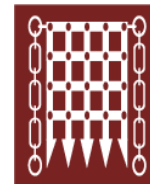


**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Next steps for mental health provision in England**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Examining current mental health provision and policy options going forward**
Andy Bell, Chief Executive, Centre for Mental Health
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Improving mental health services for young people**
*priorities for mental health provision in schools | improving access to mental health specialists and wellbeing support services in school
| options and priorities for implementing Young Futures hubs | next steps for talking therapies | supporting youth groups and mental
health drop-ins | managing the transition between child care and adult care*
Senior representative, healthcare
Senior representative, schools
Senior representative, advocacy
Senior representative, counselling
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Tackling inequality in mental health provision and supporting vulnerable groups**
*strategies for providing targeted mental health support for vulnerable groups | addressing inequalities in access to mental health
services and priorities for improving care outcomes | recognising the links between domestic abuse and poor mental health | mental
health support for people with disabilities | utilising innovation | strategies for addressing high suicide rates among men in deprived
areas | supporting offenders with serious mental health issues*
Senior representative, NHS
Senior representative, disability
Senior representative, advocacy
Senior representative, research
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 **Mental Health Act reform - priorities for addressing disparities and improving patient care**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Strategic next steps for mental health provision and preventative care**
*priorities for mental health in the 10 Year Health Plan for the NHS | options for fostering cross-sector collaboration | supporting the
NHS mental health workforce | harmonising data collection and sharing across services | strategies for community-based mental
health care | options for improving patient choice and autonomy | increasing access to the VCSE sector | strategies for meeting future
patient demand*
Senior representative, workforce
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, patient group
Senior representative, NHS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Priorities for mental health and wellbeing within the NHS 10 Year Plan and next steps for supporting the NHS mental health
workforce**
Dr Claire Murdoch, National Mental Health Director, NHS England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum