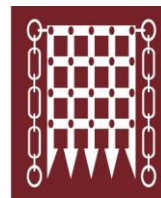


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**Improving student mental health in Higher Education**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Tyler**, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Mental Health
- 9.05 **Policy priorities for supporting student mental health**  
**Estelle Kane**, Senior Officer, Access and Inclusion, Office for Students  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Mental health support post-COVID - acting on lessons learned, funding priorities, improving awareness, utilising edtech, boosting capacity and learning from best practice**  
**Nicola Turner**, Policy Executive, UCAS  
**Professor Edward Watkins**, Professor of Experimental and Applied Clinical Psychology, School of Psychology, University of Exeter  
**Harry Bliss**, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, UniHeads  
Senior representative, university  
Senior representative, SU  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 Break
- 10.20 **Mental health and suicide prevention - involving parents and establishing a duty of care**  
**Lord Lucas of Crudwell and Dingwell**
- 10.30 **Improving multi-agency working and response - joining up services, improving data sharing, and meeting funding challenges**  
Senior representative, university  
Senior representative, NHS  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior representative, charity
- 10.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Baroness Tyler**, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Mental Health
- 11.25 Break
- 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle**, former Leader, Green Party of England and Wales
- 11.40 **Addressing mental health challenges within specific groups**
- Mental health within careers guidance and supporting the transition to employment*  
Senior representative, careers
- Helping disadvantaged students tackle mental health concerns*  
Commentator
- Tackling mental health issues amongst ethnic minority students*  
**Dr Jason Arday**, Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Durham University
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Next steps for University Mental Health**  
**Rosie Tressler**, Chief Executive Officer, Student Minds  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle**, former Leader, Green Party of England and Wales  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum