleagues through some of the major challenges such as long covid and the impact of long term under investment in public health.</p> <p>Operating under Chatham House Rules, Danny will also be able to offer some support and guidance on public relations issues and how best to plan and steer your organisation's path to recovery.</p>
14:20	Break and networking
14:30	<p>The importance of digital strategy to clinical service transformation Malcolm Lowe-Lauri, <i>head of Healthcare & Lifesciences, Grant Thornton UK LLP</i> and Andrew Plumtree, <i>manager – Healthcare Advisory, Grant Thornton UK LLP</i></p> <p>The Hospital Improvement Programme (HIP) is creating a focus on the need for policy, science and technology transformation in the clinical services of new hospitals within their local context. This investment can be hugely beneficial but must be delivered alongside simultaneous digital transformation, making the hospital setting a key focal point for the ICS.</p> <p>In this session Malcolm and Andrew will share their recent experiences working with a number of the HIP programmes in the development, alignment and planning of clinical, service and digital strategies.</p>

15:00	Break and networking
15:10	<p>Surviving the now and preparing for the future Jacqueline Davies, <i>Director of Leadership and Lifelong Learning and Talent, NHS England and NHS Improvement</i></p> <p>This year has been a period filled with challenges and as we emerge from the pandemic, questions are being raised about the direction of travel for organisations. How can leaders consolidate the changes that have been accelerated due to the pandemic and how can these support the move towards integrated care?</p> <p>In this session, Jacqueline will signpost delegates to relevant support around recovery and renewal, offering guidance for Chairs and board members on how to survive the here and now as well as preparing for the future. In this time of transition, Jacqueline will also share information on the newly established regional academies offering board level support as well as relevant publications, including a response to the cark review, an updated competencies framework and leadership education resources exploring the needs of boards.</p>
15:50	<p>Chair's closing comments Paul Dillon-Robinson, <i>non-executive director, Queen Victoria Hospital NHS FT</i></p>
16:00	Event close