

VODG ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

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Holiday Inn London - Bloomsbury
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Wednesday,
13 September

09:00 - 16:30

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Conference programme **morning**

09:00 - 09:45	Registration, refreshments and mini market place – a chance to meet VODG investors and conference exhibitors
09:45 - 10:00	Conference welcome and introduction to Mixit Steve Scown (VODG chair) and Rhidian Hughes (VODG chief executive)
10:00 - 10:45	#STOMP it out (stopping over-medication) – Mixit Theatre Group A performance followed by table discussions
10:45 - 11:30	Morning Plenary Professor Tom Shakespeare , Norwich Medical School and broadcaster
11:30 - 11:45	Refreshments in the mini market place
11:45 - 12:45	BREAKOUT SESSIONS <i>Please note there are limited spaces, and registration is essential.</i>
1	Where next implementing the national living wage? <p>There are a number of ongoing considerations for providers implementing the national living wage. From funding and ensuring appropriate uplifts from commissioners, through to the ongoing interpretation of the law, and compliance efforts. This session explores a number of the issues and risks for providers and seeks to identify future priorities for VODG members.</p> <p>Emma Burrows (Trowers & Hamlins), Steve Cox (VODG trustee and Perthyn)</p>
2	Can collaborative approaches to commissioning transform lives? <p>We know that providers and commissioners can muddle through to create the support and services that disabled people want, despite the systems and processes that seem to conspire against this, but it does not happen enough and it is getting harder. Could we imagine a world where people that use services, providers and commissioners started together with a blank sheet of paper and worked to create local solutions and save money? In this workshop we will explore how collaborative ways of working, sharing power and decision making can apply in a range of environments and how VODG members can take this forward within their work.</p> <p>Aisling Duffy (VODG vice-chair and Certitude), Alicia Wood (Learning Disability England and Dimensions)</p>
3	How can social care improve engagement with STPs? <p>Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs) are working across England to transform the health and care system. Their aim is to make the biggest national move to integrated care in any major western country. Despite this, so far, there is a risk that STPs fail to engage with the social care sector. Drawing on recently published work by the Care Provider Alliance this workshop seeks to explore what the opportunities are to encourage and assist future dialogue.</p> <p>Peter Cheer (Care Providers Alliance), John Hoskinson (VODG trustee and Milestones Trust), Diane French (Fitzroy)</p>
12.45 - 14.00	Lunch and mini-marketplace

Conference programme **afternoon**

14.00
– 14.45 Afternoon plenary
Lord Low of Dalston CBE

14.45
– 15.45 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
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1 **How can we continue to promote equality and human rights during times of financial constraint?**

In times of financial constraint, a risk to high quality provision is that equality and human rights is considered a challenge. There is growing evidence – which has been brought together by the Care Quality Commission – that shows how a focus on equality and human rights, for people using services and staff, needs to play a central role in quality improvement. This workshop discusses a new CQC report and explores how providers are successfully embedding a strong focus on equality and human rights – despite the financial constraints.

Fiona Ritchie (VODG trustee and Turning Point),
Lucy Wilkinson (Care Quality Commission)

2 **Wellbeing teams** are a radical new model for delivering care and support within communities. They are:

- small teams of no more than a few people
- self-managing – everyone is trained and supported to do this well
- values-led at every step, from recruitment to service delivery
- led by co-production, putting the people they support in control of their services
- focussed on wellbeing, both of the people they support and team members.

This workshop will introduce a radically new model of support that gives people choice and control and improves health and wellbeing, focuses on outcomes and not on hours, creates effective self-managed teams and illustrates an approach that can work in the context of an individual service fund.

David Ellis (VODG trustee and National Star), **Anna Galiford** (VODG trustee and Fitzroy), **Michelle Livesley** (Helen Sanderson Associates)

3 **Gearing up together for the adult social care consultation**

Ahead of the 2017 budget representation and a promised consultation on adult social care what are the key messages that VODG members want to raise with Government? How can VODG members work together to make the case for sustainable funding of services for disabled people. This breakout session identifies the lessons and learning from previous approaches and what might be required for future campaigns.

Tim Cooper (VODG trustee and United Response), **Tom Pey** (VODG trustee and RSBC)

15.45
– 16.25 Closing plenary
John Tizard (independent consultant and VODG co-founder)

16.25
– 16.30 Closing reflections
Steve Scown (VODG chair)

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