

**Oral evidence panels, Wednesday 20 January 2016, 1400-1700
in Committee Room 21 – House of Commons, SW1A 0AA**

Panel one: Statutory agencies – 1415-1600

Department for Education (tbc)

Panel two: Child poverty organisations – 1515-1600

Child Poverty Action Group

[Alison Garnham](#)

Chief Executive

Children's Society

[Sam Royston](#)

Head of Policy and Public Affairs

Panel three: Professional bodies and academics – 1615-1700

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

[Dr Ingrid Wolfe](#)

Consultant in Children's Public Health Medicine & Director of the Evelina London Child Health Partnership, Clinical Senior Lecturer in Public Health, King's College London, Chair of the British Association for Child and Adolescent Public Health

London School of Economics

[Dr Kitty Stewart](#)

Associate Professor, Department of Social Policy, Research Associate, Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion, LSE (CASE)

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[Dr David Taylor-Robinson](#)

Senior Clinical Lecturer in Public Health, University of Liverpool

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Witnesses

Alison Garnham, Chief Executive, Child Poverty Action Group



The Child Poverty Action Group Child Poverty Action Group is the leading national charity working to end poverty among children, young people and families in the UK.

Alison worked for many years as a welfare rights adviser and for a number of women's organisations and local voluntary sector organisations before, in 1989, joining CPAG (for the first time) where she co-authored a number of publications about the Child Support Act. She written about lone parenthood and child poverty, including an edition of Poverty: the Facts.

Alison has also been a Senior Lecturer in Social Policy at the University of North London (now London Metropolitan University) and also an Honorary Research Fellow. Alison was for nine years a member of the Social Security Advisory Committee and an Honorary Officer of the End Child Poverty Campaign.

Sam Royston, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, The Children's Society



The Children's Society is a national charity that runs local projects, helping children and young people when they are at their most vulnerable, and have nowhere left to turn. It also campaigns for changes to laws affecting children and young people. Its supporters around the country fund our services and join our campaigns to show children and young people they are on their side.

Sam Royston is the Children's Society's expert on the UK benefit system and welfare reform. He leads on child poverty and early years policy work.

Dr Ingrid Wolfe, Consultant in children's public health medicine, Director of the Evelina London Child Health Partnership, Clinical Senior Lecturer in Public Health at King's College London, Chair British Association for Child and Adolescent Public Health



Evelina London Children's Healthcare is part of Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust. It is the second largest provider of children's services in London. The Evelina's vision is to be a world leading centre of life-changing care for children, young people and their families.

Dr Ingrid Wolfe is qualified in both children's medicine (paediatrics) and public health. As Director of the Evelina London Child Health Partnership, she is leading the development and evaluation of a new model of children's everyday healthcare in south London. Her academic work at King's College focuses on children's health services and policy in the UK and other European countries. As Chair of BACAPH, Dr Wolfe is leading work to set out a blueprint to meet the health and wellbeing needs of children and young people now and in the future.

Dr Kitty Stewart, Associate Professor, Department of Social Policy, London School of Economics



Dr Stewart's research interests include child poverty and disadvantage, international comparisons of policy and outcomes relating to poverty and inequality, and employment trajectories for low skilled workers. She recently headed an international comparative project funded by the Nuffield Foundation looking at the quality and accessibility of early education and childcare in different countries, and a project funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation reviewing the literature on whether household income has a causal impact on children's outcomes.

She is a research associate at the Centre for the Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE) and currently part of the Social Policy in a Cold Climate project team, tracking policy, spending and outcomes under recession and austerity.

Dr David Taylor Robinson, Senior Clinical Lecturer in Public Health, University of Liverpool



Dr Taylor-Robinson is a Senior Clinical Lecturer in Public Health and Honorary Consultant in Public Health at Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

His research focuses on improving child health and reducing health inequalities. From 2009 – 2014 Dr Taylor-Robinson was funded by the MRC on a Population Health Scientist Fellowship, and then a Centenary Award. Prior to this he was a Clinical Lecturer in Public Health and a Specialist Registrar on the Mersey Deanery Public Health Training scheme. He originally trained in paediatrics at Alder Hey in Liverpool, following two years of clinical practice in Australia, and subsequently worked as a research fellow at the Liverpool School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Benjamin Barr, NIHR Research Fellow, University of Liverpool



Ben Barr studied anthropology as an undergraduate at University College London, trained as a nurse and undertook post graduate studies in public health and epidemiology at the London School of hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the University of Liverpool.

After a number of years working on humanitarian and infectious disease control programmes in post-conflict countries, he returned to work in applied public health in the UK for the Health Protection Agency and the NHS. He is passionate about making a difference to the health of the most disadvantaged. He was awarded an NIHR doctoral fellowship in 2010 and has a part-time Consultant in Public Health post with NHS Blackburn with Darwen. His research is investigating factors influencing employment of people with common mental health problems and how employment support can be improved.

NB: Statutory agencies. The All Party Parliamentary Group invited the Department for Work and Pensions and Department of Health to provide oral and written evidence, but they declined to do so. The Department for Education has made a written submission of evidence to the inquiry.