

Educator Solutions and the Norfolk Governance Network are delighted to welcome our guest keynote speakers, Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP and Dr Bianca Finger-Berry to the Autumn Conference Saturday November 11th 2017.

Rt, Hon Norman Lamb MP

Norman Lamb has been the Liberal Democrat MP for North Norfolk since 2001. After serving as a minister in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, he was appointed Minister of State for Care and Support at the Department of Health in September 2012 and served in this position until the end of the Coalition Government in May 2015.



As Health Minister, Norman worked to reform the care system and led the drive to integrate health and social care, with a greater focus on preventing ill health. He also challenged the NHS to ensure that mental health was treated with the same priority as physical health, including the introduction of access and waiting standards in mental health for the first time.

He was the Liberal Democrat Health spokesperson between 2015 and 2017, and was elected Chair of the Science & Technology Select Committee in July 2017.

Norman will address the challenge of how we better support children and teenagers with mental ill health. He will explore the fundamental flaws in the current system and what steps we could take to improve the situation. He believes we have the potential to change lives and to save the state a lot of money.



Dr Bianca Finger-Berry

Dr Bianca Finger-Berry is a key member of the leadership team at the Educational Psychology Service, managing the Critical Incident Service, supporting schools and early years settings following serious incidents, bereavement and trauma.

Dr Finger-Berry graduated in social pedagogy in Germany in 1996 before moving to West Sussex and working as a qualified social worker. She joined the Educational Psychology Service in 2001. She gained a Doctorate in Education in 2015 (UEA), 'The death of a school friend – how young people cope and what helps'.

In 2015/2016 she led a countywide review on child suicides, and has since shared the learning with a wide audience, speaking at the National Suicide Alliance Conference, the International Crisis Conference (Innsbruck) and the East Midlands Self-harm & Suicide Prevention Research Network. She has just completed another research project as part of her MA in Advanced Social Work, where she explored the initial impact of teaching about mental health in Norfolk Schools.

Bianca will be addressing the conference on a whole school approach to mental health and emotional well being and the importance of schools in ensuring children's needs are met and supported.