<u>SMC responds to the publication of</u> <u>'Inclusive Britain'</u>

News story

A statement from the Social Mobility Commission on the publication of 'Inclusive Britain: government response to the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities'



Responding to the publication of <u>Inclusive Britain</u>, <u>government's response to</u> <u>the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities</u>, SMC Chair Katharine Birbalsingh and Deputy Chair Alun Francis said:

We welcome the Government's response to the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities' report.

Racism is a blight on our society and we must continue to work to eradicate it. While this is a matter for everybody, public policy has an important contribution to make, by building an evidence base to improve our understanding of disparities, strengthen our analysis of the sources of racism and identify effective solutions.

We commend the commitment to addressing these disparities in the context of building trust and fairness, and supporting opportunity, agency and inclusion for all disadvantaged individuals and groups.

There are a number of recommendations which overlap with areas of Social Mobility Commission interest, particularly the labour market value of different higher education qualifications, and we will strive to progress this as part of our wider work.

Ultimately a focus on taking action on social mobility is welcome, and we will continue to advise on the best actions to ensure all individuals and communities reach their potential and live a successful, fulfilling life. Published 17 March 2022