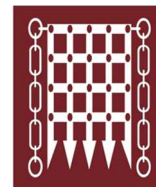


Westminster Education Forum policy conference

Priorities for child protection in England - learning from the COVID-19 pandemic, supporting service recovery and responding to rising demand going forward

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Policy priorities for child protection following COVID-19**
Graham Archer, Director, Children's Services Policy, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **The experience of safeguarding vulnerable children during COVID-19 and priorities moving forward - tackling abuse, remote social work and family court hearings, and the impact of emergency legislation**
Laverne Cole, Regional Manager, St Christopher's Fellowship
Professor Harry Ferguson, Department of Social Work and Social Care, University of Birmingham
Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Birmingham Children's Trust
Dr Dawn Allen, Assistant Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead, Ormiston Victory Academy
Senior representative, legal
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 Break
- 10.25 **Keeping children safe online - the effect of lockdown, engaging parents and children, and lessons learned**
Richard Pursey, Chief Executive Officer, SafeToNet
Susie Hargreaves, Chief Executive, Internet Watch Foundation
Senior representative, police
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Tim Loughton MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Children
- 11.20 **Supporting the capacity of local authorities to fulfil their child protection responsibilities post-pandemic**
Laura Cook, Lecturer in Social Work, School of Social Work, University of East Anglia and Member, Centre for Research on Children and Families
- 11.30 **Policy priorities for child social care service recovery - funding, staff training, coping with rising demand, and next steps for improving multi-agency working**
Dr Mary Baginsky, Senior Research Fellow, King's College London
Richard Strachan, Chair of Governors and Lead Safeguarding Governor, Darnhall Primary School and Independent Scrutiny Lead, Warrington Safeguarding Partnerships
Lynn Perry, Corporate Director of Children's Services - Operations, Barnardo's
Gerry Nosowska, Chair, British Association of Social Workers
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor with **Laura Cook**, Lecturer in Social Work, School of Social Work, University of East Anglia and Member, Centre for Research on Children and Families
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **The national picture for vulnerable children and key policy priorities going forward**
Senior representative confirmed from **Ofsted**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Tim Loughton MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Children
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum