

Safeguarding Children Information and News Update Conference Roundup: Updated 14th July 2009

Safeguarding children whose parents/carers use drugs or alcohol or have mental health needs

20th July 2009 London £150 - £250 + VAT

This seminar will consider the particular safeguarding issues for the very large number of young people in this situation; the importance of whole-family working; and the benefits of the joint working protocol developed by The Children's Society and Hampshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) for those working with such families from children's and adults' services, including the issues involved in implementing the protocol.

It will provide an opportunity to hear from the people most closely involved in developing and implementing the innovative joint working protocol now in use in Hampshire, and the subject of increasing interest amongst other authorities.

This event will provide:

- An overview of the particular safeguarding issues for children in this situation.
- An understanding of how effective joint working between adult and children's services can bring significant benefits to families and improvements in outcomes, and the issues involved in implementation of a joint protocol.
- Knowledge of the support offered to children and young people whose parents use drugs or alcohol by the STARS project, and the new STARS National Initiative.

<https://member.lgiu.org.uk/events/Pages/CSN200709.aspx>

Safeguarding children and interagency working: How can the processes and tools for early intervention reduce the likelihood of child misery?

31st July 2009 London

£150 - £250 + VAT

The recent Protection of Children in England: Progress Report by Lord Laming explained how Inter-agency working is increasingly becoming the norm and most staff across a range of children's services is committed to it. But as he asserted, acceptance for shared responsibility for safeguarding needs to be more widespread. In the wake of Lord Laming's review of safeguarding the importance of integrated working is reaffirmed but better early intervention is vital in reducing the likelihood of child misery and ensuring children's wellbeing.

The following seminar will provide a timely opportunity to examine the principles of the processes and tools that underpin good interagency working and enable us to better deliver prevention.

This event will provide:

- An opportunity to look positively at interagency working following Lord Laming Protecting Children report

- A look at interagency working – effective coordination of services when safeguarding children including the use of CAF and ContactPoint
<https://member.lgiu.org.uk/events/Pages/310709.aspx>

Healthy lives, brighter futures – The strategy for children and young people’s health

Confirmed dates for upcoming Child Health Strategy regional events are as follows:

2nd September – GO and East Midlands SHA

15th September - GO and London SHA

16th September – GO and North East SHA

18th September - GO and East of England SHA

24th September - GO South-East and South Central SHA/South-East Coast SHA

Further details to follow

Vetting and barring scheme - safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in sport

11th September 2009 Loughborough University £75 - £110 + VAT

The ISA was established to enhance safe recruitment practices by ensuring as far as possible that unsuitable people are prevented from working with children and vulnerable adults. It was a key recommendation from the Bichard Inquiry following the murders of Jessica Chapman and Holly Wells by Ian Huntley in 2002.

As many of you are aware, the Government recently announced changes to the date of rolling out the V&B scheme. But how many of you know what the scheme involves? How it will work? And what the implications will be for you and your organisation?

This seminar will give an overview of the safeguarding process relating to sport, specifically for children and vulnerable adults as laid down by the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006. It will examine the scope of the V&B scheme and its impact on employers, voluntary organisations and service users, and provide an opportunity for delegates to share their experiences and have their questions answered.

Presentations will demonstrate how the current CRB and the ISA will work together to deliver this new scheme to enhance the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in sport.

<http://www.isa-gov.org.uk/default.aspx?page=388>

http://www.isa-gov.org.uk/pdf/CPD_SafeGuardChildrenLO.pdf

BASPCAN Congress 2009

13th - 16th September 2009 Swansea

This multi-professional event will explore emerging best practice in respect of:

- research
- interventions
- management
- education, training and awareness raising

The programme will include keynote presentations, symposia, workshops and interactive presentations, as well as debates on topical issues. It will be an opportunity to explore working together at local, national and international level.

The Scientific Committee invites you to submit an abstract for consideration. This is an opportunity to present your research, your service and your policy developments to a national and international audience. Abstracts are invited from social care, health, education, early year, psychology, psychiatry, voluntary sector, police, probation, legal profession and all others involved and concerned with safeguarding children, from with the UK and across the globe.

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/congress.html>

Post-adoption contact: The way forward

14th September 2009 Manchester

This conference will look at recent research on post-adoption contact between adoptees/adoptive families and birth families, as well as the broader issue of openness within adoptive families.

Children's social services in the spotlight - where to?

15th September 2009 London

£219 - £345 + VAT

The safety and protection of children is never far from the minds of those leading local services, in councils as well as police and health. Much has been said about organisational structures and accountability lines since the death of Baby Peter became public. But, Lord Laming's report, the DCSF Action Plan and, in due course, the final report of the Social Work Task Force and conclusions of a Select Committee Inquiry in social work, all talk of a shared ambition; how can we support the people at the front line to provide the best protection of child and make communities safe places for children to live and thrive.

This conference will explore developments in safeguarding and children's social work, looking at the challenges, the responses and where we go now to make it a profession that is respected and which attracts the brightest and best to do this invaluable work. It will look at ways in which local government can continue to effectively deliver the service jointly with the NHS and the Police as well as the role of the Lead Member.

The conference will also hear from Media experts as to how LAs can increase confidence in social services and how to deal with the press when under the spotlight.

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/events/display-event.do?id=1911719>

Make Good Practice, Standard Practice to Better Safeguard Children

Pre-Event Half-Day Workshop (bookable separately)

16th September 2009 London

Get to grips with practical implementation of new safeguarding recommendations, concentrating on the category of neglect, and be equipped for future best practice.

Examine the category of neglect and how the new guidance from Lord Laming's recommendations will affect the way in which your team work and identify how to improve your provisions for potential neglect victims.

Consolidate your learning with a scenario-based learning activity: what would you do? What are your timescales? Who would you contact? How will you make a difference?

One day conference

17th September 2009 London

Restore confidence after Baby P and implement Laming's recommendations to achieve training excellence, multi-agency best practice and increased learnings around serious case reviews.

Gain and share invaluable insights and improve the safety of children in your area:

1. Examine the impact of Lord Laming's recommendations to identify what steps are necessary going forward for successful implementation
2. Explore practicalities surrounding the launch of the vetting and barring scheme and how it will affect safeguarding professionals
3. Explore effective techniques to manage internal and external perceptions of the safeguarding profession after baby p to build confidence in safeguarding practices during this difficult climate
4. Identify the necessary changes to current recruitment and training practices for improving the quality and outcomes of safeguarding work
5. Establish what constitutes a successful Serious Case Review and ensure that all agencies establish and implement learning points
6. The recession family, domestic abuse, neglect: how can adult and children's services work together for more holistic safeguarding practice?
7. Clarify what governance arrangements will look like between key agencies and bodies in light of new guidance
8. Make good practice, standard practice: take today's learnings and put together your outcome-focused action plan

£199 - £698 + VAT

<http://www.haymarketevents.com/conferenceDetail/368/4th-annual-safeguarding-children-conference>

Child Health Conference

17th September 2009 London

£195 - £545 + VAT

This Conference brings together expert speakers to provide the most up-to-date policy and practical guidance on how to implement and realise the Government's vision for joined-up child health services.

The publication of the Child Health Strategy, *Healthy Lives, Brighter Futures*, has set the challenge for stakeholders to turn policy into practice.

This event will focus on identifying successful ways to ensure children and young people get the healthy start and continued support they need in life. Issues addressed include:

- Using joint commissioning, information exchange and workforce upskilling to improve child health support services
 - How effective cross sector multi-agency partnerships can facilitate efficient service delivery
 - Identifying good practice in boosting the health of children and young people in early childhood, school age and adolescence
 - Focussing on specialist service provision for disabled children
- <http://www.capitaconferences.co.uk/NR/rdonlyres/AE713909-E00A-45DC-8726-504C9280ADCC/0/ChildHealthMKRG.pdf>

Children's social services in the spotlight – where to next?

24th September 2009 London
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This important national conference will bring together an impressive range of speakers from all sectors and levels of government to explore developments in safeguarding and children's social work in 2009, looking at the challenges, the responses and where we go now to make social work a profession that is respected and which attracts the brightest and best to do this invaluable work, often in the most challenging circumstances.

Please note that this is a change to the date previously advertised for this event.

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/events/display-event.do?id=1911719>

Does Data Protection worry you?

24th September 2009 London
 £76 - £203.57

Not understanding or complying with Data Protection can put organisations at both financial and reputational risk. This conference will set out what you need to know to ensure that your organisation does not fall foul of the law and to enable you to apply best practice throughout your organisation.

This is no 'learn by rote' event but one which challenges you to think through both the legal options available, as well as how to engage with legal advisors and colleagues on how to handle this vital issue.

The day will be led by Lesley Tadgell-Foster who runs the BSI Data Protection Programme for Non-Profits and has worked with clients including Get Kids Going!, MapAction and The Prince's Trust.

The day will include

- recent developments in legislation
- different rules which apply to email, text, telemarketing, postal campaigns and fax.
- how to ensure your organisations communications are lawful,
- how legacy databases and purchased lists can be used for marketing and whether preference services need to be consulted
- data protection and websites
- privacy statements

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/events/latest/?id=13092>

2nd Injury Prevention Conference for the UK and Ireland

24th and 25th September 2009 Cardiff

£150 for both days £90 for 1 day (Some subsidised places available)

This 2-day conference will focus on the prevention of injuries to children and young adults including those from accidents, violence and self harm. It will highlight evidence of good practice and successful implementation of programmes, and will focus on how the knowledge, policy or intervention in the presentation is, or will be useful for injury prevention practitioners and policy makers.

The event will be of interest to injury prevention practitioners, researchers, policy makers, public health practitioners and voluntary organisations. It will provide an opportunity for people from a mix of disciplines, to come together and share evidence of current and future challenges and impact of injuries in today's society. There will be sessions on topics including evaluation of local initiatives, prevention of home and road injuries, prevention of self harm and violence, injury data and research methods and how to engage policy makers.

http://www.injuryobservatory.net/2nd_injury_conference.html

Working together to prevent child death in the 21st century - Lessons learnt, effective practice and future challenges

25th September 2009 Leicester £150 - £190

This conference will explore findings and learning from child deaths and consider multi-agency approaches to their prevention.

Topics to be covered include:

- self harm and suicide of children and YP
- new child death overview panels
- child death through domestic violence, separation and contact issues
- honour based violence
- neglect and indicators of abuse

http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/CPConferences/WorkingTogether_wda62391.html

Information Sharing in the Criminal Justice Sector

28th September 2009 – Central London

£195 - £545 + VAT

This Conference will look in detail at the importance of managing data sharing and data protection across the criminal justice sector and partner organisations.

Sir Ian Magee's Review and the Government response have highlighted the need for secure, proportionate and appropriate data management. Providing you with solutions to ensure you can implement effective data sharing within your organisation and with relevant partners, this conference will address the following issues:

- Building relationships with staff and partners to encourage information sharing
- Ensuring data sharing and data protection objectives do not conflict
- Providing public safety whilst maintaining public trust
- Increasing the effectiveness of vetting and barring
- Establishing real-time data sharing networks
- Creating information sharing protocols with the health sector and non-statutory organisations
- Developing cross-organisational data management

Plus a half day workshop - Legal Frameworks for Criminality Information Sharing

29th September 2009 – Central London

£195 - £445 + VAT

This half-day workshop will help you clarify and understand the legal complexities and developments of criminality information sharing.

Confusion over the legal consequences of data sharing can greatly inhibit effective information management. Understanding guidelines and frameworks will help to ensure that sharing is proportional and well managed.

This workshop will provide you with the legal essentials for criminality information sharing so that you can work efficiently and confidently within the law.

<http://www.isa-gov.org.uk/default.aspx?page=388>

<http://www.isa-gov.org.uk/pdf/Information%20Sharing%20CJS%20Update.pdf.pdf>

Promoting safe sexual cultures in education settings: preventing sexual bullying

2nd October 2009 London £150

With the rising problem of sexual bullying in education, this conference is essential for all those working in education settings.

Delegates will hear of the impact of sexual bullying on the lives of children and young people and professionals working in the education sector and how positive steps can be taken to address this issue.

Presentations from key national and local projects will illustrate how best to support children and young people in developing safe, respectful sexual relationships and create a culture where sexual bullying and coercive sexual relationships will not be accepted.

You will be able to:

- identify activities that promote safe sexual cultures in education settings
- recognise, respond to and manage sexual bullying in education settings
- contribute to the establishment of a national agenda for future action against sexual bullying

http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/CPCConferences/SexualBullying_wda64256.html

Colour matters in care: Culture, ethnicity, health and child placement

5th October 2009 London

This conference will explore issues for particularly vulnerable groups including those in transracial placements, children adopted from abroad and unaccompanied asylum seeking refugee children, and will also consider the responsibility of health professionals for children in private fostering.

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/res/training/index.shtml>

Children Missing Education

6th October 2009 – Central London

£195 - £545 + VAT

This Conference will address practical challenges in delivering education provision for those missing from the education system. Speakers will cover key issues including:

- Putting pupils at the centre of the process of re-engagement
- Closing the gap in achievement for disadvantaged children
- Supporting LAs to ensure adequate provision for children educated at home
- Early intervention through effective information sharing and use of ContactPoint
- Effective policy and protocols for children missing education
- Engaging highly mobile, hard-to-reach children and vulnerable groups
- Establishing multi-agency partnerships

The agenda explores the need to manage the issue of safeguarding children missing education and balancing this with improving educational achievement and life chances for vulnerable young people.

- Explore practical ways to engage children across LA borders and develop flexible school partnerships
- Get to grips with implementing the recommendations of the Badman Review into Elective Home Education and ensure safeguarding needs are met
- Find out some valuable lessons from the ContactPoint rollout from an early adopter local authority
- Take away ideas on effective tracking and monitoring using clear and established protocols
- Find out what more you can do to support vulnerable and hard-to-reach children including those with mental health difficulties
- Examine how to identify and protect children at risk and develop preventative measures in cases of emotional and physical abuse
- Find out how to provide accessible education provision for asylum-seeking and Gypsy Traveller families.

<http://www.capitaconferences.co.uk/OurConferences/Education/Children+Missing+Education+%28CME%29.htm>

National Children and Adults Services Conference 2009 - rising to the challenge: brighter futures for all

21st – 23rd October 2009 Harrogate

£130 - £485 + VAT

This conference brings together councillors, senior officers, policymakers and service managers with responsibilities for children's and adult social care in the statutory, voluntary and private sector.

Over a 3 day period, delegates will address the challenges that arise in the children and adult sector and how the outcomes can predict a brighter future in the changing political landscape.

<http://www.ncasc.co.uk/>

European Child Home Safety Conference

Child safety: the next steps?

2nd – 3rd November 2009

Stratford-Upon-Avon

£121.72 - £470 + VAT

Each year in the UK, 1m children under the age of 16 attend accident and emergency departments as a result of accidents in the home. The situation in Europe is similar, with 3.92 million home accidents annually involving children aged between 0 and 14 years.

RoSPA and the European Child Safety Alliance of EuroSafe have collaborated to present the first European conference devoted solely to child home safety, with a view to putting forward practical and effective solutions to this vital issue from across the continent.

The event will bring together the strong history of RoSPA's National Home Safety Congress and the Alliance's European Child Home Safety campaign. Delegate participation from across Europe is anticipated and a variety of speakers from the UK and Europe will provide insight into the latest developments and ideas.

<http://www.rosipa.com/events/eurochildsafety/index.htm>

Annual Youth Justice Convention 2009

11th – 12th November 2009

The Annual Youth Justice Convention is the leading policy and networking event for all those committed to tackling youth crime. For 10 years it has brought together delegates from YOTS, police, LAs, YOIs, probation and other key stakeholders.

Convention 2009 is a must attend event for all managers and practitioners across youth justice and prevention.

Leading speakers will address the current issues of governance, policy and practice.

The wide range of seminars and workshops at Convention 2009 will provide an opportunity to critically assess key issues facing youth justice today.

A full conference programme will be confirmed shortly.

<http://www.neilstewartassociates.com/yjc09/>

<http://www.yjb.gov.uk/en-gb/Events/AnnualYouthJusticeConvention2009.htm?area=AllNewsEvents>

'New Challenges in Protecting Women and Children' - A day conference confronting Domestic Abuse & Violence, FGM, Forced or Arranged Marriage & Honour Based Violence.

11th December 2009 London £140 - £205

This important event will examine a range of contemporary issues in relation to Abuse and Violence against Women and Children. Presentations from leading experts will seek to inform the development of effective interventions and explore practice issues from political, legal and ideological perspectives.

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