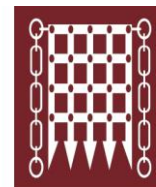


Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar
Next steps for reducing homelessness: policy priorities, housing first
and the Homelessness Reduction Act

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 26th February 2019

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Bob Blackman MP, Sponsor, Homelessness Reduction Act
- 9.05 - 9.15 **What's driving homelessness in England?**
Senior academic
- 9.15 - 9.55 **The Homelessness Reduction Act so far - local responses, partnership working and measuring success**
- Implementing national homelessness policy at a local level*
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- The Homelessness Reduction Act in practice - what should success look like?*
Deborah Garvie, Policy Manager, Shelter
- The duty to refer - challenges for effective partnership working across public services*
Senior representative, job centre
- Housing associations' role in making the Homelessness Reduction Act work*
Senior representative, housing association
- 9.55 - 10.25 Questions and comments from the floor with senior academic
- 10.25 - 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Bob Blackman MP, Sponsor, Homelessness Reduction Act
- 10.30 - 11.00 Coffee
- 11.00 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 - 12.00 **Addressing rough sleeping - the scale of the problem, tackling causes and implementing Housing First in England**
- Understanding the scale of rough sleeping in England*
Professor Jo Richardson, Associate Dean, Research and Innovation and Professor of Housing and Social Research, De Montfort University
- Eradicating rough sleeping - an international case study*
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- Early lessons from the UK Housing First pilot schemes*
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- Next steps for tackling homelessness in the Capital and the progress of the No Nights Sleeping Rough Taskforce*
David Eastwood, Services and Commissioning Manager, Greater London Authority
- Meeting the mental health needs of rough sleepers and dealing with substance misuse*
Dr Sarah Marwick, Associate Medical Director, NHS England
- 12.00 - 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Policy priorities for reducing homelessness - the Rough Sleeping Strategy and the Homelessness Reduction Act**
Bill Thorpe, Deputy Director, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum