

Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference
Tackling sexual violence and harassment in higher education - safeguarding and campus culture, improving disciplinary processes, and developing collaborative approaches
Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 1st April 2020



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Verma, Chair, UN Women National Committee UK
- 9.10 - 9.25 **Campus culture and strategies for prevention - awareness campaigns, training and specialist staff, and tackling online harassment**
Dr Rachel Fenton, Senior Lecturer, School of Law, University of Exeter
- 9.25 - 10.40 **Reviewing the disciplinary process - interactions between victims and alleged perpetrators, increasing reporting rates, and speed and transparency in dealing with incidents**
Georgina Calvert-Lee, Head of UK Practice and Senior Counsel, McAllister Olivarius
Hannah Jones, Student Voice & Support Coordinator, The University of Surrey Students' Union
Professor Graham Virgo, Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education), Professor of English Private Law, University of Cambridge
- Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Rachel Fenton**, Senior Lecturer, School of Law, University of Exeter
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Verma, Chair, UN Women National Committee UK
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Georgina Calvert-Lee, Head of UK Practice and Senior Counsel, McAllister Olivarius
- 11.05 - 11.25 **Responding to student complaints**
Tracey Allen, Head of Adjudication Team, Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education
- 11.25 - 11.40 **A collaborative approach to tackling sexual violence and harassment - developing partnerships, coordinating investigation and developing a consistent self-assessment framework**
Julie Norris, Partner, Regulatory Team, Kingsley Napley
- 11.40 - 11.55 **Next steps for improving the HE sector's approach to sexual harassment**
Amy Norton, Head of Equality and Diversity, Office for Students
- 11.55 - 12.05 Break
- 12.05 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Georgina Calvert-Lee, Head of UK Practice and Senior Counsel, McAllister Olivarius
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum