

Westminster Education Forum policy conference
Priorities for children's mental health - the pandemic, support in schools, holistic and intersectional approaches, and CAMHS recovery

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 2nd December 2020

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
James Sunderland MP
- 9.05 **Assessing today's child mental health provision in England**
Dr Prathiba Chitsabesan, Associate National Clinical Director, Children and Young People's Mental Health, NHS England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Tackling the challenges for child mental health support in the wake of COVID-19**
Nick Harrop, Head of External Affairs, YoungMinds
Brian Walton, Headteacher, Brookside Academy, Somerset
Sarah Dove, Director, Phoenix Education Consultancy, and Founder, The Reintroduction Hub
Dr Julie Greer, Headteacher, Cherbourg Primary School, Hampshire and Member, Expert Advisory Group, Wellbeing for Education Return
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 Break
- 10.25 **Serving the mental health needs of groups facing specific issues - fostering an intersectional and holistic approach to provision of support**

Providing effective support for children with experiences of domestic abuse
Sally Amor, Child Health Commissioner, NHS Highland

'Children from Black & Asian communities and their journey to positive mental health'
Renuka Jeyarajah-Dent, Educational Psychologist and Director of Special Projects, Coram
Dr Jasmine Chin, Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Lead, Coram

Supporting the mental health needs of children with SEND
Professor Barry Carpenter, Professor of Mental Health in Education, Oxford Brookes University

'Adapting modular approaches to meet complex mental health needs'
Dr Arnon Bentovim, Child and Family Psychiatrist and Director, Child and Family Training

Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.15 **Chair's closing remarks**
James Sunderland MP
- 11.20 Break
- 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Doreen E Massey of Darwen
- 11.35 **Next steps for child mental health services - resources and rising demand, support in schools, and fostering a joined-up approach to provision**
Sally Thomas, Policy Specialist, Gender Equality and Child Mental Health, National Education Union
Dr Bernadka Dubicka, Chair, Child and Adolescent Faculty, Royal College of Psychiatrists
Gavin Freeguard, Programme Director, Head of Data and Transparency, Institute for Government
Alun Ebenezer, Headteacher, The Fulham Boys School
Catherine Roche, Chief Executive Officer, Place2Be
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Supporting child mental health - key policy priorities going forward**
Wendy Ghaffar HMI, Specialist Adviser, Cross Remit Safeguarding, Social Policy, Ofsted
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Doreen E Massey of Darwen
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum