

Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar

Early Intervention: joining up services, targeting support and the role of the Foundation

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 10th July 2013

Venue: Congress Hall, Congress Centre, 28 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Andrea Leadsom MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Sure Start Children's Centres
- 9.05 - 9.15 **The changing landscape of early intervention**
Professor Martin Knapp, Professor of Social Policy and Director, Personal Social Services Research Unit, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 9.15 - 9.35 **Early Intervention: the policy perspective**
Mark Fisher, Director, Universal Credit and Social Justice, Department for Work and Pensions
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.05 **The role of the Early Intervention Foundation**
Graham Allen MP, Chair, Early Intervention Foundation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 - 10.55 **Early Intervention at work: implementation, assessment and engagement**
With the Early Intervention Foundation being fully launched in the spring, what does it need to do to succeed in achieving its aim of "giving babies, children and young people the social and emotional capability to realise their full potential" and what societal groups should be targeted to maximise the social value of interventions? As the Foundation has recently emphasised the importance of strong leadership and a breadth of strategy, how should Early Intervention strategies be led at a local level and how should the Foundation support commissioners with formulating their strategies? With NAVCA stating that the Foundation should "avoid having to 'reinvent the wheel' each time", how should the Early Intervention Foundation disseminate best practice knowledge and what data would it be most useful to share between stakeholders? What should be the balance between short-term and long-term benefits and how can schools, the third sector and local authorities be encouraged to put early intervention at the top of the agenda? What strategies would be most effective for local authorities and children's centres in targeting support for parents to provide the optimal nurturing environment for children's emotional and cognitive development?
Dharmendra Kanani, Director, England, Big Lottery Fund
Stephen Hughes, Chief Executive, Birmingham City Council
June O'Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer, London Early Years Foundation
Dr Jessica Allen, Deputy Director, Institute of Health Equity, University College London
Dr Geraldine Strathdee, Consultant Psychiatrist, Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust and National Clinical Director, Mental Health, NHS England
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Martin Knapp**, Professor of Social Policy and Director, Personal Social Services Research Unit, London School of Economics
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Andrea Leadsom MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Sure Start Children's Centres
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 - 11.35 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Baroness Massey of Darwen, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Children
- 11.35 - 11.55 **Challenges and priorities for central government – an NAO perspective**
Michael Kell, Director, Economic Analysis, National Audit Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.05 **Realising early intervention in public health**
Professor Rod Thomson, Director of Public Health, Shropshire Council
- 12.05 - 12.45 **Practicalities of joining up and improving services across health and social care to support early intervention**
With Early Intervention: The Next Steps highlighting the difficulties of integrating stakeholders' budgetary mechanisms and strict rules, how should early intervention pathways be commissioned and how useful is the community budget model to implement early intervention strategies? With increasing pressure to meet Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) and other savings targets, should local authorities look to non-governmental partners to fund the initial investment in early intervention and what other innovative solutions can be found? How can CCGs and Health and Wellbeing Boards act to encourage a "cultural shift" toward early intervention strategies and what retraining is necessary to ensure that the workforce is prepared to implement new early intervention practices? In light of the fact that the impact of early intervention strategies may not be assessable for a number of years, how can the strategies be evaluated and at what points should progress be measured?
David Buck, Senior Fellow, Public Health and Inequalities, The King's Fund
Sarah Brennan, Chief Executive, YoungMinds
Dr Hilary Emery, Chief Executive, National Children's Bureau
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Rod Thomson**, Director of Public Health, Shropshire Council
- 12.45 - 12.55 **Next steps for early intervention**
Graham Allen MP, Chair, Early Intervention Foundation
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Massey of Darwen, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Children
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum