



Alliance on Hearing Loss & Deafness

The Health Reforms - their Impact on Services for People with Hearing Loss and Deafness

Date: Thursday, 17th January 2013

Venue: National Union of Teachers, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9BD

Speakers Include:

Sir Malcolm Bruce, Chair of All-Party Parliamentary Group on Deafness (*Invited*)

Sue Hill, Chief Scientific Officer, Department of Health

Professor Adrian Davis, Director NHS Newborn Hearing Screening &

DH Lead Advisor on Physiological Science Services and Audiology

Andrew P Smith, Any Qualified Provider Programme Lead Department of Health

Adam Beckman, President of British Academy of Audiology

Jim Edwards, Chair, UK Council on Deafness

Brian Lamb, Chair, Hearing Loss and Deafness Alliance

Dr Pritti Mehta, Head of Research and Policy, Action on Hearing Loss

The Government's health service reforms are now being implemented with the NHS Commissioning Board and new arrangements being put in place. This is a crucial time for people who are deaf and hard of hearing and we need to ensure that the new system meets their needs. The conference will explore how far these reforms will deliver the hoped for benefits and what else needs to be done? What steps are being taken to ensure that the public health agenda is being advanced and new technologies are being made available?

The Government will soon be launching its Long Term Conditions Outcome Strategy on Hearing loss. This is a major opportunity to explore the implications and consider the potential opportunities to improve outcomes for people who are deaf and hard of hearing. We will examine how the strategy can be translated into local action.

Changes to NHS services have also included the introduction of 'Any Qualified Provider' (AQP) with adult hearing services being one of the first to implement the new guidance. This conference will explore the impact of AQP on delivering better patient choice and more accessible services for those with hearing loss and deafness. How are services coping with the issues of potential service fragmentation and is service quality still the driver of commissioning? What has been the patient and provider experience of these changes? The conference will review early experiences of the role out and consider the future role of the public, private and voluntary sectors.

We will hear from leading representatives in the Department of Health, Voluntary Organisations, the Private Sector and Patients groups on the changes and what to expect next.

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The conference will be of relevance to:

Professionals working in the NHS in any area concerned with hearing loss and deafness

Voluntary Sector Organisations and support groups

Members of Health and Wellbeing Boards

GPs and Clinical Commissioning Groups

Patients Groups

Private Sector Providers and Manufacturers of hearing devices

Policy Makers and Researchers

Individuals with Deafness, Hearing Loss or Dual Sensory Loss