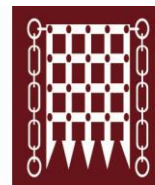


**Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote seminar**  
**Next steps for Legal Aid in England and Wales - funding, quality, access to justice, and alternative sources of advice**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Karen Buck MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Legal Aid
- 9.05 **The current state of play with legal aid in England and Wales**  
**Catherine Baksi**, Freelance Legal Affairs Journalist and Author, *Legal Hackette's Brief*
- 9.15 **Improving the legal aid sector - meeting demand, providing value for money, and developing financially sustainable business models in the wake of the pandemic**  
**Richard Miller**, Head of Justice, Law Society  
**Stephen Davies**, Solicitor, Tuckers Solicitors  
**Malvika Jaganmohan**, Barrister, St Ives Chambers  
Senior representative, academic
- 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 Break
- 10.05 **The impact of COVID-19 on access to Exceptional Case Funding and priorities for recovery**  
**Emma Marshall**, Research Fellow, Public Law Project  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Karen Buck MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Legal Aid
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**James Daly MP**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Legal Aid
- 10.45 **Ensuring flexibility in the provision of legal aid during the pandemic and outlook moving forward**  
**Malcolm Bryant**, Head of Exceptional and Complex Cases, Legal Aid Agency
- 11.00 **Next steps for the use of lawtech and remote legal aid work**  
Senior representative, lawtech  
Commentator
- 11.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 Break
- 11.40 **The future for alternative sources of legal advice - community legal support, developing legal knowledge amongst the public, and improving awareness of and access to services**  
**Annie Campbell Viswanathan**, Director, Bail for Immigration Detainees and former Director, North Kensington Law Centre  
**Dr Ola Olusanya**, Director of Learning and Teaching, Department of Law and Criminology, Aberystwyth University  
Senior representative, community legal services  
Senior representative, mediation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Policy priorities for the legal aid sector moving forward**  
**Jelena Lentzos**, Deputy Director for Legal Aid Policy, Ministry of Justice  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**  
**James Daly MP**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Legal Aid  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Legal Policy Forum