Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote seminar

Next steps for the probation service - responsibilities and partnerships, quality and standards, and the future role of CRCs and the third sector

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 9th December 2020

Taking place online

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9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Rt Hon The Lord Laming

9.05 <u>Equipping the NPS for its new areas of responsibility - next steps for ensuring adequate funding, staffing levels and staff</u>

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Justin Russell, HM Chief Inspector of Probation Questions and comments from the floor

9.35 Break

9.40 Improving the quality of probation services and reforming the system - standards, transparency, accountability and the

continued role for CRCs in the provision of specialist services

Tania Bassett, National Official, Press, Parliament & Campaigns, Napo

Darren Burns, National Recruitment Ambassador, Timpson

Omar Tariq, Senior Case Worker, Wolverhampton City Council

David Hood, Vice President of International Business, MTC

Dean Kingham, Head of Prison and Public Law, Swain & Co Solicitors

Questions and comments from the floor

10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**

Rt Hon The Lord Laming

10.45 Break

10.55 Chair's opening remarks

Lord German, Lords Spokesperson for Rehabilitation and Probation, Liberal Democrats

11.00 Assessing the key goals for the probation service and how best to meet them - rehabilitation, reoffending rates,

proportionality and public safety

Michael Barton, Council Trustee, Restorative Justice Council

11.10 The way forward for ensuring high standards of offender monitoring, observation and support throughout the probation

process

Mike Nellis, Professor of Criminal and Community Justice, University of Strathclyde Law School

Mark Johnson, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, User Voice

Jessica Mullen, Head of Policy and Communications, Clinks

Helen Berresford, Director of External Engagement, NACRO

Questions and comments from the floor with Michael Barton, Council Trustee, Restorative Justice Council

12.10 Break

12.20 Next steps for policymakers in implementing reform of the probation service

Jim Barton, Director, CRC Contract Management, SRO - Probation Reform Programme and Electronic Monitoring Programme, Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service, Ministry of Justice

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks

Lord German, Lords Spokesperson for Rehabilitation and Probation, Liberal Democrats

Jack Longman, Senior Researcher, Westminster Legal Policy Forum