



Programme for the Annual General Meeting and Conference of Doctors for the NHS 2022

Saturday 1st October

11 am to 6 pm

*at The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street,
London W1G 0AE*

11.00 *Coffee and registration*

11.30 **The AGM**

(Agenda and supporting documents available online at:
<https://bit.ly/3DUM82b>. Agendas may be collected on the day.)

13.00 *Lunch*

14.00 Conference

14.00 *Dr John Lister*

John has been a journalist since 1975, and specialised in health policy since 1984 when he became Information Director of (then GLC-funded) pressure group London Health Emergency, developing the first evidence-based critique of NHS privatisation, austerity cutbacks and competitive market reforms.

John achieved a PhD in health policy in 2004, and has since authored and co-authored books on global health policy (2005 and 2013) and England's NHS (2008, 2015 and most recently *NHS Under Siege*, 2022). As an associate senior lecturer in both Health Policy and in Journalism at Coventry University he edited the first-ever e-book on health journalism "First do No Harm" (2014).

John has worked with health unions and others on a wide range of projects including mental health, long-term care, cutbacks and reconfiguration plans. He was a founder member of KONP in 2005 and of Health Campaigns Together (2016), and in 2019 with Paul Evans of NHS Support Federation launched and co-edits *The Lowdown* (<https://lowdownnhs.info>).

John will discuss how the NHS has reached its present state, what a change of Prime Minister might bring and examine and refute some of the most oft-repeated notions of how the NHS might be reformed.

14.50 *David Rowland, Director, Centre for Health and the Public Interest*

David has been involved in the development of the Centre since its inception in 2011. He was a research fellow at the School of Public Policy, University College London, undertaking research on the Private Finance Initiative and social care markets with Prof Allyson Pollock and Prof Colin Leys. He also worked with Prof Scott Greer on projects examining EU health policy, the management of the NHS and administration of Communicable Disease Control.

He has been Head of Policy at three national regulators: The General Social Care Council, The General Dental Council and The General Optical Council.

David will talk about the growth of for-profit healthcare in the UK and the risks that it brings to doctors and patients.

15.40 *Short break*

16.00 *Dr Arun Baksi, Dr Malila Noone and Miss Helen Fernandes, Executive Committee Members of DFNHS*

Dr Baksi and his colleagues have been leading a campaign to reform disciplinary procedures in the NHS that benefit neither patients nor clinicians. They will report on that campaign and discuss whether the application of 'Maintaining High Professional Standards' can be adapted in a way that stops doctors from being victimised?

17.00 *The Paul Noone Memorial Lecture*
"How to improve the understanding of the general public, our media and our politicians, of the key issues facing today's NHS."
Roy Lilley

To describe Roy as the most influential health commentator in the UK would be selling him short. He has been a policy advisor, a visiting fellow at Imperial College London, helped set up the Health Services Management School at Nottingham University and was a founder of what has become the NHS Confederation. He was a local councillor at Surrey Heath Borough Council for 20 years, vice-chair of West Surrey and North East Hampshire Health Authority, and chair of Homewood NHS Trust in Chertsey. In 2013, he chaired the People's Inquiry into London's NHS: if only its recommendations had been followed, our NHS would be in a very different position.

Roy's e-letter has gone out several times a week for more than 10 years and reaches some 300,000 people, through nhsManagers.net and links to a wealth of information. Roy is passionate about healthcare and the people who deliver it. Expect a memorable lecture!

18.00 *Closure of Conference*

18.15 *Evening meal at Comptoir Libanais Lebanese Restaurant,
65 Wigmore Street, London W1U 1JT*

Directions

The Royal Society of Medicine is at 1 Wimpole Street, London W1G 0AE

By London Underground:

Oxford Circus (Bakerloo, Central and Victoria lines) and Bond Street (Central and Jubilee lines).

By bus:

Closest routes are: 2, 7, 10, 12, 13, 22, 23, 25, 30, 55, 73, 74, 88, 94, 98, 113, 139, 159, 189, 274, 390, 453, C2

By car: Car parks are located in Cavendish Square and Harley Street.

Booking

Please book to **attend on the day** at:

<https://bit.ly/3D3qeMr>

(You can book for the evening meal via this menu)

Please book to **join us online** (via Zoom on the day) at:

<https://bit.ly/3efE4AZ>

If you cannot pay online, please complete the enclosed booking form to pay by BACS or by cheque and return to:

Doctors for the NHS, 24 Hurgill Road, Richmond, North Yorks DL10 4BL

AGM agenda and supporting documents can be downloaded from the website at: <https://bit.ly/3DUM82b>

AGM agendas will be available at the venue on the day of the meeting.

Members may pay to attend on the day on arrival at the venue, but the evening meal must be booked and paid for in advance.

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