

“Putting PATIENTS FIRST: promoting patient safety in the NHS by supporting and protecting whistleblowers and ensuring openness with patients”

Wednesday 14th December 2011 6:30pm (registration & refreshments from 6pm) Irwin Mitchell Solicitors, 40 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2 PZ

We hope that you will be able to attend this free seminar at which the new organisation for NHS whistleblowers - Patients First - will be launched. It will look at how patient safety can be promoted by protecting and supporting whistleblowers and ensuring openness with patients. Crucially it will provide you with an opportunity to comment on what you/your organisation can or is doing in this vital area.

The event is a powerful statement of how aligned the interests of patients and NHS whistleblowers are, amply demonstrated by this partnership between Patients First and AvMA - the charity for patient safety and justice.

Please note that attendance at this event is by invitation only and places are limited. Please do not circulate this invitation widely. If however you cannot attend personally and wish to nominate someone else from your organisation to attend in your place, please do so. Please register by e-mail to conferences@avma.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Kim Holt

Dr Kim Holt, Chair, Patients First

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Peter Walsh

Peter Walsh, Chief Executive, AvMA

DRAFT PROGRAMME

- Chair: Dr Phil Hammond
- (Invited) Andrew Lansley MP, Secretary of State for Health
- Professor Peter Dawson: Launch of “Patients First” – a new organisation supporting and giving a voice to NHS whistleblowers and promoting good practice
- Professor Peter Beresford: the important of whistleblowing in health and social care: low paid workers and vulnerable clients
- Dr Kim Holt: the unacceptable use of gagging clauses. Channel 4 film
- Peter Walsh (Action against Medical Accidents “AvMA”) on the need for a statutory ‘Duty of Candour’ with patients / patients’ stories
- Open Discussion: what needs to be done? What can my organisation do?

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