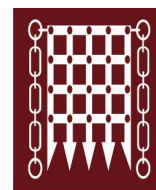


**Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar:  
Next steps for transgender equality - inclusion, rights and services**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Barker**, Liberal Democrat Lords LGBT Spokesperson
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Transgender equality in the current landscape - progress and next steps**  
**Ben Wilson**, Executive Director, Equalities and Human Rights Commission  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.35 **Recognition and rights for transgender people: equalities legislation, education and creating inclusive environments**  
*With current equality legislation such as the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and non-discrimination laws directed from the EU, what steps should be taken to ensure that rights for transgender people remain in place after Britain leaves the EU? How should LGBT issues be taught in schools as part of relationships and sex education, and does more need to be done to engage community leaders and faith groups in its delivery? What changes might be needed in the portrayal of transgender issues in the media? How can workplace challenges around setting out clear diversity policies, encouraging appropriate terminology and providing suitable facilities, be overcome to create an inclusive environment, and with many universities developing their own specific gender identity policy, what examples of best practice exist in higher education that can also be applied to sport, leisure, entertainment and other settings?*  
**Julia Neal**, Vice President, National Education Union  
**Helen Belcher**, Trustee, Trans Media Watch  
**Mark Landon**, Partner, Weightmans  
**Dr Stephanie McKendry**, Widening Access Manager, University of Strathclyde  
Young person  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Baroness Barker**, Liberal Democrat Lords LGBT Spokesperson
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Steph Calvert**, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Advisor and Executive Member, Spectrum, Home Office and Executive Member, a:gender
- 11.15 - 11.25 **Tackling issues in the criminal justice system**  
**Megan Key**, Equalities Manager, National Probation Service
- 11.25 - 11.45 **Priorities for Gender Identity Services in the NHS**  
**James Palmer**, Medical Director for Specialised Services, NHS England
- 11.45 - 12.30 **Reforming the Gender Recognition Act and key issues for transgender physical and mental health**  
*Following a Government commitment to reform the Gender Recognition Act to allow people to change gender without medical checks, what should be the process and what safeguards might need to be in place? With the British Medical Association's GP Committee issuing advice telling GPs to ignore General Medical Council guidance on prescribing hormone therapy for gender dysphoria, what more needs to be done to clarify procedures and in addition ensure patients are referred to appropriate services? What are the key issues around consent and suitable treatment for young people undergoing gender transformation and what should be the way forward for policy and practice? To what extent is the Five Year Forward View for Mental Health and other national initiatives to give parity of esteem between mental and physical health meeting the needs of the transgender community?*  
**Dr Jane Hamlin**, President, Beaumont Society  
**Dr Polly Carmichael**, Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Director, Gender Identity Development Service, Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust  
Senior representative, general practice  
Questions and comments from the floor with **James Palmer**, Medical Director for Specialised Services, NHS England and **Megan Key**, Equalities Manager, National Probation Service
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Next steps for policy**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**  
**Steph Calvert**, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Advisor and Executive Member, Spectrum, Home Office and Executive Member, a:gender  
**Sam Dolton**, Senior Producer, Westminster Social Policy Forum