

**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Next steps for mental health provision in England**

Morning, Friday, 28th February 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Examining current mental health provision and policy options going forward**
Andy Bell, Chief Executive, Centre for Mental Health
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Improving mental health services for young people**
*priorities for mental health provision in schools | improving access to mental health specialists and wellbeing support services in school
| options and priorities for implementing Young Futures hubs | next steps for talking therapies | supporting youth groups and mental
health drop-ins | managing the transition between child care and adult care*
Becky Rice, Senior Policy Advisor, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Barnardo's
Meg Moss, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, National Counselling and Psychotherapy Society
Nicola Noble, Associate Headteacher, Surrey Square Primary School, Southwark
Senior representative, healthcare
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Tackling inequality in mental health provision and supporting vulnerable groups**
*strategies for providing targeted mental health support for vulnerable groups | addressing inequalities in access to mental health
services and priorities for improving care outcomes | recognising the links between domestic abuse and poor mental health | mental
health support for people with disabilities | utilising innovation | strategies for addressing high suicide rates among men in deprived
areas | supporting offenders with serious mental health issues*
Evelyn Asante-Mensah, Chair, Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
Heidi Riedel, CEO, Woman's Trust
Senior representative, disability
Senior representative, research
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 **Mental Health Act reform - priorities for addressing disparities and improving patient care**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Strategic next steps for mental health provision and preventative care**
*priorities for mental health in the 10 Year Health Plan for the NHS | options for fostering cross-sector collaboration | supporting the
NHS mental health workforce | harmonising data collection and sharing across services | strategies for community-based mental
health care | options for improving patient choice and autonomy | increasing access to the VCSE sector | strategies for meeting future
patient demand*
Dr Roman Raczka, Consultant Lead Clinical Psychologist and President, British Psychological Society
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, patient group
Senior representative, NHS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Priorities for mental health and wellbeing within the NHS 10 Year Plan and next steps for supporting the NHS mental health
workforce**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum