

## **Loneliness and Social Isolation Select Committee**

### **Biography**

#### **Olivia Field, Policy and Engagement Manager (Loneliness and Social Isolation), British Red Cross**

Olivia Field works for the British Red Cross and Co-operative Loneliness Partnership as the Policy and Engagement Manager for Loneliness and Social Isolation.

Olivia has been carrying out policy and advocacy work relevant to loneliness at the Red Cross for six years, from refugee family reunion policy to health and social care prevention. She helped to shape the Care Act 2014's prevention duty and has authored several relevant reports. These include *Prevention in Action*, that looks at how prevention - including interventions that tackle loneliness and social isolation - is being implemented and prioritised locally. She also co-authored British Red Cross's recent report, *In and Out of Hospital*, that recommends several interventions to help prevent people's deterioration on leaving hospital.

Having sat on the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness last year, she is now carrying on its legacy and leading several initiatives. These include convening a new Loneliness Action Group and All-Party Parliamentary Group on Loneliness, and working with Government to develop policy and practice solutions to tackling loneliness and social isolation across the UK.