



APPG on Fatherhood Meeting – Minutes

Date: Monday 19th November 2018
Time: 3.30 – 4.30pm
Location: Committee Room 12, Portcullis House
Chair(s): Hon. Steve Double M.P, Rt. Hon David Lammy MP.
Speakers: Jasmine Kelland, University of Plymouth,
Charlotte Weinberg, SAFEGROUND.

Guest speakers: N/A

1. Introduction:

Steve Double formally opened the meeting and welcomed all present. He introduced the speakers, gave a brief overview of their organisations, roles and explained due to important Parliamentary business he could not stay for the whole meeting but David Lammy would continue to chair and manage any queries.

2. Presentation:

Charlotte Weinberg (SafeGround) Work on Fatherhood and masculinity with Men in the Prisons estate. Charlie highlighted experiences and evidence of positive outcomes from 10 years delivery of parenting and other interventions working with Men around Masculinity and well-being. She highlighted pressure on funding and challenges of new competitive atmosphere in Third/Voluntary sector provision in the Prisons estate.

3. Presentation:

Jasmine Kelland (Lecturer in Human Resource Management– Plymouth University) Workplace gender issues and the needs of Fathers. Jasmine highlighted research she has conducted looking in to the fatherhood forfeit exploring attitudes to Men/Fathers in the workplace and how this affects Caregiving roles and attitudes.

4. Q & A:

1. **Question from (Andrew Selous MP)** the floor on Child poverty and Fathers who shirk their financial responsibilities.
2. **Comment (floor)** We need more data on Fathers statutorily.
3. **Comment (floor)** There is poor awareness form statutory agencies and organisations of existing family law on Parental responsibly etc. which leads to problems for Fathers.
4. **Comment (floor)** NHS long term plan can be used o underpin policy around Fathers i.e. public health approach.
5. There was a brief debate about the need to try to reduce adversarial nature of parenting discussions things that are good for fathers are not or should not be at the expense of Mothers services/provision. We need to encourage working together and better understanding of each other's position.

Christopher Muwanguzi, CEO, Working with Men – gave a brief about his new appointment and the future palns of WWM around continuing to support directly Fathers and indirectly their needs especially in the early years.

Chair's comments

David Lammy MP concluded the meeting by commenting on more research needing to be done on Fathers engagements with public service, Also CAFCASS around family law. Finally he will pursue the Chief medical officer to discuss parenting and links to Youth crime. He ended by giving all in attendance the opportunity to use the time we had remaining in the room to network and continue discussions raised during the meeting itself.

Meeting closed