

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

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 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 - 10.15 **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  
Senior representative, local authority  
Headteacher  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.50 **Joint Ofsted-CQC local area inspections - progress so far**  
**Nigel Thompson**, Head of Inspections - Children's Health and Justice, CQC  
Senior speaker confirmed from **Ofsted**  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 11.10 **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
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 - 11.40 Coffee
- 11.40 - 11.45 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.45 - 12.35 **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 closing of the stage 2 consultation on the High Needs National Funding Formula in March which requires schools to submit an online application for each high needs pupil whose provision exceeds £6,000 per annum, how can concerns expressed by schools over a lack of resources and capacity be mitigated? 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, ATL  
Senior representative, health authority  
Senior representative, parent organisation  
Headteacher  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 - 12.55 **Policy priorities for SEND**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum