

Improving provision for care leavers - implementing the Care Leaver Covenant and local offers, and the transition into further education and employment 9th January 2020

CONDITIONS FOR USE OF TRANSCRIPTS:

This document is intended to provide a timely reference for interested parties who are unable to attend the event to which it refers. Some portions are based on transcripts of proceedings and others consist of text submitted by speakers or authors, and are clearly marked as such. As such, apart from where it is indicated that the text was supplied by the speaker, it has not been possible for the transcript to be checked by speakers and so this portion of the document does not represent a formal record of proceedings. Despite best endeavours by Westminster Forum Projects and its suppliers to ensure accuracy, text based on transcription may contain errors which could alter the intended meaning of any portion of the reported content. Anyone who intends to publicly use or refer to any text based on the transcript should make clear that speakers have not had the opportunity for any corrections, or check first with the speaker in question. If in doubt please contact the forum first.

Contents

<u>About this Publication</u>	3
<u>Agenda</u>	4
<u>Session Chair's opening remarks</u>	
Ann Coffey , Former Member of Parliament for Stockport, 1992-2019 (<i>transcript</i>)	7
<u>Policy priorities for supporting care leavers</u>	
Mark Riddell , National Implementation Advisor for Care Leavers, Department for Education (<i>transcript</i>)	8
Questions and comments from the floor (<i>transcript</i>)	12
<u>Creating a platform for life after care - implementation of local offers, funding, and developing effective partnerships</u>	
Emma Bennett , Director of Children's Services, Wolverhampton City Council (<i>transcript</i>)	17
Alison Hinds , Head of Children and Young People in Care, City of Wolverhampton (<i>transcript</i>)	18
Casey Gavin , Care Experience Young Person (<i>transcript</i>)	20
Toby North , Senior Public Affairs Officer, The Children's Society (<i>transcript</i>)	21
Suzanne Cain , Service Manager, CAMHS Specialist Services, CYPS Specialist Services, Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (<i>transcript</i>)	23
David Westgate , Chief Executive Officer, Andrews Property Group and Andrews Charitable Trust (<i>transcript</i>)	25
Questions and comments from the floor (<i>transcript</i>)	27
<u>Session Chair's closing remarks</u>	
Ann Coffey , Former Member of Parliament for Stockport, 1992-2019 (<i>transcript</i>)	34
<u>Session Chair's opening remarks</u>	
The Earl of Listowel , Treasurer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Children (<i>transcript</i>)	36
<u>Progress in the implementation of the key measures for supporting young people leaving care</u>	
<u>Building on the work of the Care Leaver Covenant</u>	
Matthew Gordon , Chief Executive Officer, Spectra First (<i>transcript</i>)	38
<u>Social Impact Bonds - key findings from the trial</u>	
Ann James , Director of Children and Families, Bristol City Council (<i>transcript</i>)	41
<u>"Using care leaver perspectives to transform provision - a case study from within higher education"</u>	
Dr Katie Ellis , Lecturer in Child Health and Wellbeing and Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, University of Sheffield (<i>transcript</i>)	44
Questions and comments from the floor (<i>transcript</i>)	47
<u>Case studies in improving outcomes for care leavers - transition to further and higher education, supporting care leavers into work and ensuring effective support is available until 25</u>	
Frank Young , Political Director and Head, Family Policy Unit, Centre for Social Justice (<i>transcript</i>)	52
Rachel Calver , Service Manager for Transition, Leaving Care Service, Kent County Council (<i>transcript</i>)	54
Maria Tottle , Contact for Care Leavers and Estranged Students, Mature Students' and Peer Support Advisor, University of Bristol (<i>transcript</i>)	56
Becky Feetham , Associate Director, Hopscotch Consulting (<i>transcript</i>)	58
Debra Clothier , Director, National Network for the Education of Care Leavers (<i>transcript</i>)	60
Questions and comments from the floor (<i>transcript</i>)	62
<u>Inspecting the standard of support for care leavers</u>	
Matthew Brazier , Specialist Advisor for Looked After Children, Ofsted (<i>transcript</i>)	67
Questions and comments from the floor (<i>transcript</i>)	70
<u>Session Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks</u>	
The Earl of Listowel , Treasurer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Children (<i>transcript</i>)	74
Sean Cudmore , Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum (<i>transcript</i>)	75
<u>List of Delegates Registered for Seminar</u>	76
<u>Contributor Biographies</u>	81
<u>About the Core Sponsors of the Westminster Education Forum</u>	85

Please be advised that speakers' PowerPoint presentations are included within the transcript itself, just beneath the relevant speaker's text. Please note that not all speakers are able to grant permission for us to include their slides.

About this Publication

This publication reflects proceedings at the Westminster Education Forum policy conference: Improving provision for care leavers - implementing the Care Leaver Covenant and local offers, and the transition into further education and employment on 9th January 2020. The views expressed in the articles are those of the named authors, not those of the Forum or the sponsors, apart from their own articles.

Although Westminster Education Forum is grateful to all sponsors for the funding on which we depend, participation in events and publications is never conditional on being a sponsor. As well as funding ongoing operations, sponsorship enables the Forum to distribute complimentary copies of publications, and offer complimentary tickets for events, to Government ministers, parliamentarians and officials most involved in policy.

This publication is copyright. Its copying, in whole or in part, is not permitted without the prior written consent of the publishers. However, extracts of the text may be reproduced for academic or review purposes, subject to the conditions of use outlined in the previous page, providing they are accurate, are not used in a misleading context and the author, their organisation and the Westminster Education Forum are acknowledged. We would also appreciate being informed.

Westminster Education Forum

UK Headquarters
4 Bracknell Beeches
Old Bracknell Lane West
Bracknell
Berkshire RG12 7BW

T: 01344 864796
F: 01344 420121
publications@westminsterforumprojects.co.uk

Directors

Peter van Gelder
Chris Whitehouse