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**Chair**

Simon Taylor is a barrister at Keating Chambers, practising in public procurement and competition law. He has been involved in the development of competition in the NHS for several years, advising the Department of Health and various NHS bodies and private providers.

**Speakers**

Matthew Bell leads healthcare work at Frontier. He has led the work to competition authorities for over 15 acute trust mergers.

Rosemary Choueka specialises in EU and UK competition law and public procurement, as well as general commercial contracts work.

Sarah Hannaford QC is a member of Keating Chambers and has been involved in many of the leading and high profile procurement cases.

Sharon Lamb is a partner in Capsticks’ commercial team and has over 13 years’ experience advising health sector clients.

Alistair Lindsay is a competition law barrister at Monckton Chambers. He was a partner in Allen & Overy LLP for eight years.

Sheldon Mills joined the OFT in February 2010. He is currently Senior Director of Policy for the UK’s Office of Fair Trading (OFT).

Jocelyn Ormond is a corporate partner at DAC Beachcroft. He leads the firm’s independent health and social care group, which was recognised at the 2012 Independent Healthcare Awards as legal adviser of the year.

David Owens is a partner in the commercial department at Bevan having qualified at the predecessor firm in 1984.

John Pigott, Competition Inquiries Director at Monitor, is responsible for competition inquiries into anti-competitive behaviour by healthcare providers, procurement disputes and mergers of healthcare providers.

Bruce Potter heads the English healthcare practice of Morgan Cole, a leading firm of healthcare lawyers. Bruce’s experience spans the commercial practical and policy dimensions.

Kate Rees is a consultant at Hogan Lovells and is consistently ranked amongst the world’s Top 10 procurement lawyers.

David Stewart is a competition and regulatory lawyer with a career-long specialisation in regulated sectors, with particular experience in communications and health.

Catherine Vickery is the company secretary and General Counsel at BMI Healthcare, a role she has held since end of May 2011. Prior to joining BMI Healthcare as a senior legal advisor nine years ago, she worked at Capsticks Solicitors, who specialise in all aspects of healthcare law for both the NHS and private sector.

Dr Alexandra von Westernhagen is an English and German qualified lawyer with over 10 years’ experience in advising private and public sector clients.

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