

Westminster Health Forum policy conference
Priorities for improving mental health - funding, prevention, and tackling health inequalities
Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 12th October 2021
*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The future of mental health services in England - responding to challenges in the wake of COVID-19**
Professor Tim Kendall, National Clinical Director for Mental Health, NHS England and NHS Improvement
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **Next steps for the Mental Health Act following White Paper proposals - enhancing patient control over treatment and ensuring dignity and respect**
Senior academic
- 9.50 **Supporting mental health services in recovery from COVID-19 - expanding provision to meet growing demand, improving early intervention, and best practice in preventing and managing the onset of mental health difficulties**
Paul Jenkins, Chief Executive, Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust
Akiko Hart, CEO, National Survivor User Network
Senior representative, third sector
Senior representative, local authority
- 10.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Improving children's mental health services - the use of funding allocated in the Mental Health and Wellbeing Recovery Action Plan, and supporting schools to tackle pandemic-related mental health concerns**
Senior representative, school
Senior representative, mental health
Senior representative, young people
- 11.35 **Reducing loneliness, and supporting elderly and vulnerable groups - priorities for research into mental health, the use of data to inform policy decisions, and improving outcomes for patients**
Ross O'Brien, Associate Director of Innovation and Technology, Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust
Senior representative, vulnerable groups
Senior representative, research
- 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Tackling inequality in mental health, building on the Long Term Plan and improving service delivery following the pandemic**
Jacqui Dyer, Vice Chair of the Mental Health Taskforce, NHS England and NHS Improvement
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Senior Researcher, Westminster Health Forum