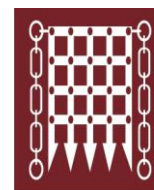


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Tackling drug use in higher education

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Student drug use in the UK - setting out a common approach to reduce harm and tackle supply**
Professor Nic Beech, Vice-Chancellor, Middlesex University London; and Chair, Drug-Use Taskforce, Universities UK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 Break
- 9.45 **The drugs landscape in UK universities - supply and demand, student culture and pressures, vulnerable groups, and local issues and patterns**
Professor Graham Towl, Professor of Forensic Psychology, Durham University; and former Chief Psychologist, Ministry of Justice
Tracy Lumb, Senior Project Manager (Wellbeing), Students Organising for Sustainability UK
- 10.05 **Implementing effective drug policies and strategies - whole university approaches, disciplinary procedures, building trust, and support for students and options for co-creation of policies**
Arda Ozcubukcu, Co-Founder & Director, NeuroSight; and Partnerships Associate, Clerkenwell Health
Dr Simon Merrywest, Director for the Student Experience, The University of Manchester
Tracy Scares, Senior Service Manager (Substance Misuse), Catch22
Jenny Shaw, Director, External Engagement, The Unite Group
- 10.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Universities in the context of UK-wide challenges of drug use - impact on students, the role of HEIs, priorities for research, and developing a system for prevention, treatment and recovery**
Professor Dame Carol Black, Lead, Independent Review of Drugs (2019-2021)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 Break
- 11.40 **Creating local and regional partnerships to tackle drug harms - supply disruption, prevention and treatment, multi-agency working and developing coordinated approaches**
Rania Regaieg, President, The Students' Union at UWE
Professor Owen Bowden-Jones, Consultant Psychiatrist, CNWL, and Honorary Professor, University College London
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, police
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.40 **Concluding remarks: next steps for drugs policy in UK Universities**
John de Pury, Assistant Director of Policy, Universities UK
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Patrick Owen, Senior Researcher, Westminster Higher Education Forum