



25th October 2023 Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh

Conference Agenda

9.00 - 10.00 **Registration, refreshments, exhibition and poster viewing**

10.00 - 11:15 **Session One**

Welcome from Conference chair

Richard Meade, Director of Carers Scotland and Carers Northern Ireland

Conference Overview

Claire Stevens, Chief Executive Officer, Voluntary Health Scotland

Keynote Address

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

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Nigel Crisp, independent crossbench member of the House of Lords, co-chair the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health

11.15 - 11.45 **Refreshments, exhibition and poster viewing**

11.45 - 13.00

Session Two

Panel discussion: A Connected Scotland Discussion about Social Isolation and Loneliness

- **Paul Okroj, Director of Stakeholder Engagement and Service Development, Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland (CHSS)**
- **Kevin McGowan, Social Isolation and Loneliness, Scottish Government**
- **Adam Stachura, Head of Policy and Communications, Age Scotland**
- **Susan Hunter, CEO, Befriending Networks**
- **Rob Murray, Scotland Director, British Red Cross**

13.00 - 14.00

Lunch, exhibition, poster viewing

14.00 - 15.30

Session Three

Keynote Address

Angiolina Foster CBE, Chair of Public Health Scotland

Accessing Adult Mental Health Services in Scotland

Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, Audit Scotland

Presentation of the 2023 Poster Competition Winner

15.30

Conference Close