

## Westminster Education Forum policy conference

### Improving children's mental health in the wake of the pandemic - policy priorities, services and targeted support, workforce development, tackling root causes

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Massey of Darwen**
- 9.05 **National child mental health policy and the impact of the pandemic**  
**Dr Prathiba Chitsabesan**, Associate National Clinical Director, Children and Young People's Mental Health, NHS England  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9:35 Break
- 9:40 **How multi agency partnerships identify and support children with mental ill health - key findings from joint targeted inspections**  
**Wendy Ghaffar** HMI, Specialist Adviser, Cross Remit Safeguarding, Social Policy, Ofsted
- 9.50 **Immediate priorities for supporting child mental health post-pandemic - the return to in-person education, identifying children most affected, and strengthening support networks**  
**Dr Polly Waite**, Associate Professor in Clinical Psychology, University of Oxford  
**Dr Julie Greer**, Headteacher, Cherbourg Primary School, Eastleigh  
**Dr Karen Street**, Consultant Paediatrician and Mental Health Lead, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health  
**Cecilia Corbetta**, Regional Clinical Lead, London and West, Place2Be  
**Felicity Norman**, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member, Children and Families, Herefordshire County Council
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Baroness Massey of Darwen**
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Rt Hon Baroness D'Souza**
- 11.00 **Tackling root causes behind poor mental health affecting children and offering targeted support for disproportionately-impacted groups in society**  
**Dr Arnon Bentovim**, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and Founder, The Child and Family Practice  
**Katie Ghose**, Chief Executive Officer, KIDS  
**Dr Helen Griffiths**, Chair, Faculty for Children Young People and their Families, British Psychological Society  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Improving child mental health services - capacity and demand, sharing data and best practice, preventative measures and fostering a whole-system approach**  
**Sally Thomas**, Policy Specialist, Gender Equality and Child Mental Health, National Education Union  
**Dr Elaine Lockhart**, Chair, Child and Adolescent Faculty, Royal College of Psychiatrists  
**Richard Andrews**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Healios  
**Fiona Venner**, Executive Member, Children, Families and Adult Social Care, Leeds City Council  
**Enid Lewis**, Headteacher, Park Lane Primary School, Wembley  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Key policy priorities for supporting child mental health going forward**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Rt Hon Baroness D'Souza**  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum