

## Westminster Education Forum policy conference

### Improving children's mental health in the wake of the pandemic - policy priorities, services and targeted support, workforce development, tackling root causes

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

\*\*\*Taking Place Online\*\*\*



*Draft agenda subject to change*

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Baroness Massey of Darwen
- 9.05 **National child mental health policy and the impact of the pandemic**  
Dr Prathiba Chitsabesan, Associate National Clinical Director, Children and Young People's Mental Health, NHS England  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **How multi agency partnerships identify and support children with mental ill health - key findings from joint targeted inspections**  
Wendy Ghaffar HMI, Specialist Adviser, Cross Remit Safeguarding, Social Policy, Ofsted
- 9.45 **Immediate priorities for supporting child mental health post-pandemic - the return to in-person education, identifying children most affected, and strengthening support networks**  
Dr Polly Waite, Associate Professor in Clinical Psychology, University of Oxford  
Dr Julie Greer, Headteacher, Cherbourg Primary School, Eastleigh  
Dr Karen Street, Consultant Paediatrician and Mental Health Lead, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health  
Cecilia Corbetta, Regional Clinical Lead, London and West, Place2Be  
Councillor Felicity Norman, Cabinet Member, Education, Attainment and Skills, Herefordshire County Council
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Baroness Massey of Darwen
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Rt Hon Baroness D'Souza
- 10.50 **Tackling root causes behind poor mental health affecting children and offering targeted support for disproportionately impacted groups in society**  
Dr Arnon Bentovim, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and Founder, The Child and Family Practice  
Katie Ghose, Chief Executive Officer, KIDS  
Dr Helen Griffiths, Chair, Faculty for Children Young People and their Families, British Psychological Society  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Improving child mental health services - capacity and demand, sharing data and best practice, preventative measures and fostering a whole-system approach**  
Sally Thomas, Policy Specialist, Gender Equality and Child Mental Health, National Education Union  
Dr Elaine Lockhart, Chair, Child and Adolescent Faculty, Royal College of Psychiatrists  
Richard Andrews, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Healios  
Councillor Fiona Venner, Executive Member for Adult and Children's Social Care and Health Partnerships, Leeds City Council  
Enid Lewis, Headteacher, Park Lane Primary School, Wembley  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 Break
- 12.10 **Next steps for child mental health provision moving forward**  
Gregor Henderson, Independent Consultant, Mental Health and Wellbeing, and former Director, Mental Health, Public Health England  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **The COVID Generation - policy priorities for mental health and wellbeing in a post-pandemic world**  
Steve McCabe MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on a Fit and Healthy Childhood  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
Rt Hon Baroness D'Souza  
Aleksiina Kallunki, Senior Researcher, Westminster Education Forum