

**Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for SEND policy
- SEND reforms, funding, local area inspections and best practice in provision**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 9th November 2017

Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Addington
- 9.05 - 9.25 **SEND policy - key issues and next steps**
Dr Adam Boddison, Chief Executive, nasen
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 10.25 **Provision of SEND services - identifying best practice**
Highlighting best practice in SEND provision since the introduction of 'The SEND Code of Practice: 0-25 years' in 2014.
Heather Stack, Director and Founder, The Local Offer
Peter Imray, Independent Trainer and Consultant, The Peter Imray SENTA
Val Waite, Principal Educational Psychologist, SEMH Lead and Best Practice and Development Lead, Leeds City Council
Valentine Mulholland, Head of Policy, NAHT
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 - 10.45 **Initial Teacher Training and SEND - improving teachers' knowledge and developing understanding**
Margaret Mulholland, Director of Development & Research, Swiss Cottage School, London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.55 **Joint Ofsted-CQC local area inspections - progress so far**
Matthew Barnes, Specialist Adviser, SEND, Ofsted
Nigel Thompson, Head of Inspections - Children's Health and Justice, CQC
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.55 **Key issues for the future provision of SEND services - facilities, funding and reform**
With local authorities required to transition by April 2018 to reforms outlined in the SEND Code of Practice, how successfully has the code of practice been implemented and what can be done to support local authorities making the transition? Following the recent publication of responses to the stage 2 consultations on the High Needs and Schools National Funding Formulas, what steps can be taken to mitigate concern expressed by schools regarding the pressure on high needs budgets? With a further £215 million of government funding being provided to support local authorities to create new places and improve facilities at existing schools, what steps can be taken to ensure that local authorities utilise funding to ensure the most significant benefit for SEND services?
Anne Heavey, Education Policy Adviser, National Education Union (ATL Section)
Eleanor Wright, Chief Executive, SOS!SEN
Helen Adams, Children and Maternity Commissioning Manager, NHS Nene and Corby CCGs
Zara Wright, Assistant Headteacher and SENCo, Farnham Heath End School, Surrey
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Lord Addington
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Education Forum