

Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote seminar
Next steps for tackling domestic abuse - the Domestic Abuse Bill, supporting victims, and next steps for family courts

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 10th February 2021

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



Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Implementing the Domestic Abuse Bill**
Commentator
- 9.15 **Priorities for supporting victims of domestic abuse, the impact of COVID-19, and bringing perpetrators to justice**
Nicki Norman, Acting Chief Executive, Women's Aid
- 9.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 Break
- 9.50 **Improving the response to domestic abuse - identifying victims, providing refuge, and coordinating a multi-agency response**
Lynne Townley, Barrister and Lecturer, The City Law School, University of London
Pragna Patel, Director, Southall Black Sisters
Cllr Promise Knight, Cabinet Lead Member for Community Safety and Engagement, Brent Council
Senior representative, police
Barrister
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior parliamentarian
- 10.40 Break
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Senior parliamentarian
- 10.55 **Workplace support for victims of domestic abuse**
Jan Pickles, Board Member, The National Independent Safeguarding Board for Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Issues for male, LGBT and trans victims of domestic abuse**
Senior commentator
- 11.25 **Family Courts - safeguarding children, judicial powers, and protection in court for victims**
Professor Shazia Choudhry, Department of Law, Queen Mary University of London
Claire Waxman, London Victims' Commissioner
Jovana Ugrinic, Support Through Courts, London Family Courts
Kate Johal, Senior Policy Advisor, Action for Children
Lawyer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Next steps for policy on domestic abuse**
Razvi Arooj, Crime, Policing and Fire Group, Home Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Senior parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Legal Policy Forum