

Academy welcomes Prime Minister's bold moves on mental health and ambitions for a fairer society

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Professor Dame Sue Bailey said,

'Theresa May's moves to tackle the injustice that pervades too much of today's society are long overdue and must be welcomed. The pledges to overhaul mental health services are an excellent first step when it comes to taking care of those who lack a voice and too often get left behind or marginalised in the fight for funding. The measures announced today, particularly the focus on the mental health and wellbeing of the young show that it is not difficult or complicated, or even necessarily expensive to provide the kind of support that's needed. The fact is, we know what works; whether that's providing support in schools, the places we work and online. I hope the Prime Minister's commitment will come to be viewed as an important milestone – not just on the journey towards true parity of esteem for mental health, but in a wider context about creating a society that's genuinely fairer for all.'