

**Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:  
Next steps for mental health services in Scotland**

*Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024*

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing progress made on service recovery and the current policy landscape**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for workforce retention and recruitment**  
Senior commentator
- 9.40 **Stakeholder views on the current state of in-service delivery and next steps for overcoming challenges**  
*Accounting for a rise in demand for services / Priorities for provision and utilisation of funding / The role of local authorities / Recovering from the impact of COVID / Reducing variation / Improving patient safety and quality of care*  
**Alex Cumming**, Executive Director of Operations, Scottish Association for Mental Health  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior representative, clinician  
Senior representative, patient
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Examining the role of data in improving service delivery and accessibility**  
**Mark MacPherson**, Audit Director, Audit Scotland  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 **Key priorities and approaches for tackling stigma and inequalities in access to mental health provision**  
**Wendy Halliday**, Director, See Me
- 11.30 **Developing preventative and community models of care**  
*High-risk and long-term mental health issues / Tackling substance misuse and inequalities / Personalised care approaches / Long-term planning / Moving towards prevention and early intervention / Accessibility to care and support within primary care and the community / assessing the role for innovation*  
**Chris Wright**, National Advisor, Digital Mental Health, The Scottish Government  
**Lee Knifton**, Director, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, Mental Health Foundation  
Senior representative, children's mental health  
Senior representative, substance misuse  
Senior representative, primary care
- 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Policy priorities going forward and next steps for mental health provision**  
**Stephen Gallagher**, Director of Mental Health, The Scottish Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Tiernan Phipps**, Scotland Policy conferences