

DEAF HEALTH CONFERENCE - "SICK OF IT"



VENUE: ALDERSGATE HALL, CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER
DATE: 25 MARCH 2014

10.00 - 10.30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

10.30 - 12.30 Morning Session – The Health of Deaf People

The morning session will look at the health of deaf people from a deaf perspective. What do the results of the deaf health research tell us? What does that mean for deaf people every day? Contributions from deaf people about their experiences with the health system will ensure the session is firmly anchored in reality.

Session Chair – Matthew James, Commissioning Manager, North of England Commissioning Support

10.30 - 10.50 Rt Hon Stephen Dorrell MP, Chair of Health Select Committee
Welcome & keynote

10.50 - 11.00 Sylvia Simmonds, DeafHealth Study participant
Patient's Perspective

11.00 - 11.20 Dr Andrew Alexander, Medical Director SignHealth
The DeafHealth Study and the health of Deaf people

11.20 - 11.30 DeafHealth Study participant
Patient's Perspective

11.30 - 11.50 Prof Alan Emond, University of Bristol and DeafHealth study researcher
The DeafHealth Study – medical results

11.50 - 12.00 DeafHealth Study participant
Patient's Perspective

12.00 - 12.20 Dr Hilary Sutherland, DeafHealth study researcher
The DeafHealth Study - Access to Healthcare for Deaf People

12.20 - 12.30 DeafHealth Study participant
Patient's Perspective

12.30 - 12.35 Sue Bryan, Senior Policy and Learning Manager, The Big Lottery Fund
Closing remarks

12.35 - 1.45 LUNCH

1.45 - 4.30 Afternoon Session – Improving the healthcare of Deaf people – Taking Action

The afternoon session looks at the implications of the findings of the Deaf Health Research and proposes answers to the question "What needs to be done to make things better for deaf people?" The speakers will show some simple, mostly cost-neutral changes that can be made right now that will improve deaf people's health chances.

Session Chair – Michael Sobanja, Director of Policy, NHS Alliance

1.45 - 1.50 Film – "Life-saving technology" – a Deaf patient's story

1.50 - 2.00 Steve Powell, CEO SignHealth
Improving the health of Deaf people – Taking Action

2.00 - 2.20 Prof Dame Sue Bailey, President of Royal College of Psychiatrists
Improving the mental health of Deaf people

2.20 - 2.40 Theresa Hegarty, Head of Patient Experience, Royal United Hospital, Bath
Improving hospital access for Deaf patients

2.40 - 3.00 NHS England (TBC)
Improving healthcare for Deaf people

3.00 - 3.20 TEA AND COFFEE

3.20 - 4.20 Panel Discussion
Deaf Patient
Dr Michael Dixon, President of NHS Clinical Commissioners and Chair of NHS Alliance
Theresa Hegarty, Head of Patient Experience, Royal United Hospital, Bath
NHS England (TBC)
Dr Andrew Alexander, Medical Director SignHealth

4.20 - 4.30 Lord Hunt, Shadow Health Minister and Deputy Leader House of Lords
Concluding comments

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