Medical Technology Group
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The Medical Technology **Group**
Improving patient access to medical technology

The MTG is the only UK coalition of industry groups and patient charities working together to improve patient access to medical technologies. The MTG believes that patients and clinicians need better information about medical technologies so that they can make informed choices about their medical care, which in turn will benefit the NHS and improve patient outcomes and reduce costs.

Tim Kelsey

On January 27th, the MTG met with Tim Kelsey the National Director of Patient Information, who presented on the NHS England care.data programme. Launched in 2014, the programme which is currently in the trail stage at 6 CCGs, aims to share and collect health information to ensure the standard of care is consistent throughout the country.

You can read more about the meeting with Tim Kelsey by clicking here, and the care.data programme on the NHS England website.

Jason Stamp addresses MTG members

Jason Stamp, Chair of the Patient and Public Voice Assurance Group (PPVAG) spoke to the MTG about the work of the PPVAG as a critical friend to NHS England and some of the challenges they face in engaging with specialised commissioning. After the event Jason Stamp wrote a short blog which you can read here.

Dilip Chauhan's presentation and Q &A to the MTG

Dilip Chauhan spoke to the group about the work of the Office of Life Sciences (OLS) before highlighting possible areas of partnership between the MTG and the OLS. In particular he highlighted the Accelerated Access Review (AAR), Med Tech Sector Council and the Carter Review.

MTG Parliamentary Researchers Forum

A drink's reception for parliamentary staff was held on June 27th in the Old Star in Westminster. Over 20 Parliamentary advisors, senior staff and researchers attended the event and met with patients and industry members. The reception was a great opportunity to build relationships with researchers, promote greater understanding of the medical device industry and ask how we may best pursue the MTG's aims in Westminster.

Update on the unplanned admissions report

A spotlight campaign report on unplanned admissions is currently in development and due to be published later in the year. The report is looking at rates of unplanned admissions focusing on three areas: urinary tract infections, heart failure and diabetes. Initial findings suggest there are major savings to be made (approximately £1billion) in reducing unplanned admissions.

Medical Technology Week

The annual Medical Technology Awareness Week is planned for the week beginning November 16th culminating with a parliamentary reception hosted by John Pugh MP on Wednesday 18th November. The week aims to raise awareness of the role medical technology plays in the UK and the benefits to both patients and the NHS. It will bring together key stakeholders including MPs and Peers, clinicians and patients in promoting the need for better and more consistent access to medical technology across the NHS.

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