



Programme

IHPN's Annual Summit 2021 will explore the key challenges facing independent providers as the health system continues its recovery post-covid.

The event will include panel sessions on the global healthcare workforce shortage; how independent providers can meet the needs of the next generation of patients and consumers; what the next few years will hold for NHS/independent sector relationships; as well as a plenary session looking at how the sector can support the NHS tackle the elective care backlog and get performance back on track.

12:30 – 13:30 **Registration and networking**

13:30 – 13:45 **Chair's welcome**

Lord Kamlesh Patel of Bradford, Chair, IHPN

13:45 – 14:15 **Keynote address**

14:15 – 15:30 **Breakout sessions:**

1. Solving the unsolvable? How to tackle the healthcare workforce shortage

With the UK healthcare system already facing a shortage of around 100,000 healthcare staff, radical solutions are going to be needed to ensure the workforce is in place to meet growing demand for care and tackle the post-covid backlog. This session will look at what can be done to improve the recruitment, retention and resilience of UK healthcare staff who have faced the most challenging period of their work lives, including what we can learn from healthcare systems around the world.

2. Are patients losing patience with the healthcare system? How can providers meet the needs of the public in the post-covid era?

The healthcare system has drastically changed the way it interacts with patients over the past 18 months, particularly with an explosion in the use of digital and remote health services. However, at the same time many patients are struggling to access the care they need due to lengthening waiting times, and many people are choosing to go private for the first time. This session will look at what patients really want from healthcare services going forward and how providers can respond to these changing needs.

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3. A new dawn for the NHS? What will the Health and Care Bill mean for independent healthcare

The Health and Care Bill represents the biggest reforms to how healthcare is commissioned and delivered in almost a decade but what impact will it really have on an NHS still recovering from covid? Is the move towards integrated care systems and the (at least partial) removal of competition and choice in the NHS the right medicine to treat the NHS backlog? What role can we expect independent providers to play? This session will look at the new NHS landscape and what patients can expect from a reorganised NHS.

15:30 – 15:50 **Refreshment break**

15:50 – 16:10 **Keynote address**

16:10 – 17:15 **What will the health system look like by the next election?**

With the impact of the worst global pandemic in over a century now being understood, what will the next few years look like for the health system? Will the Government's gamble in introducing the Health and Care levy pay off and succeed in cutting the NHS backlog? Or do we need wider reforms to get the healthcare system back on track? This session will look at what's in store for the health service ahead of the next election where the NHS will likely be the deciding issue for voters.

17:15 – 17:30 **Closing remarks**

David Hare, Chief Executive, IHPN

17:30 – 19:00 **Drinks reception**

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