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**Date:** 18th July

**Venue:** Frank Rifkin Lecture Theatre, Mayo Building at Salford Royal Hospital, Manchester

08:15 - 08:40. **Arrival and Registration**

08:40 - 08:50.  **Welcome** – Dr O. Williams OBE *(CEO Northern Care Alliance)*

08:50 - 09:00. **Introduction** – Prof. S. Senapati *(Chairman of OASIS-GB)*

**Session 1: Causes of Obesity** (9:00-11:00)

*Chair: Prof. JS. Bamrah CBE (FRCPsych) and Dr A. Syed (Consultant Physician and Clinical Lead in the department of Diabetes & Endocrinology & Co-chair OASIS-GB)*

09:00 – 09:15. **A** **Patients’ perspective** - Lisa Williams

09:15 - 09:45. **Misconceptions about obesity; addressing weight stigma**– Dr SW. Flint *(School of Psychology, Scaled Insights, Nexus, University of Leeds)*

09:45 – 10:15. **Genetic influences of obesity** – Prof. S. Farooqi *(Wellcome Trust Principal Research Fellow.*Professor*of*Metabolism*and*Medicine, University of Cambridge)

10:15 - 10:45. **Causes and health consequences of the global increase of obesity**– Prof. J. Wilding *(Professor of Cardiovascular and Metabolic Medicine, University of Liverpool)*

10:45 - 11:00. **Panel discussion**

**Coffee Break - 11:00-11:30**

**Session 2: Management of Obesity** (11:30-13:30)

*Chair: Prof. M. Gibson (Professor of Diabetes & Metabolic Medicine) and Prof. K. Akhtar (Consultant OG/Bariatrics Surgeon)*

11.30 - 11.45. **Impact of obesity on health** -  *Dr A. Syed (Consultant Physician and Clinical Lead in the department of Diabetes & Endocrinology & Co-chair OASIS-GB)*

11.45 - 12.00. **Obesity and the heart** - Prof. S. Arya *(Consultant Cardiologist and Medical Director, Wigan and Wrightington Hospital)*

12.00 - 12.40. **Proposing a novel, holistic and evidence-based weight management programme for the future**– Dr A. Robins *(Programme Leader: BSc (Hons) Nutrition & Exercise as Medicine, Senior Lecturer, The University of Salford UK)*, Dr P. Sindall *(Senior Lecturer in Exercise Science, University of Salford)* and Dr P. Gray *(Lecturer in Nutrition & Exercise as Medicine, The University of Salford UK)*

12.40 - 12.55. **Are we starting a new era for obesity pharmacotherapy?**– Prof. J. Wilding *(Professor of Cardiovascular and Metabolic Medicine, University of Liverpool)*

12.55 - 13.10. **Current Surgical Approaches** – Prof. S. Senapati *(Consultant Bariatric Surgeon, Salford Royal Hospital, University of Salford and Chairman of OASIS-GB)*

13.10 - 13.30. **Panel discussion**

**Lunch - 13:30- 14:15**

**Session 3: Considerations for obesity services** (14:15-16:00)

*Chair: Mrs Jodi Ellison (Senior Bariatric Specialist Nurse), Mr Jack Carney (Co-Chair of Oasis-GB and Senior Coach at Salford Metropolitan Athletic Club) and Mr Christopher Slater (Senior Dietician, Salford Royal Hospital)*

14.15 - 14.35. **The role of safe surgery as an important part of the weight loss journey**– Prof. Vinod Menon, *President of British Obesity and metabolic Surgery Society* (15 mins talk 5 mins Q&A)

14.35 - 15.05. **Patient experiences-** Patient experts: Mr Liam Hennigan, Mrs Beverley Harris, Mr Stuart Paterson

15.05 - 15.20. **Epidemiological research in diabetes and obesity (Salford/Great Manchester)** – Dr A. Heald *(Consultant Physician Diabetes and Endocrinology)*

15:20 – 15:35. **Tackling obesity in the early years** – Ms Deborah Blackburn (*Salford Council)*

15:35 – 15:50. **OASIS-GB current activities and vision** – Mr J. Carney *(Co-Chair of Oasis-GB and Senior Coach at Salford Metropolitan Athletic Club)*

15:50 – 16:05. **Regional and national strategies on food and healthy weight – What works?** – Deborah Thompson *(Public Health Consultant, Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership)*

16.05 - 16.20. **Panel discussion**

16.20. **Close and Vote of thanks**

  

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