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Chair: **Baroness Joyce Gould**

<p>9.30am Registration</p> <p>10.00am Opening remarks from the Chair Baroness Joyce Gould, Chair of the Independent Advisory Group on Sexual Health and HIV</p> <p>10.10am Government response to the strategy review • Priorities for action • Progress to date • Looking to the future Minister of State for Public Health - invited</p> <p>10.40am Progress & Priorities • Key findings of the review of the National Strategy for Sexual Health and HIV • Challenges and barriers to implementation of the strategy • Recommendations Ruth Lowbury, Chief Executive, Medical Foundation for AIDS & Sexual Health (MedFASH)</p> <p>11.10am Sexual health as a public health priority – the regional role • Regional leadership for sexual health improvement • Sexual health and HIV within regional visions for the NHS • Improving sexual health through sound performance management • Supporting sexual health commissioning and innovation Dr Isabel Oliver, Regional Epidemiologist, Health Protection Agency South West and Regional policy lead for Sexual Health in the South West</p> <p>11.40 Coffee break</p> <p>12.00am World class commissioning for sexual health and HIV • Using a collaborative commissioning model for sexual health and HIV • Assessing local sexual health needs to inform commissioning • Commissioning within and across PCT and local authority areas • Strengthening tariff arrangements to support service modernisation • Including sexual health in local service reconfiguration Dominic Conlin, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Commissioning, NHS Croydon</p>	<p>12.30pm Building local strategic partnerships for sexual health improvement • Using local partnerships to reduce inequalities and improve sexual health • PCT and local authority leadership and accountability • Including sexual health in other local health improvement plans Steve Slack, Director, Centre for HIV & Sexual Health, Sheffield Primary Care NHS Trust</p> <p>1.00 Lunch</p> <p>2.00pm Investing in prevention • The case for investment in prevention • Effective, cost-effective and cost-saving interventions • Future prospects for prevention • Priorities for investment Professor Graham Hart, Director, Centre for Sexual Health & HIV Research, University College London</p> <p>2.30pm Sexual health networks • The role and functions of networks • Setting up and structuring a network • Using networks to support world class commissioning • Ensuring integrated care pathways and governance across the network Simon Henning, Network Lead, Cheshire & Merseyside Sexual Health Network</p> <p>2.50pm Service modernisation and integration • Delivering holistic sexual health care • Developing integrated services for contraception and STIs • Reducing repeat abortion - the abortion and contraception pathway Dr Kate Guthrie, Clinical Director, Sexual and Reproductive Health Care Partnership for Hull and East Yorkshire</p> <p>3.10pm General practice – waking the sleeping giant • The untapped potential of general practice • Incentives for improving practice and increasing engagement • Developing the workforce Dr Philippa Matthews, General practitioner, Islington PCT</p> <p>3.30pm Progress and Priorities one year on • Taking stock and looking forward • Closing remarks Baroness Joyce Gould, Chair</p> <p>3.45pm Conclusions and end of day</p>
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The National Strategy for Sexual Health and HIV (2001) set out an ambitious ten-year programme to tackle sexual ill-health and modernise sexual health services in England. A review of the strategy and its implementation was undertaken in 2008, resulting in the report *Progress and Priorities – working together for high quality sexual health*, produced by MedFASH for the Independent Advisory Group (IAG) on Sexual Health and HIV.

Assessing the impact of the strategy to date, the report concluded that despite some notable progress, the scale and nature of sexual ill-health and inequalities in England today are still of grave concern, with increasing diagnoses of HIV and STIs and increasing demand for abortion. Constant policy reform, financial deficits and the need to keep pace with clinical and technological change have created real challenges for SHAs, PCTs and all those providing services.

Published just after the final report of the NHS Next Stage Review led by Lord Darzi, which marked a critical point in the Government's plans for the future of the NHS, *Progress and Priorities* recommends a wide-ranging set of actions required at local, regional and national levels to respond to the new operating environment and drive improvement.

One year on from the publication of *Progress and Priorities*, this conference provides a unique opportunity to learn

about the Government's response to the review and to explore the practicalities of implementing its recommendations at local and regional level.

Participants will hear from a range of speakers, working in different contexts, who are leading the drive to improve sexual health and will share their experiences.

Issues to be addressed include:

- Review of the strategy
- Government response to the strategy review
- Sexual health as a public health priority – the regional role
- World class commissioning
- Building local strategic partnerships for sexual health improvement
- Using local partnerships to reduce inequalities and improve sexual health
- Investing in prevention
- Sexual health networks
- Using networks to support world class commissioning
- Service modernisation and integration
- Delivering holistic sexual health care
- Developing integrated services for contraception and STIs
- The untapped potential of general practice

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