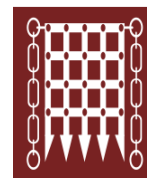


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Next steps for alternative provision in England

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing proposals in the *Every child achieving and thriving white paper - preparing for implementation***
Sarah Johnson, President, PRUsAP; and Founder, Phoenix Education Consultancy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Developing workforce capacity and supporting collaboration between mainstream and alternative settings**
Senior representative, teaching union
- 9.40 **Early intervention, placement availability, and the future role of alternative provision in the school system**
availability of high-quality AP places | improving inclusion and the role of AP free schools and local authority commissioning | addressing regional disparities and reliance on unregistered provision | reducing reliance on long-term placements | effective reintegration planning between AP and mainstream schools | proposed Individual Action Plans for pupils | preventing long-term separation from mainstream education | provision for pupils with SEND or social, emotional and mental health needs and those at risk of exclusion | tiered interventions across mainstream and AP settings | parental engagement in decision-making processes | early identification of need and preventative support in mainstream settings
Stephen Steinhaus, CEO, Solihull Alternative Provision Multi Academy Trust
Erin Smart, Associate, Russell-Cooke
Senior representative, mainstream school
Senior representative, local authority
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 **Considerations for alternative provision regulation and system oversight**
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Accountability, safeguarding and data sharing across alternative provision**
regulation and quality assurance in AP, including unregistered provision | monitoring pupil outcomes and placements | responsibilities across schools, trusts and local authorities | collection and use of data on attendance, progress, attainment and destinations | clear performance indicators | development of National Inclusion Standards by 2028 | expectations for annual review processes
Dr Craig Johnston, Senior Lecturer, Criminology, University of the West of England Bristol
Christina Jones OBE, CEO, River Tees Multi-Academy Trust
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Improving outcomes and post-16 progression, employment, and further study pathways**
pathways from alternative provision into FE, apprenticeships and employment | role of initiatives such as the Youth Guarantee and Jobs Guarantee | work readiness and independence | supporting access to work experience placements | developing employer partnerships | accessibility of qualifications | use of destination data to inform provision and outcomes
Kevin Buchanan, Director, Education, Edstart Schools
Scott McCue, Head, Education Pathways and Foundation Learning, Plumpton College
Senior representative, employer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for alternative provision moving forward**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Education Forum