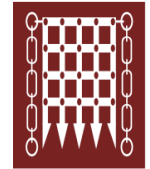


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Next steps for SEND provision in England

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the effectiveness of the current SEND system and identifying areas for improvement**
Emma Willson, Director, Education Value for Money, National Audit Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Supporting schools to improve SEND provision and inclusion**
Dr Johny Daniel, Assistant Professor, School of Education, Durham University
- 9.40 **Addressing key issues for the SEND system - priorities for funding, resources, system capacity and coordination**
application of funding and priorities for the Spending Review | increasing special school places and teaching support staff | inclusion in mainstream education | widening access to alternative provision and special schools | addressing local authority financial concerns in relation to SEND provision | capacity improvement in the face of increased | value for money in provision | increasing access to EHCPs | providing support in early years settings | improving transitions to primary school | multi-agency coordination and support | engaging parents and guardians in decision-making processes | enhancing data collection and use
Richard Slade, Executive Headteacher, Plumcroft Primary School, London
Robert Bell, Headteacher, Consilium Evolve, Manchester
Dr Joanna Stanbridge, Committee Member, Division of Educational and Child Psychology, British Psychological Society
Heather Stack, Director, The Local Offer
Senior representative, parent group
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **The way forward for collaboration, coordination and inclusion in SEND provision**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **The Curriculum and Assessment Review on SEND outcomes - key considerations and findings so far**
Gary Aubin, Consultant, SEND; Author, SEND Matters UK blog; and Member, Curriculum and Assessment Review Group
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Improving outcomes for learners with SEND**
priorities for the Curriculum and Assessment Review and implications of possible options | implementing whole-school SEND approaches | strategies to improve inclusion in mainstream settings | training and support for the teaching workforce | assessing transitions to further education and employment
Professor Jo Van Herwegen, Professor of Developmental Psychology and Education; and Director, Child Development and Learning Difficulties Lab, UCL Institute of Education
Eleanor Sams, Assistant Headteacher (SENDCO), The Marvell College, Hull
Senior representative, teachers
Senior representative, FE
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for SEND provision in England moving forward**
Dame Christine Lenehan, Strategic Advisor on SEND, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Education Forum