

**Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar:
Improving provision for children in care and care leavers: multi-agency working,
developing the workforce and support for those leaving care**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 3rd April 2019

Venue: Central Edinburgh



Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Progress on implementing the recommendations of the Independent Care Review**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Independent Care Review**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.20 **Improving provision for children in care - developing collaboration between local authorities and third sector providers, learning from best practice and putting love at the centre of care**
Sarah Jane Linton, Board Member, Who Cares? Scotland
Sara Lurie, Director, The Fostering Network in Scotland
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, school
Senior representative, health
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.25 - 10.55 Coffee
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 - 11.40 **Priorities for developing the workforce: training, recruitment and diversity**
Deirdre Fitzpatrick, Interim Head of Social Work, Scotland, The Open University
SallyAnn Kelly, Chief Executive, Aberlour Child Care Trust
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 11.50 **Changing approaches towards care leavers**
Kenny McGhee, Throughcare and Aftercare Consultant, CELCIS
- 11.50 - 12.35 **Supporting care leavers, establishing greater support into further and higher education, expanding effective pathways into employment, and learning from those who have experienced care**
Dr Iain MacRitchie, Founder and Chief Executive, MCR Pathways
Rachel Hyslop, School Connect Manager and Named Contact for Care Experienced Students, Glasgow Caledonian University
Rhona Pollock, Legal Consultant, Adoption and Fostering Alliance Scotland
Care leaver
Questions and comments from the floor with **Kenny McGhee**, Throughcare and Aftercare Consultant, CELCIS
- 12.35 - 12.55 **Policy priorities for the children in care system in Scotland**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences