

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar: Protecting and supporting vulnerable children - next steps for the Independent Care Review and the Child Protection Improvement Programme

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 19th June 2018

Venue: The Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22-26 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PQ



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Clare Adamson MSP, Member, Cross-Party Group on Carers
- 9.05 - 9.15 **The policy context for the protection of looked after children**
Professor Jennifer Davidson, Executive Director, Inspiring Children's Futures and CELCIS, University of Strathclyde
- 9.15 - 9.45 **Update on the Independent Review of Scotland's Care System for Children and Young People**
Fiona Duncan, Chair, Independent Care Review
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Jennifer Davidson**, Executive Director, Inspiring Children's Futures and CELCIS, University of Strathclyde
- 9.45 - 9.50 **Case study: harnessing the experiences of looked after children**
Fiona Steel, Operations Director, Action for Children
- 9.50 - 10.20 **Policy priorities for supporting vulnerable children in care - funding, workforce development and the regulatory environment**
Lorraine Gray, Interim Chief Executive, Scottish Social Services Council
Duncan Dunlop, Chief Executive, Who Cares? Scotland
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 10.20 - 10.50 Questions and comments from the floor with **Fiona Steel**, Operations Director, Action for Children
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Clare Adamson MSP, Member, Cross-Party Group on Carers
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Johann Lamont MSP, Deputy Convener, Education and Skills Committee
- 11.35 - 11.50 **Supporting vulnerable children and young people in Scotland**
Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Childcare and Early Years, The Scottish Government
- 11.50 - 12.55 **Implementing the Child Protection Improvement Programme: improving partnership working, tackling neglect and reforming the disclosure regime**
Anne Houston, Chair, Child Protection Committees Scotland
Mark Allison, Head, Child Protection Area Unit, Livingstone Brown
Gerard Hart, Director, Policy and Protection, Disclosure Scotland
Mike Burns, Vice-Chair, Children and Families Committee, Social Work Scotland and Assistant Chief Officer, Children's Services, Glasgow City Council
Nik James, Vice-President, NASUWT Scotland and Headteacher, Fetterangus School, Aberdeenshire
Questions and comments from the floor with the panel, including **Maree Todd MSP**, Minister for Childcare and Early Years, The Scottish Government
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Johann Lamont MSP, Deputy Convener, Education and Skills Committee
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences