

# Chief Nursing Officer for England's Summit 2025

9 and 10 October 2025

Leonardo Royal Hotel London St Paul's, 10 Godliman Street,  
London, EC4V 5AJ

## Programme

**Day one: Thursday 9 October 2025**

Time	Session
8.30am	<b>Registration</b>
10.15am	<b>Opening address</b> Duncan Burton, Chief Nursing Officer for England
10.30am	<b>Influencing perceptions of nursing and career choices for 11 to 18 year olds</b> Duncan Burton, Chief Nursing Officer for England
11.20am	<b>The power to lead: Nursing and midwifery at the forefront of community and system change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Acosia Nyanin, Deputy Chief Nursing Officer for England (session chair)</li><li>• Steph Lawrence, Chief Executive, The Queen's Institute of Community Nursing</li><li>• Siobhan Melia, Chief Executive, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust</li><li>• Nerea Odongo, Group Chief Nurse, Lincolnshire Community and Hospitals NHS Group</li><li>• Keeley Sheldon, Director of Quality, East Midlands Ambulance Service</li><li>• Lorraine Sunduza OBE, Chief Executive, East London NHS Foundation Trust</li></ul>
12.10pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1.30pm	<b>Responding to change: Our professional contribution to leading transformation of maternity and neonatal care</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kate Brintworth, Chief Midwifery Officer for England (session chair)</li><li>• Professor Ngozi Edi-Osagie, National Clinical Director – Neonatal Care, NHS England</li><li>• Morwenna Gee, Coproduction and Project Lead / Project Manager, Kernow Maternity and Neonatal Voices Partnership</li><li>• Jenise Jarvis, Consultant Midwife (Trainee), Barts Health NHS Trust</li><li>• Joanna Keable, Associate Director of Midwifery, Barts Health NHS Trust</li><li>• Kim O'Keeffe, Dual Chief Nursing Officer, Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust and Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gill Walton, Chief Executive and General Secretary, Royal College of Midwives</li> </ul>
2.20pm	<p><b>Improving culture and supporting our professions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professor Habib Naqvi MBE FFPH, Chief Executive, NHS Race and Health Observatory (session chair)</li> <li>Karen Bonner MBE, Regional Chief Nurse – London, NHS England</li> <li>Julie Hogg, Group Chief Nurse, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust and University Hospitals of Northamptonshire NHS Group</li> <li>Toni Lynch, Chief Nursing Officer, Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust</li> <li>Vanessa Sweeney, Chief Nurse, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</li> </ul>
3.10pm	<b>Tea and coffee break</b>
3.40pm	<p><b>Our role in transforming services for patients and the public: Prevention</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professor Jamie Waterall, Deputy Chief Public Health Nurse for England, Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, Department of Health and Social Care (session lead)</li> <li>Daljit Athwal, Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, Birmingham Women’s and Children’s NHS Foundation Trust</li> <li>Karen Bonner MBE, Regional Chief Nurse – London, NHS England</li> <li>Dr Kathryn Cobain, Chief Nursing Officer, Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICB</li> <li>Lucy Gillespie, National Professional Lead – Regulated Professional Workforce, Skills for Care</li> <li>Munashe Nyika, Clinical Practice Educator, HCA Healthcare UK and Former Nursing Now Board Member and Nightingale Challenge Chairperson</li> </ul>
4.30pm	<p><b>Keynote address</b> Duncan Burton, Chief Nursing Officer for England</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A with Steve Ford, Editor, Nursing Times</b></p>
5.30pm	<b>Close</b>
5.30pm	Nursing Times Networking Reception (in the Atrium)

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**Day two: Friday 10 October 2025**

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8.30am	<b>Registration</b>
10am	<b>Welcome</b> Duncan Burton, Chief Nursing Officer for England
10.15am	<b>Our leadership challenge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duncan Burton, Chief Nursing Officer for England (session chair)</li> <li>• Professor Nicola Ranger, General Secretary &amp; Chief Executive, Royal College of Nursing (session chair)</li> <li>• Professor Michelle Bateman, Deputy Chief Nursing Officer for England</li> <li>• Lincoln Gombedza, Practice Education Facilitator and Registered Learning Disability Nurse, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust</li> <li>• Sana Gul, Adult Nurse and Student Midwife, Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust and Co-Chair, Nursing Now Challenge</li> <li>• Diane Hull, Executive Director of Nursing, AHPs and Quality, Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust</li> <li>• Colonel Helen Winder, Chief Nursing Officer, British Army</li> <li>• Andrea Lewis, Regional Chief Nurse – South East, NHS England</li> </ul>
11.25am	<b>Tea and coffee break</b>
11.55am	<b>From curiosity to partnership: Bridging the gap between the NHS and Social Care</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Deborah Sturdy CBE, Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care, Department of Health and Social Care (session chair)</li> <li>• Dr Zena Aldridge, Associate Director for Social Care Nursing, NIHR</li> <li>• Zoë Fry OBE, Director of Nursing and Residential Services, The Outstanding Society</li> <li>• Lucy Gillespie, National Professional Lead – Regulated Professional Workforce, Skills for Care</li> <li>• Ed Hughes, Chief Executive, Council of Deans of Health</li> <li>• Victoria Hulström, Clinical Director, Nouvita Healthcare</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emily O'Hara, Director of Quality and Chief Nurse, Sanctuary Care</li> <li>• Adam Smith, Mental Health Nurse Consultant</li> </ul>
12.45pm	<b>Lunch</b>
2.15pm	<p><b>Evolution of practice: Digital, research and innovation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Balsdon, Chief Nursing Information Officer, NHS England (session chair)</li> <li>• Joel Wunimasim Daanyaya, Lecturer in Adult Nursing, Institute of Health, University of Cumbria and Doctoral Researcher, Lancaster University</li> <li>• Professor Dawn Dowding, Professor in Clinical Decision Making, School of Health Sciences, University of Manchester</li> <li>• Lincoln Gombedza, Practice Education Facilitator and Registered Learning Disability Nurse, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust</li> <li>• Professor Alison Richardson, Deputy Director Nursing Research – Academic Leadership and Strategy, NHS England</li> <li>• Professor Mary Wells, Director of Nursing for Research and Academic Leadership at Guys and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and Professor of Practice in Cancer Nursing at Imperial College</li> </ul>
3.05pm	<p><b>From followers to system leaders: Redefining nursing and midwifery through clinical practice and education reform</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liz Fenton OBE, Director of Nursing and Midwifery – Workforce, Training and Education, NHS England (session chair)</li> <li>• Christian Brailsford, Regional Lead Nurse for Nursing, Midwifery and Social Care – Workforce, Training and Education, NHS England (South West)</li> <li>• Sam Lungu, Senior Policy Advisor – Workforce, Training and Education, NHS England</li> <li>• Henrietta Mbeah-Bankas, Head of Portfolio (Blended Learning, Educator Workforce Programme), NHS England</li> <li>• Professor Deborah Sturdy CBE, Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care, Department of Health and Social Care</li> </ul>
3.55pm	<p><b>Closing address</b> Duncan Burton, Chief Nursing Officer for England</p>
4.15pm	<b>Close</b>