

SPECIALISED HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE CONFERENCE ON HIGH COST TREATMENTS

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DATE: Tuesday 18 November 2008, 09:30hrs to 16:45hrs

VENUE: The Royal Society of Arts (RSA), 8 John Adam Street, London WC2N 6EZ

This conference sets out to explore the pressures on the NHS in its provision of high cost treatments and the consequences for patients. Issues considered will include the ethical and clinical concerns around patient care, the links with research and development, and the potential criteria that can be used to inform decision-making.

The conference is aimed at a broad audience. We hope to engage parliamentarians, clinicians, commissioners, patients and the private sector in a balanced debate about these important issues and to deliver tangible outcomes.

Attendance at the conference attracts 5 non-clinical CPD points.

PROGRAMME

MORNING SESSION – SETTING THE SCENE

Conference Chair – Richard Vize, Editor, Health Service Journal

10.00hrs **Welcome** – Baroness Pitkeathley, Chair, Specialised Healthcare Alliance

The Government View – Lord Darzi, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health

The Patient Perspective – Amanda Henchcliffe

10.55hrs **Break** (refreshments available)

- 11.15hrs **A Clinician's Tale** – Professor Tim Cox, Honorary Consultant Physician, Addenbrooke's Hospital
- The Commissioner's Challenge** – Chris Reed, Chair, North East Specialised Commissioning Group
- Pathways to Progress** – Professor Stephen Smith, Chief Executive, Imperial Healthcare NHS Trust

13.00hrs **Lunch** (provided)

AFTERNOON SESSION – MOVING THE DEBATE FORWARD

Facilitator – Geoff Watts, BBC

14.00hrs **The Ethical Conundrum** – Michael Parker, Professor of Bioethics and Director of the Ethox Centre, Oxford University

Open debate – covering issues such as:

- What kind of health service do we want?
- What kind of health service can we afford?
- How do we decide what to fund and not to fund?
- Where should the buck stop?

15.40hrs **Break** (refreshments available)

16.00hrs **How can we square the circle?** – Joan Saddler, Director of Patient and Public Affairs, Department of Health

Conclusions

The conference will end at 16:45hrs

To download a map of the conference location, please visit:

<http://www.thersa.org/house/location>

The closest stations are Charing Cross (Northern line and national rail) Embankment (District and Circle lines), Covent Garden (Piccadilly line) and Waterloo (national rail).

To book your place, please complete and return the booking form.



Specialised Healthcare Alliance

BOOKING FORM

High cost treatments conference, Tuesday 18 November 2008

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The registration price is £75 plus VAT (total **£88.13**) for members of the SHCA and GIG, NHS organisations, parliamentarians and other parties.

For non-member commercial delegates, the rate is £300 plus VAT (total **£352.50**)

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Professor Tim Cox is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Cambridge and an Honorary Consultant Physician at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Professor Cox specialises in metabolic medicine, particularly lysosomal disorders.

Professor the Lord Darzi is Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health, leading on the Our NHS, Our Future review for the government. He holds the Paul Hamlyn Chair of Surgery at Imperial College London and is an Honorary Consultant at St Mary's Hospital and The Royal Marsden.

Amanda Henchcliffe is a nurse in a busy local general practice in Belper, Derbyshire. She lives with her husband David and 17 year old son Evan. She is a long-term sufferer from pulmonary hypertension, a rare and life-threatening lung disease that affects up to 4000 people across the UK.

Professor Michael Parker is Professor of Bioethics and Director of the Ethox Centre at the University of Oxford. His main research interest is in the development and use of multidisciplinary approaches to researching the ethical and social dimensions of biomedical science and clinical practice.

Baroness Pitkeathley is the Chair of the Specialised Healthcare Alliance. She is a former Chief Executive of the Carers National Association (now Carers UK). She is also currently Chair of Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (CAFCASS) and Vice-Chair of the All-Party Group for the Community and Voluntary Sector, and the All-Party Group for Carers.

Chris Reed is the Chair of the North East Specialised Commissioning Group, and Chief Executive of Newcastle PCT, North Tyneside PCT and Northumberland Care Trust. Prior to this he was Chief Executive of Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust.

Joan Saddler is Director of Patient and Public Affairs at the Department of Health and the Chair of Waltham Forest PCT. Prior to this she was Director of the Direct Development Consultancy and worked in the voluntary sector.

Professor Stephen Smith is Chief Executive of Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and is Principal of the Faculty of Medicine at Imperial College, which together form the UK's first Academic Health Science Centre. A gynaecologist by training, his area of medical expertise is in reproductive medicine and cancer.

Richard Vize is Editor of the Health Service Journal and a former Editor of the Local Government Chronicle.

Geoff Watts is a freelance writer and broadcaster. He currently presents Leading Edge on BBC Radio 4 and was until recently a member of the Human Genetics Commission.