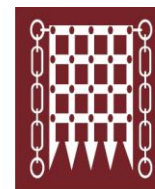


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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
- 9.05 **'Priorities for reducing exclusions - early intervention, preventative measures and behaviour management strategies'**
Marie Gentles, Founder and Director, Gentles Guidance
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Next steps for improving system cohesion**
Creating a joined-up approach with schools, local authorities and other services / Creating individualised approaches for students / Developing comprehensive behaviour policies and targeted early intervention / Supporting parents and carers in navigating the system
Shazad Ali, Lead of Alternative Provisions, Co-op Academy Grange
Heather Stack, Director and Change Strategist, The Local Offer (SEND) Ltd
Senior representative, Local authority
Senior representative, school
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Assessing alternative provision for students with SEND and identifying opportunities for improvement**
Dympna Woods, Executive Headteacher, EdStart Schools
Kevin Buchanan, Executive Headteacher, EdStart Schools
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
- 11.00 **The alternative provision workforce - ITT, opportunities for professional development, and improving recruitment and retention**
Senior representative, teaching union
- 11.10 **The way forward for strengthening system sustainability**
Funding / Standardising per-pupil spending / Improving the consistency of placements and access
Sarah Johnson, Founder and President, Phoenix Education Consultancy
Nadia Shelton, 14-16 and Schools Manager, Nottingham College
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, auditor
- 11.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Improving outcomes for students in alternative provision settings and monitoring progress**
Brenda McHugh, Co-Director of Service for Schools, Anna Freud Centre
- 11.45 **Student attainment and outcomes**
Developing a national performance framework and broad curriculum for learners / Supporting reintegration into mainstream education / Aiding student progression into further education and employment
Kelly Champion, Contract Manager, Worcestershire County Council
Andrew Malcolm, Lecturer in Applied Social Studies, University of Bedfordshire
Chloe Tarrant-Stanton, Social Hub Lead, KX Recruit
Mike King, School Proprietor and Chief Executive Officer, Releasing Potential
Kelly Dillon, Senior Manager, Progression, Transition and Removal of Barriers, The Careers & Enterprise Company
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for alternative provision moving forward**
Elizabeth Franey, Deputy Director, Alternative Provision and SAFE/AP Taskforce Division, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Education Forum