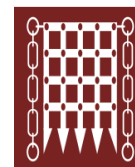


## Westminster Education Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for SEND provision in England

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the effectiveness of the current SEND system and identifying areas for improvement**  
**Emma Willson**, Director, Education Value for Money, National Audit Office  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Supporting schools to improve SEND provision and inclusion**  
Senior representative, schools
- 9.40 **Addressing key issues for the SEND system - priorities for funding, resources, system capacity and coordination**  
*application of funding and priorities for the Spending Review | increasing special school places and teaching support staff | inclusion in mainstream education | widening access to alternative provision and special schools | addressing local authority financial concerns in relation to SEND provision | capacity improvement in the face of increased | value for money in provision | increasing access to EHCPs | providing support in early years settings | improving transitions to primary school | multi-agency coordination and support | engaging parents and guardians in decision-making processes | enhancing data collection and use*  
**Richard Slade**, Executive Headteacher, Plumcroft Primary School, London  
**Robert Bell**, Headteacher, Consilium Evolve, Manchester  
**Dr Joanna Stanbridge**, Committee Member, Division of Educational and Child Psychology, British Psychological Society  
Senior representative, parent group  
Senior representative, consultancy
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **The way forward for collaboration, coordination and inclusion in SEND provision**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **The Curriculum and Assessment Review on SEND outcomes - key considerations and findings so far**  
**Gary Aubin**, Consultant, SEND; Author, SEND Matters UK blog; and Member, Curriculum and Assessment Review Group  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Improving outcomes for learners with SEND**  
*priorities for the Curriculum and Assessment Review and implications of possible options | implementing whole-school SEND approaches | strategies to improve inclusion in mainstream settings | training and support for the teaching workforce | assessing transitions to further education and employment*  
**Professor Jo Van Herwegen**, Professor of Developmental Psychology and Education; and Director, Child Development and Learning Difficulties Lab, UCL Institute of Education  
**Eleanor Sams**, Assistant Headteacher (SENDCO), The Marvell College, Hull  
Senior representative, teachers  
Senior representative, FE  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for SEND provision in England moving forward**  
**Dame Christine Lenehan**, Strategic Advisor on SEND, Department for Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Education Forum