

**Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:
Tackling sexual harassment within UK HEIs - policy, prevention and reporting**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 13th January 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Priorities for addressing sexual misconduct and harassment in HE**
Sophie Ireland, Policy Adviser, Universities UK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Next steps for strengthening reporting mechanisms and understanding trends in student reports of sexual harassment**
evaluating the effectiveness of existing frameworks | improving institution transparency | student confidence in reporting mechanisms
David Hardstaff, Partner, BCL Solicitors
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, advocacy
Senior representative, student union
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **'Reviewing student complaints processes'**
Jo Nuckley, Head, Outreach and Insight, The Office of the Independent Adjudicator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 **Developing whole-university approaches for tackling misconduct**
strengthening leadership and governance to improve accountability | evaluating strategies and policies to promote cultural change and transparency in decision-making processes | standardising definitions of harassment and misconduct | appropriately regulating staff-student relationships
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, student union
Senior representative, advocacy
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Improving multi-agency co-ordination in responses to sexual harassment and abuse**
Stephanie Reardon, CEO, Lime Culture
- 11.50 **Strategies to improve off-campus safety**
university policy and practical measures | partnerships with local services and communities | non-university student accommodation | the role of HEIs in wider community safety
Lisa Brooks-Lewis, Social Impact and Inclusivity Manager, Loughborough University
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, police
Senior representative, student union
Senior representative, mental health
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 **Policy priorities for addressing sexual harassment and misconduct in HEIs**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Higher Education Forum