

Freedom to Speak Up: The Next Steps for Improving Whistleblowing in Healthcare

Taking place at [110 Rochester Row, London, SW1P 1JP](https://www.gov.uk/government/addresses/110-rochester-row-london-sw1p-1jp) | Thursday 23 Nov 2017

10.15 Registration & Morning Refreshments

11.00 Chair's Introduction - *Susan Biddle, Healthy Communities Consultant*

11.05 Morning Session: The Next Steps for Improving Whistleblowing Practices in Healthcare

- Updated on progress made nationally on the Freedom to Speak Up agenda
 - Embedding the principals of the national integrated whistleblowing policy
 - Ensuring that whistleblowers aren't discriminated against in future job applications
 - Developing the role & skills of your local FTSU Guardian
 - Improving whistleblowing procedures in primary care
 - Encouraging staff to raise concerns at the earliest opportunity
 - Establishing blame-free investigations to establish the facts
 - Ensuring lessons are learned from investigations and working practices are improved
 - Engaging with senior management & board members to improve your processes
- ⇒ *Russell Parkinson, Head of Office, National Guardian's Office*
- ⇒ *Wendy Webster, Employment Support Scheme Manager, NHS Improvement*
- ⇒ *Kate Milton, Experience of Care Lead: Staff Experience and Whistleblowing; Rachel White, Leadership Support Manager - Patient Experience; & Michail Sanidas, Freedom to Speak Up Manager, NHS England*

13.15 Networking Lunch

14:00 Afternoon Session: Learning From Good Practice

- Embedding the national approach into your local policy
 - How have other trusts supported their FTSU Guardians?
 - Supporting staff throughout the whole process
 - Effective methods of training staff and raising awareness
- ⇒ *Francesca West, Deputy Chief Executive, Public Concern at Work*
- ⇒ *Matthew Hopkins, Chief Executive, Barking, Havering & Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust*

15.30 Event Close

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