

Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar

Improving provision for children in care in Scotland - next steps following the Independent Care Review

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 8th December 2020

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Alex Neil MSP, Member, Education and Skills Committee
- 9.05 **The Independent Care Review - key findings and establishing The Promise**
Fiona Duncan, Chair, The Promise Oversight Board; Chair, The Independent Care Review and Chief Executive Officer, The Corra Foundation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Reviewing the current standard of care provision and next steps in developing a holistic approach**
Iona Colvin, Chief Social Work Adviser, Scottish Government
Helen Happer, Chief Inspector, Care Inspectorate
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 **Improving the care experience for children - the support scaffolding, workforce development, and securing better outcomes**
Joanne McMeeking, Head of Improving Care Experiences, Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection
Martin Crewe, Director, Barnardos Scotland
Elaine Hamilton, Service Manager, Nether Johnstone House Childcare Services
Elliot Jackson, National Convener and Chief Executive, Children's Hearings Scotland
James Ross, Service Manager, Social Work Service, Fife Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Alex Neil MSP, Member, Education and Skills Committee
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Wendy Mitchell, Professional Advisor, Early Years and Children Services, Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate, and Directorate for Children and Families, Scottish Government
- 11.20 **Building a system that listens to the needs of children**
Tam Baillie, Chair, A Way Home Scotland Coalition and Children and Young People Commissioner for Scotland 2009-2017
- 11.30 **Next steps for reforming the care system - building children's voices into decision making, supporting a positive environment for young people to live in, and improving support for families and carers**
Dr Helen Whincup, Senior Lecturer, Social Work, University of Stirling
Lorraine Gray, Chief Executive, Scottish Social Services Council
Jo Derrick, Chief Executive Officer, Staf
Dr Iain MacRitchie, Founder and Chief Executive, MCR Pathways
Sally Amor, Child Health Commissioner and Public Health Specialist, NHS Highland
Questions and comments from the floor with **Tam Baillie**, Chair, A Way Home Scotland Coalition and Children and Young People Commissioner for Scotland 2009-2017
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **The future vision for the care system**
Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Children and Young People, The Scottish Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Wendy Mitchell, Professional Advisor, Early Years and Children Services, Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate, and Directorate for Children and Families, Scottish Government
Aleksiina Kallunki, Researcher, Scotland Policy Conferences