



Independent Healthcare Providers Network Annual Summit

Wednesday 23 October 2019

1.00pm – 5.50pm, followed by drinks

BMA House, Tavistock Square, Bloomsbury, London WC1H 9JP

13:00 – 13:30 Registration, coffee and networking

13:30 – 13:45 Chair's welcome
Justin Ash, Chair, IHPN

13:45 – 14:15 Keynote address (TBC)

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Sir Bruce Keogh

14:45 – 16:00 Breakout sessions:

1. **The independent sector workforce: finding, training, and retaining the workforce of the future**

There is a global shortage of healthcare workers, and Brexit symbolises the current uncertainty over the UK health workforce. How can the independent sector contribute to a better workforce strategy for the health system as a whole? What more can and should be done to develop the training offer in the independent sector? And how can working more efficiently help to alleviate workforce pressures, including through using new digital technology?

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2. **'May you live in interesting times!': changing the story for the independent sector in a time of political change**
Labour is hostile to the sector. Conservatives are increasingly moving away from being the party of business to the party of Brexit. Choice and competition are seen as yesterday's news in the NHS. PMI and self-pay are politically vulnerable if seen as a luxury proposition. With this context – how should the sector make the case for the value of independent sector healthcare? What are the stories we need to tell and how should we tell them?

3. **Integration, the NHS, and the independent sector**
The challenges of integrating services are well known. How do we get integration right? How can we make sure that we focus on joining up the gaps between services rather than moving to monopoly models of healthcare? This session will look at the role of the independent sector in integrated care systems within the NHS.

16:00 – 16:30 Refreshments and networking

16:30 – 17:30 **Consistency in safety across the sector**
With the formal launch of the Consultant Assurance Framework how can the sector work to ensure that best practice is adopted across all organisations? And what are the next set of challenges in continually improving patient safety?

17:30 – 17:50 **Closing remarks**
David Hare, Chief Executive, IHPN

17:50 Conference close

17:50 – 18:50 Drinks reception

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