

Westminster Health Forum policy conference

Reducing alcohol dependence in the UK - latest thinking on service integration, marketing and public health messaging, and learning from the impact of COVID-19

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 8th December 2020

Taking Place Online



Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe
- 9.05 **'Alcohol consumption and harm in the UK, and the impact of Covid-19'**
Sir Ian Gilmore, Director, Liverpool Centre for Alcohol Research; and Chairman, Alcohol Health Alliance UK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Adapting alcohol and addiction support services during the pandemic - supporting vulnerable groups, identifying risk, maintaining continuity, and working with third sector and NHS partners**
Dr Richard Piper, Chief Executive Officer, Alcohol Change UK
Nesta Hawker, Director and Commissioning and Transformation, Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group
Ben Parker, Senior Peer Support Worker and Group Facilitator, Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust
Danny Hames, Chair, NHS Addiction Providers Alliance and Head of Inclusion, Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 Break
- 10.25 **Improving the link between mental health, alcohol dependence and wider gambling and drug addiction services - reducing inequalities, integrating services, supporting early intervention**
Dr David Bremner, Medical Director and Consultant Addictions Psychiatrist, Turning Point
Dr Matt Parker, Senior Lecturer in Human Physiology, University of Portsmouth
Dr Emily Finch, Clinical Director, Southwark Central Acute and Addictions Directorate, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust
Eytan Alexander, Managing Director, UKAT
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.15 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe
- 11.20 Break
- 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Mancroft
- 11.35 **The role of public health messages, marketing restrictions and behavioural science in driving change**
Helena Conibear, CEO, The Alcohol Education Trust
Daniel Burn, Health Improvement Principal - Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco, Leeds City Council
Jennifer Keen, Head of Policy, Institute of Alcohol Studies
Dr Celia Pontin, Regulatory Policy Executive, Committee of Advertising Practice
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Next steps for reducing alcohol dependence in England - responding to the challenges posed by COVID-19 and supporting vulnerable groups**
Professor Julia Sinclair, Professor of Addiction Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton; Honorary Consultant in Alcohol Liaison, University Hospital Southampton; Chair, Addiction Faculty, Royal College of Psychiatrists; and National Specialty Advisor for Alcohol Dependence, NHS England & NHS Improvement
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Lord Mancroft
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Health Forum