

Westminster Health Forum policy conference
Improving support and care for autistic adults and children in England

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 23rd February 2022

Taking Place Online



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Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Priorities for improving autism diagnosis and community care in the wake of the pandemic**
Andrew Carpenter, Autism Programme Development Lead, Learning Disability and Autism Programme, NHS England and NHS Improvement - London Region
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Tackling health inequalities and improving health outcomes for people with autism**
Professor Andre Strydom, Professor in Intellectual Disabilities, King's College London
- 9.45 **'How we can ensure autistic people get proven support from day one'**
Dr James Cusack, Chief Executive, Autistica
- 9.55 **Improving diagnosis and care - the role of integrated and personalised care, delivering earlier assessment and diagnosis, and reducing admissions to inpatient mental health services**
Councillor Liz Fairhurst, Councillor, Hampshire County Council
Dr Ken Courtenay, Consultant Psychiatrist in Intellectual Disability, Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust; and Chair, Faculty of Psychiatry of Intellectual Disability, Royal College of Psychiatrists UK
Tom Duncan, Advocate
Dr Inyang Takon, Consultant Paediatrician, East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust
Senior representative, primary care
- 10.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **The future outlook for regulating services for autistic people and priorities for community support**
Brian Cranna, Inspection Manager, Care Quality Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.25 **Opportunities for supporting independence and integration with the community going forward**
Mollie Draper, Advocate, Shared Lives Plus
Phoebe Rowell, Head of Communications, Shared Lives Plus
- 11.35 **Priorities for supporting carers, parents, and families**
Tim Nicholls, Head of Policy, Public Affairs and Research Partnerships, National Autistic Society
- 11.45 **Improving accessibility and integration in education, opportunities for training and employment, and support within justice systems**
Dr Beatriz Lopez, Reader in Psychology and Founder, Autism Centre for Research on Employment, University of Portsmouth
Paula Harriott, Head of Prisoner Engagement, Prison Reform Trust
Alison Worsley, Director of External Affairs, Ambitious about Autism
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **'How the Government's new national autism strategy will improve autistic people's lives'**
David Nuttall, Deputy Director, Neurodiversity, Disability and Learning Disability Team, Mental Health and Disabilities Directorate, Department of Health and Social Care
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Forum Lead, Westminster Health Forum