

Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote seminar
Next steps for tackling domestic abuse - the Domestic Abuse Bill, supporting victims, and next steps for family courts

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 10th February 2021

Taking Place Online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
David Johnston MP, Member, Education Select Committee and Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Social Mobility
- 9.05 **The prevalence of domestic abuse in England and Wales - an overview**
Kathryn Littleboy, Senior Research Officer, ONS Centre for Crime and Justice, Public Policy Analysis Directorate, Office for National Statistics
- 9.15 **Priorities for supporting victims of domestic abuse, the impact of COVID-19, and bringing perpetrators to justice**
Nicki Norman, Acting Chief Executive, Women's Aid
- 9.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 Break
- 9.50 **Improving the response to domestic abuse - identifying victims, providing refuge, and coordinating a multi-agency response**
Lynne Townley, Barrister and Lecturer, The City Law School, University of London
Pragna Patel, Director, Southall Black Sisters
Cllr Promise Knight, Cabinet Lead Member for Community Safety and Engagement, Brent Council
Alison Hernandez, Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly
Corrine Iten, Barrister, Pump Court Chambers
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
David Johnston MP, Member, Education Select Committee and Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Social Mobility
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lynne Townley, Barrister and Lecturer, The City Law School, University of London
- 11.00 **Workplace support for victims of domestic abuse**
Jan Pickles, Board Member, The National Independent Safeguarding Board for Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Issues for male, LGBT and trans victims of domestic abuse**
Mark Brooks, Chairman, ManKind
- 11.30 **Family Courts - safeguarding children, judicial powers, and protection in court for victims**
Professor Shazia Choudhry, Department of Law, Queen Mary University of London
Claire Waxman, London Victims' Commissioner
Jovana Ugrinic, Support Through Courts, London Family Courts
Emma James, Senior Policy and Research Officer, Barnardo's
Elsbeth Thomson, Partner, David Gray Solicitors
- 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Next steps for policy on domestic abuse**
Lynne Abrams, Head, Interpersonal Abuse Unit, Home Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Lynne Townley, Barrister and Lecturer, The City Law School, University of London
Helen Crocker, Forum Lead, Westminster Legal Policy Forum