

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY WEEK

PARLIAMENTARY RECEPTION



POST-EVENT NEWSLETTER

PHOTO: Guests networking at the Parliamentary Reception

Medical Technology Awareness Week Reception on the House of Commons Terrace

Hosted by Eric Ollerenshaw MP

The parliamentary reception was the showcase event of Medical Technology Awareness Week. Over 140 clinicians, NHS staff, policy makers and parliamentarians mixed with patients and industry representatives to discuss the benefits that medical technology can have for patients.

The focus of the reception was to demonstrate the value of greater patient access to medical technology and how they can help patients get back to work, spend time with loved ones and get back to being themselves. The MTG wanted parliamentarians and policy makers to understand the benefits that greater patient access to medical technology can deliver for the NHS and wider society.

Attendees were taken on a journey from head to toe – seeing for themselves how medical technology can benefit patients:

Head – deep brain stimulation (dbs), thrombectomy technology

Heart – thoracic stent, ICDs, CRTDs, pacemakers

Abdomen – insulin pump, hernia mesh, renal denervation technology

Hips and Knees – hip and knee replacement technology

Legs – vascular stents and balloons

They learnt about each of the technologies, their benefits and the barriers to wider patient access. The reception also saw the launch of the MTG's new report, 'Hip and Knee Surgery: Combating Patient Lotteries'.

Medical Technology Awareness Pledge

The pledge highlighted key aspects of the current campaign to raise awareness about medical technology and the postcode lottery that patients suffer.

Parliamentary Pledge Signatories:

- ▶ David Amess MP
- ▶ Eric Ollerenshaw MP
- ▶ Heather Wheeler MP
- ▶ Ian Mearns MP
- ▶ Jim Dobbin MP
- ▶ Jim Dowd MP
- ▶ Jim Fitzpatrick MP
- ▶ John Pugh MP
- ▶ Julian Huppert MP
- ▶ Lord Walton of Detchant
- ▶ Mark Durkan MP
- ▶ Rosie Cooper MP
- ▶ Steve McCabe MP

With a further seven parliamentarians attending.



Health Select Committee Member Rosie Cooper MP signs the pledge.



Jim Dowd MP signs the pledge.



Shadow Science Minister, Liam Byrne MP is shown around the stalls.





Eric Ollerenshaw
OBE MP



Health Minister
Earl Howe



Miles Ayling from
NHS England



Patient
Stuart Robson



Patient
Nicholas Calder-
Bundy



MTG Chair
Barbara Harpham
with Earl Howe

MTG Reception Speakers

The reception was divided into 2 speaker segments to ensure that there was time to hear from everyone and allow for networking.

Segment 1:

Eric Ollerenshaw OBE MP – Conservative MP for Lancaster and Fleetwood and host of the MTG Reception. Eric welcomed everyone to the reception and discussed how medical technology had a vital role to play in the UK. Eric thanked the MTG for organising this valuable reception and introduced the patients whose contributions to the event were great.

Miles Ayling – Director of Innovation, NHS England. Miles discussed the importance of medical technologies and procedures and how they have the potential to save lives, increase independence and dignity, and improve patient experience. In addition to this, innovation can and does save money and deliver efficiencies as well as improving patient outcomes.

Nicholas Calder-Bundy – (22 years old) dystonia patient treated with deep brain stimulation (DBS). Nicholas talked about his own experience and how he was diagnosed with dystonia from a young age, and having tried various treatments he was eventually recommended the medical technology treatment, DBS, which has changed his life completely and allowed him to work and live a life without such constraints that he had before.

Marion Millington – a patient who suffered an aortic dissection and was fitted with a thoracic stent. Marion talked about how she suffered a severe aortic dissection which almost killed her, and afterwards she was left untreated until her surgeon recommended that she was fitted with a thoracic stent, a rarely performed procedure. This was successful and Marion has been able to live her life to the full after being fitted with this medical technology.

Segment 2:

Earl Howe – Health Minister. Earl Howe focused his speech on the importance of medical technology, and the innovations

in this area which can make all the difference to growing the life sciences sector, and for patient benefits. Earl Howe stated that medical technology is a crucial area for patients if we are to have an affordable and sustainable health service.

Stuart Robson – a vascular patient who underwent a bypass and angioplasty to save his leg from amputation. Stuart told his story of how he suffered from diabetic complications and had an infected ulcer on his leg. Having been referred to his local hospital they suggested that amputation was the only option, Stuart then did his own research and self-referred himself to a diabetic foot clinic where they were able to save his leg using medical technology.

Sabrina Dawe – mother of a son with diabetes who was fitted with an insulin pump. Sabrina talked about her own experience when her son was diagnosed with diabetes as a baby, and how her family suffered during this period as he was inappropriately treated with injections. Sabrina focused on the difference that an insulin pump made to her son, and how he is now a happy and healthy child.

Barbara Harpham – chair of the Medical Technology Group. Barbara welcomed everyone present and thanked all who spoke and contributed to the reception. Barbara highlighted the importance that medical technology plays in improving patients' lives, in helping them to get back to work, caring for their family and back to being themselves. The saddening thing about the stories that were heard at the reception was that all those had to go looking for the technology themselves, they weren't offered it and it was this that Barbara hoped would change. Barbara also focused on the societal benefits that medical technology can offer, not just the monetary ones. Barbara finished by stating that medical technology should be available to everyone where clinically appropriate, no matter where they live in the UK.

National coverage:

- ▶ The Guardian: A&E overcrowding may cost lives, emergency doctors warn (last 3 paras)

Specialist coverage:

- ▶ British Medical Journal: Commissioners are restricting referrals for hip and knee surgery, says report
- ▶ Medical News Today: Just after Christmas is the worst time to need hip or knee joint replacement - just before is the best, UK
- ▶ Age UK: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ The Information Daily: Patients must get fairer access to medical technology
- ▶ My ageing parent: Postcode lottery for knee and hip surgery

Regional coverage:

- ▶ Bakewell Today: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Basingstoke Gazette: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Bedfordshire on Sunday: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Belfast Telegraph: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Beverley Guardian: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Bradford Telegraph & Argus : Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Bucks Free Press: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Burnley Express: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Burton Mail: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Cambridge News: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Crosby Herald: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Croydon Guardian: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Dorset Echo: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Evesham Journal: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Express & Star: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Harborough Mail: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Haringey Independent: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Hereford Times: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Hertfordshire Mercury: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Herts & Essex Observer: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Jersey Evening Post: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Kenilworth Weekly News: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Ledbury Reporter: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Lynn News: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Matlock Mercury: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ News Shopper: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Northamptonshire Telegraph: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Oxford Mail: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Runcorn & Widness World: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Shropshire Star: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ South Wales Argus: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ The Argus: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ The Clitheroe Advertiser and Times: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ The Evening Standard: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ The Star: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ The Visitor: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ This is Guernsey: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ This is Hampshire: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Thurrock Gazette: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Wandsworth Guardian: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Warrington Guardian: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ York Press: Patients facing hip knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Yorkshire Evening Post: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'

Online coverage:

- ▶ Yahoo News: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ N4SA: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Topix Local News: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ UK News : Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ News UK 24: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ One News Page: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ I4U: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ WN.com: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ MidEast Clinics Directory: Just after Christmas is the worst time to need hip or knee joint replacement - just before is the best, UK
- ▶ BMI Healthcare: Hip or knee surgery lottery exposed
- ▶ Read Medical News: Just after Christmas is the worst time to need hip or knee joint replacement - just before is the best, UK
- ▶ World News.com: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Bogobogo: Patients facing hip-knee 'lottery'
- ▶ Anygator: Just after Christmas is the worst time to need hip or knee joint replacement - just before is the best, UK
- ▶ Oddsodds: Just after Christmas is the worst time to need hip or knee joint replacement - just before is the best, UK

MP websites:

- ▶ David Amess