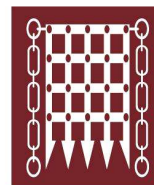


**Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar**  
**Next steps for reducing homelessness: policy priorities, Housing First and the Homelessness Reduction Act**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Bob Blackman MP**, Sponsor, Homelessness Reduction Act
- 9.10 - 9.20 **What's driving homelessness in England?**  
**Professor Glen Bramley**, Professor of Urban Studies, Heriot-Watt University
- 9.20 - 10.00 **The Homelessness Reduction Act so far - local responses, partnership working and measuring success**
- Implementing national homelessness policy at a local level*  
**Councillor Peter Fleming**, Leader, Sevenoaks District Council and Co-Chair, LGiU Homelessness Commission
- The Homelessness Reduction Act in practice - what should success look like?*  
**Deborah Garvie**, Policy Manager, Shelter
- The duty to refer - challenges for effective partnership working across public services*  
**Mark Fisher**, Duty to Refer Coordinator, Bournemouth Borough Council
- The role of housing associations in making the Homelessness Reduction Act work*  
**Chelsea Kelly**, Head of Community Safeguarding, Poplar HARCA
- 10.00 - 10.30 Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Glen Bramley**, Professor of Urban Studies, Heriot-Watt University
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Bob Blackman MP**, Sponsor, Homelessness Reduction Act
- 10.35 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Emma Reynolds MP**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Ending Homelessness
- 11.10 - 11.30 **'Ending Homelessness Together - ambitions and plans in Scotland'**  
**Catriona MacKean**, Head, Housing Support and Homelessness, The Scottish Government
- 11.30 - 12.20 **Addressing rough sleeping - the scale of the problem, tackling causes and implementing Housing First in England**
- Deaths of homeless people in England and Wales - the evidence*  
**Brendan Georgeson**, Senior Research Officer, Office for National Statistics
- Priorities for eradicating rough sleeping*  
**Rosie Downes**, Campaigns Manager, Crisis
- Early lessons from the UK Housing First pilot schemes*  
**Eamonn Boylan**, Chief Executive, Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- Next steps for tackling homelessness in the Capital and the progress of the No Nights Sleeping Rough Taskforce*  
**David Eastwood**, Services and Commissioning Manager, Greater London Authority
- Meeting the mental health needs of rough sleepers and dealing with substance misuse*  
**Dr Sara Ketteley**, Consultant Psychiatrist, Great Chapel Street Medical Centre
- 12.20 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor with **Catriona MacKean**, Head, Housing Support and Homelessness, The Scottish Government
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**  
**Emma Reynolds MP**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Ending Homelessness  
**Stephanie Thomson**, Forum Lead, Westminster Social Policy Forum