

Westminster Education Forum and Westminster Health Forum policy conference
Child development in the first years of life - parental support and engagement, coordinating health and education provision, and priorities for policy

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 21st April 2020



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
The Lord Bishop of Gloucester
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Child development in the first years of life - supporting children and parents**
Fionnuala O'Reilly, Senior Advisor, The Behavioural Insights Team
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.35 Break
- 9.35 - 10.25 **Developing a coordinated approach to improving health in the early stages of a child's life - reducing inequality, increasing engagement with health checks, and assessing the future priorities for the sector and government**
Alison Morton, Director of Policy and Quality, Institute of Health Visiting
Dr Helen Crawley, Director, First Steps Nutrition Trust
Sally Hogg, Head of Policy and Campaigning, Parent-Infant Foundation
Kim Roberts, Chief Executive, HENRY
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 - 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
The Lord Bishop of Gloucester
- 10.30 - 10.40 Break
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 - 11.25 **Evaluating the impact of the free childcare entitlement - access and awareness**
Mark Parrett, Audit Manager, National Audit Office
Professor Eva Lloyd, Professor of Early Childhood, Cass School of Education and Communities, University of East London and Director, International Centre for the Study of the Mixed Economy of Childcare (ICMEC)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25-11.30 Break
- 11.30 - 12.20 **Challenges in improving childcare and early education and the role of the DfE's Hungry Little Minds campaign - developing early literacy and communication skills and supporting parental engagement**
Dr Claudine Bowyer-Crane, Senior Lecturer, Psychology in Education Research Centre, Department of Education, University of York
Jonathan Douglas, Chief Executive, National Literacy Trust
Sally Carlton, Centre Practitioner, South Acton Children's Centre & Nursery
Stephanie Douglas, Head of Intervention and Localities, Doncaster Borough Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20-12.25 Break
- 12.20 - 12.55 **Next steps for child development policy**
Susie Owen, Deputy Director, Early Years and Childcare, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum

