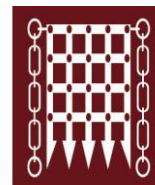


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Next steps for asylum policy in the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Anne McLaughlin MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson (Immigration, Asylum and Border Control),
and Shadow SNP Spokesperson (Justice)
- 9.05 **Priorities for reforming the UK's asylum system and the implementation of the New Plan for Immigration**
Glyn Williams, Director General, Borders, Immigration and Citizenship Systems Policy and Strategy Group, Home Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Support services for refugees - addressing issues around integration, supporting unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and family reunion routes, and the future for community sponsorship**
Steve Valdez-Symonds, Refugee and Migrant Rights Programme Director, Amnesty International UK
Professor Elspeth Guild, Professor of Law, Queen Mary University of London and Legal Counsel, Kingsley Napley
Professor Jenny Phillimore, Professor of Migration and Superdiversity, Department of Social Policy, Sociology and Criminology, University of Birmingham
Elaine Goodwin, National Homeless and Inclusion Health Nursing Lead, NHS England and NHS Improvement
Councillor Jennifer Layden, Convener for Equalities and Human Rights, Glasgow City Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Expanding the asylum estate and the future of reception centres**
Madeline Gleeson, Lawyer and Senior Research Fellow, Andrew and Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, University of New South Wales, Sydney
Professor Cornelius Katona, Medical and Research Director, Helen Bamber Foundation
Senior representative, asylum estate
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **International implications of the asylum system on refugee protection and the refugee convention**
Rossella Pagliuchi-Lor, Representative to the UK, UNHCR
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Anne McLaughlin MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson (Immigration, Asylum and Border Control),
and Shadow SNP Spokesperson (Justice)
- 11.25 Break
- 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Dubs, Member, Joint Committee on Human Rights
- 11.40 **Developing a streamlined claims system for asylum and strengthening legal pathways for entry in the UK**
Dr Peter W. Walsh, Researcher, Migration Observatory, University of Oxford
- 11.50 **The asylum appeals system - key priorities moving forward**
Judge Michael Clements, President, Immigration and Asylum Chamber
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 Break
- 12.15 **Improving international cooperation to address illegal crossings of the Channel**
Senior representative, international
- 12.25 **Tackling illegal routes for entry into the UK and reforming the asylum appeals process**
Colin Yeo, Barrister, Garden Court Chambers
Senior representative, border enforcement
- 12.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Lord Dubs, Member, Joint Committee on Human Rights
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Legal Policy Forum

