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Health Fringe Guide

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## Introduction

The Health Fringe has long been one of the most established, well represented and attended aspects of party political conferences. The fringes are often high-profile, well-known and respected and accomplished at increasing the political visibility of health issues or causes.

Both Labour and the Conservatives sought to make themselves 'saviours of the NHS' in their keynote conference addresses, with Labour promising thousands of extra NHS nurses in their 'Time to Care' campaign, whilst David Cameron spoke passionately about his use of the health service and pledged that the Conservatives would ring-fence NHS spending if re-elected next May.

Of note from the junior coalition party in recent days has been their desire to overhaul the national curriculum in England to make personal, social and health education lessons mandatory to reflect the NHS's goal of "parity of esteem" between physical and mental illness

The Lib Dem Health Minister, Norman Lamb MP, has a tough job on his hands to convince his party and the electorate at large that the Liberal Democrats have an equal say in the future of the NHS, whilst always defending their role in government – including the controversial Health and Social Care Act – whilst forging a vision of the health service of their own.

## Sunday

### **Drinkaware and Royal Pharmaceutical Society: Prevention is better than cure: Community based interventions to promote healthy lifestyles**

13:00 – 14:00, SECC, Alsh 2

- Baroness Jolly, Government Spokesperson, Department of Health (invited)
- Elaine Hindal, The Drinkaware Trust
- Sandra Gidley, Royal Pharmaceutical Society
- Chaired by Charlie Cooper, The Independent (invited)

### **The Health Foundation and NatCen Social Research: The elephant in the waiting room: Is the NHS sustainable?**

18:15, 19:15, SECC, Dochart 1

- Norman Lamb MP, Minister of State for Care and Support
- Andrew George MP (invited)
- Sally McManus, Nat Cen Social Research
- Anita Charlesworth, The Health Foundation

### **Health & Care Forum: Health & Care Forum Reception**

20:30, 21:30, SECC, Alsh 2

This reception will share thought-provoking insights to move the health debate forward, with the Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Minister of State for Care and Support (invited).



## Monday

### **College of Emergency Medicine, Foundation Trust Network, Royal College of Physicians Under pressure: the NHS in 2015**

13:00 – 14:00, Crowne Plaza, Castle 3

The NHS is facing a formidable combination of constrained funding, rising demand and changing patient needs. Join Norman Lamb MP to discuss the challenges faced and what needs to be done to ensure sustainable solutions designed around the patient.

### **Marie Curie in association with Age UK: Are politicians preventing the modernisation of our health and social care system?**

18:15 – 19:15, SECC, Leven

- David Brindle, Public Services Editor, The Guardian
- Norman Lamb MP, Minister of State for Care and Support
- Ruthe Isden, Health Influencing Programme Director, Age UK
- Richard Humphries, Assistant Director of Policy, The King's Fund
- Imelda Redmond CBE, Director of Policy & Public Affairs, Marie Curie

### **British Medical Association, Nuffield Trust, Royal College of Nursing: A prescription for the NHS. In conversation... Norman Lamb and Paul Burstow**

18:15 – 19:15, Crowne Plaza, Argyll 2

Isabel Hardman, Associate Editor of the Spectator, in conversation with the Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Minister of State for Health, and the Rt Hon Paul Burstow MP.

## Tuesday

### **NE England: What's in it for us; What's in it for you**

08:00 – 09:00, SECC, Dochart 1

- Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith MP
- Lord John Shipley.

### **Royal College of General Practitioners: Why are we waiting: Can politicians solve the general practice access crisis?**

09:00 – 10:00, Crowne Plaza, Castle 1

- Baroness Sal Brinton. Speakers
- Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Care Minister
- Dr Maureen Baker, Chair, Royal College of GPs
- Roy Lilley, Health Commentator and Analyst

### **The King's Fund, NHS Confederation and the Local Government Association: The Health and Care Debate - priorities for the next government**

13:00 -14:00, SECC, Carron 2

- Norman Lamb MP, Minister of State for Care and Support
- Michael White, The Guardian (Chair)
- Rob Webster, CEO, NHS Confederation
- Richard Humphries, Assistant Director of Policy, The King's Fund
- Cllr Katie Hall, Community Wellbeing Board, LGA.



## **Age UK: A health service fit for ageing Britain: How do we get there?**

13:00 – 14:00, Crowne Plaza, Castle 2

- Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Minister of State for Care and Support
- Caroline Abrahams, Charity Director, Age UK
- Nigel Edwards, Chief Executive, The Nuffield Trust
- Tom Mludzinski, Head of Political Polling, ComRes
- James Kempton, Associate Director, Centre Forum.

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## **CentreForum: Good health, good business: the case for investing in employees' wellbeing**

18:15 – 19:15, SECC, Boisdale 2

- Paul Burstow MP
- Professor Stephen Lee, CentreForum

## **cloudBuy: Delivering the Care Act**

19:45 – 21:00, SECC, Dochart 1

- Ronald Duncan, Chairman & CIO, cloudBuy
- Norman Lamb MP, Minister of State for Care and Support (invited)