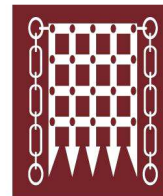


**Westminster Health Forum policy conference**  
**Mental health in England and the impact of COVID-19 - reducing loneliness, supporting keyworkers and vulnerable groups**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The impact of COVID-19 and lockdown on public mental health in England and priorities for ongoing support**  
**Gregor Henderson**, National Lead for Wellbeing and Mental Health, PHE  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.40 **Learning from service delivery during the pandemic - adapting to new ways of working, and meeting the challenge of increasing demand on NHS, local authority and charity services**  
**Sophie Corlett**, Director of External Relations, MIND  
**Dr Justin Varney**, Director of Public Health, Birmingham City Council  
**Carolyn Regan**, Chief Executive, West London NHS Trust
- 10.10 **Mental health and COVID-19 - a service user perspective**  
Service user
- 10.20 **Delivering effective mental health support to NHS and frontline workers across health and social care as part of the COVID-19 response**  
**Chris Thomas**, Senior Research Fellow, IPPR and Author, *Care fit for carers: Ensuring the safety and welfare of NHS and care workers during and after Covid-19*
- 10.30 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 **Key issues for children and young people's mental health - dealing with the long term effects of the pandemic, and supporting teachers and students as schools reopen**  
**Nick Harrop**, Head of External Affairs, YoungMinds  
Senior representative, school  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 Break
- 11.45 **Reducing loneliness, tackling inequalities and supporting elderly and vulnerable groups - identifying need, continuity of care, and utilising technology and innovative methods of communication**  
**Melita Walker**, Mental Health Lead, Institute of Health Visiting  
**Natalie Creary**, Director, Black Thrive  
Senior representative, older people's care  
Senior representative, primary care  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for mental health in England and responding to challenges in the wake of COVID-19**  
**Professor Tim Kendall**, National Clinical Director for Mental Health, NHS England  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Michael Ryan**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Health Forum