# Ending homelessness: what needs to change?

**Crisis Conference 2017—England** 

## Thursday 20 April, 9.30-16.30

Drinks reception, 16.30-18.30

## Agenda

| 9.30        | Registration, tea and coffee                    |  |  |
|-------------|---|--|--|
| 10.00       | Welcome from Chair                              | <b>Terrie Alafat</b><br>Chief Executive, CIH   |  |
| 10.10       | Crisis at 50 reflections and looking ahead      | <b>Jon Sparkes</b><br>Chief Executive, Crisis  |  |
| 10.30       | Homelessness projections                        | <b>Professor Suzanne Fitzpatrick, Professor Glen Bramley</b><br>Heriot-Watt University   |  |
| 11.30       | Morning coffee                                  |  |  |
| 11.50       | Keynote speech                                  | <b>Andy Slaughter, MP for Hammersmith</b><br>Shadow Minister for London and Shadow Minister<br>for Housing   |  |
| 12.15       | Lunch   |  |  |
| 13.05       | Homelessness Reduction Bill—<br>an overview     | <b>Bob Blackman, MP for Harrow East</b><br>Sponsor of the Homelessness Reduction Bill<br><b>Steven McGregor and Ash Boulby</b><br>Crisis clients who campaigned for the Bill |  |
| 13.30       | How can Housing First help us end homelessness? | <b>Dr Sam Tsemberis</b><br>Founder of Pathways to Housing  |  |
| 14.10       | Breakout sessions                               | <ul> <li>Definition of ending homelessness</li> <li>Changing the culture of homelessness services</li> <li>Homelessness—what next for legal reform?</li> </ul>               |  |
| 15.25       | Afternoon tea                                   |  |  |
| 15.45       | Government plans for ending homelessness        | The Rt Hon Sajid Javid, MP for Bromsgrove<br>Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government   |  |
| 16.15       | Closing remarks                                 | <b>Jon Sparkes</b><br>Chief Executive, Crisis  |  |
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## **Breakout sessions**

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| Α.    | Definition<br>of ending<br>homelessness                | This session will invite delegates to debate<br>and discuss what we mean by 'ending<br>homelessness and how we define it'. This<br>interactive session will be an opportunity<br>to consider and discuss the best definition<br>of ending homelessness.  | <b>Matt Downie</b> , Director of Policy<br>and External Affairs, Crisis  |
| B.    | Changing the<br>culture of<br>homelessness<br>services | This session will ask whether providers<br>and practitioners of homelessness services<br>need to re-think their approach<br>if we are to successfully reduce, and<br>end homelessness.   | <b>Rebecca Pritchard</b> , Director of<br>Services, Crisis (Chair)<br><b>Pat McArdle</b> , Chief Executive,<br>Mayday Trust  |
| C.    | Homelessness—<br>what next for<br>legal reform?        | This session will ask 'What's next?' after the<br>success of the Homelessness Reduction<br>Bill in England. For example, should we<br>seek reform to legal restrictions on Local<br>Connection and Intentionality? This<br>session will learn from the bold examples<br>from Scotland and Wales. | Maeve McGoldrick, Head of Policy<br>and Campaigns, Crisis (Chair)<br>Dr Peter Mackie, Senior Lecturer,<br>University of Cardiff<br>Robert Aldridge, CEO, Homeless<br>Action Scotland |



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