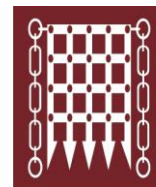


Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar
Next steps for tackling homelessness and rough sleeping

Timing: Morning, Monday, 28th March 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Homelessness and COVID-19 - the impact so far and key emerging trends and issues**
Dr Lúcia Teixeira, Chief Executive, Centre for Homelessness Impact
- 9.15 **Coordinating service delivery and provision and tackling rough sleeping - the role of local authorities, the impact of the 'Everyone In' policy, the long-term provision of homelessness care, and improving outreach programmes**
Neil Munslow, Service Manager: Active Inclusion, Newcastle City Council
Michelle Binfield, Rough Sleeping Programme Director, London Councils
Emma Cookson, Senior Policy and Public Affairs Officer, St Mungo's
Councillor Sharon Thompson, Cabinet Member for Vulnerable Children and Families, Birmingham City Council
Cym D'Souza, Chief Executive, Arawak Walton Housing Association; and Chair, BMENational
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 Break
- 10.30 **Case Study - developing inclusive rough sleeping strategy and delivering homelessness support programmes in Greater Manchester**
Paul Dennett, Mayor of Salford; and Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Homelessness, Greater Manchester Combined Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 **Next steps for tackling homelessness health inequalities - improving the wellbeing of vulnerable people, access to services, developing an evidence-based approach, and addressing the root causes of homelessness**
Gill Leng, Health and homelessness adviser, Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, Department of Health and Social Care
Osama Bhutta, Director of Campaigns, Policy and Communications, Shelter
Dr Sarah Marwick, Associate Medical Director, NHS Midlands; and GP, Homeless Health Exchange, Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust
Rachel Johns, Deputy Regional Director, North East & Yorkshire, Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, Department of Health and Social Care
Lorraine Mealings, Director of Housing, BCP Council
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Key recommendations and priorities for tackling homelessness and rough sleeping in the wake of the pandemic**
Lord Kerslake, Chair, Peabody; and Chair, Kerslake Commission on Homelessness and Rough Sleeping
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum