

## Westminster Education Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for SEND provision in England

Timing: Morning, Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**John Roberts**, Deputy News Editor, TES
- 9.05 **Assessing the SEND landscape**  
**Annamarie Hassall**, Chief Executive, Nasen (pre-recorded contribution)
- 9.20 **SEND provision in England - priorities moving forward**  
*improving cooperation between schools, the NHS, and social care sector in the provision of EHCPs | working with local authorities to improve the SEND offer | funding requirements | the expansion of free schools*  
**Ben Bryant**, Director, Isos Partnership  
**Matt Pennington**, Strategic Development Leader, Diverse Academies Trust  
**Councillor Zena Brabazon**, Cabinet Member, Children, Schools and Families, Haringey Council  
**Andrew Poole**, Assistant Head, Everton Free School, Liverpool  
**Sarah Johnson**, President, PRUsAP; and Director, Phoenix Education Consultancy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**John Roberts**, Deputy News Editor, TES
- 10.15 Break
- 10.25 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Dr David Raraty**, Senior Audit Manager, Education Value for Money Audit, National Audit Office
- 10.30 **Priorities for the SEND workforce**  
*recruitment and retention strategies | upskilling and training | qualification options | rollout of the new SENCo National Professional Qualifications*  
**Leigh Powell**, National Officer, UNISON  
**Rebecca Jones**, Director, Inclusion, GLF Schools, Surrey; and Deputy Regional SEND Lead, Whole School SEND  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **'Improving SEND support in multi-academy trusts - challenges and opportunities'**  
**Matthew Walker**, Senior Research Manager, National Foundation for Educational Research  
**Lillian Flemons**, Research Manager, National Foundation for Educational Research
- 11.10 **Improving SEND provision from early years to secondary schools**  
*assessing early years identification and interventions | promoting whole-school SEND approaches | provision of SEND support in mainstream settings | alternative provision placements support for parents, guardians and carers | priorities for inspection and assessing the new inspection framework*  
**Katy Tomlinson**, Headteacher, Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School, Shropshire  
**Lisa Pigg**, SENDCo, Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School, Shropshire  
**Catherine McLeod**, Chief Executive, Dingley's Promise  
**Sharon Smith**, Co-Director, Special Needs Jungle; and PhD Researcher, University of Birmingham
- 11.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **Post-16 education and transitions to adulthood**  
*enabling effective transitions | further education | apprenticeship pilot | provision of high quality careers guidance | supported internships | access to qualifications | impact of level 3 qualification reforms*  
**Clare Howard**, Chief Executive, Natspec  
**Amy Hallam**, Functional Skills and Additional Learning Support Manager, ELA Training  
**Ali Khan**, Managing Director, ELA Training  
**Kelly Dillon**, Senior Manager, Progression, Transition and Removal of Barriers, The Careers & Enterprise Company  
**Oliver Cheney**, Director, Colleges, Ruskin Mill Trust  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 **Priorities for SEND provision moving forward - expectations for reform and stakeholder perspectives**  
**Amanda Allard**, Director, Council for Disabled Children; and Strategic Director, Practice and Programmes, National Children's Bureau  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Dr David Raraty**, Senior Audit Manager, Education Value for Money Audit, National Audit Office  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Education Forum