

Westminster Education Forum policy conference
Next steps for SEND provision in England - the SEND review, improving standards and coordination, and supporting progression into HE and employment

Timing: Morning Tuesday, 29th March 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Jack Dromey MP, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for SEND
- 9.05 **'National priorities for SEND - moving forward'**
Andre Imich, SEN and Disability Professional Adviser, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **The SEND landscape in England and priorities going forward**
Professor Brian Lamb, Visiting Professor of Special Educational Needs and Disability, University of Derby
- 9.45 **Improving support for children with SEND - funding, skills, addressing regional variation and disadvantage, and improving key stakeholder coordination**
Hend Rahman, Chairperson, Make it Happen
Cllr Graham Howe, Executive Lead Member for Children's Services, Wokingham Borough Council
Stephen Kingdom, Campaign Manager, Disabled Children's Partnership; and Director, Pears Foundation Learning Hub
Nicole Dempsey, Assistant Principal, Dixons Trinity Academy, Bradford
Katie Ghose, Chief Executive, KIDS
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **The current standard of SEND provision in England and the future role of inspection in improving services**
Maxine McDonald-Taylor, Specialist Adviser for SEND, Ofsted
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Jack Dromey MP, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for SEND
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sally-Ann Hart MP, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for SEND
- 11.30 **The potential of assistive technology to support improvement in outcomes for students with SEND**
Jeramie Sutton, Industry Adviser for Schools, Microsoft
- 11.40 **Future pathways for students with SEND - providing students with the digital skills needed to succeed, ensuring support post-16, and progression to higher education and employment**
Clare Howard, CEO, Natspec
Garry Freeman, Independent SEND Consultant
Senior representative, further education
Senior representative, higher education
Senior representative, employers
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Coordinating the EHC planning process moving forward and key issues for policy implementation**
Dame Christine Lenehan, Director, Council for Disabled Children
Annamarie Hassall, Chief Executive Officer, Nasen; and Chair, Whole School SEND
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Sally-Ann Hart MP, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for SEND
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum