

Safeguarding Children Information Update Conference Roundup: Updated 12th August 2011

Independent Safeguarding Authority

Forthcoming Roadshow Series:

- June 27 - Meeting the duty to refer, Darlington
- July 28 - Meeting the duty to refer, Darlington
- August 31 - Meeting the duty to refer, Darlington
- September 26 - Meeting the duty to refer, Darlington
- October 24 - Meeting the duty to refer, Darlington

<http://www.isa.homeoffice.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=28>

Back on the agenda - school nurses are the future

31st August 2011 London £80 - £150

This is a conference that unites the community of school nurses from across the whole of the UK. It includes sessions on topics relevant to your practice. In addition there will be opportunities to network with peers from around the country to discuss and share examples of best practice, problems and successes. By attending you will get the latest information and skills to enable you to provide the best quality of care or your patients.

http://www.rcn.org.uk/newsevents/event_details/rcn_eventsms/school_nurses_2011

Speaking up for children and young people: Making a difference

6th September 2011 Leeds £120 - £150

This event welcomes all nurse professionals and students working with children and young people across the spectrum of services including acute and community care, education providers and social care.

The programme includes a mix of plenary and workshop sessions which explore a wide range of topics all aimed at focusing our attention on the unique professional issues for children and young people in the UK today and in the future.

http://www.rcn.org.uk/newsevents/event_details/rcn_eventsms/cyppif2011

Getting it right first time? - Early Intervention and Prevention

9th September 2011 Warwick £140 - £205

We know that early intervention and prevention have a key role to play in safeguarding - to reduce the incidence of abuse and emotional and physical neglect, family breakdown and social exclusion - and to support children and young people to achieve their potential. There is a very clear emphasis from central government on the systematic use of early intervention and prevention services both to improve families' resilience and to secure long-term savings in public expenditure.

This strong theme is seen across policy areas in Graham Allen MP's review of early intervention, the Munro review of child protection: 'A child-centred system', the public health reforms, and the SEN green paper and the schools white paper, as it makes good sense for families and communities - and for public finance. However,

we know that not all early intervention and prevention works, and getting it right is one of the most significant challenges that local authorities and partner agencies face.

This conference will explore the latest evidence about effective intervention and prevention in the early years, and for adolescents. It will draw together learning about proven programmes and innovation in practice, looking at effective targeting and outreach work and at building resilience in families and children. It features keynote sessions by two of the leading experts in this field, with panel discussions and workshops making the link between evidence and practice.

It may not be as simple as 'getting it right first time', but the outcome of this conference will be to enable investment of time and public money in the right support at the right time to really improve outcomes for children and young people .

This conference is a must for practitioners, senior and middle managers and policy makers from local authorities and agencies in all sectors working with families and children ... from parents pre-birth to adolescents.

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/booking.php>

Good practice in parent and child fostering placements

13th September 2011 London

£135 - £205 + VAT

Parent and child fostering placements have tended to focus mainly on supporting young mothers with their babies. There has been growing use of such placements, not just for support but in offering an opportunity to assess parenting in a family setting as an alternative to residential assessments. They are proving to be valuable and are in some cases leading to parents successfully being able to parent their child/ren in the community. However FSPs that are offering parent and child placements will need to develop a clear framework for this area of practice, putting in place, policies and procedures that take account of safeguarding issues, court expectations and provide clarity about the expectations and roles of all involved.

This conference will consider:

- current guidance on legislation and future developments
- how research can inform parent and child placements
- additional areas for assessment, training and support of parent and child foster carers
- examples of developing models of assessment and support placements
- the roles of all the parties in contributing to the success of parent and child placements
- areas of good practice giving delegates the opportunity to discuss and share their experiences in workshop sessions
- a new Good Practice Guide on parent and child placements will be launched

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/training/allevts/2011-09-13t000000>

The National Association of Independent Reviewing Officers

IROs – a vision for the future

16th September 2011 London

£30 (free for NAIRO members)

This conference will provide the opportunity to consider the implementation of the IRO handbook, and whether it has been successful in enhancing the role of the IRO. Topics for discussion include;

- Children's rights
- Future of the service in light of Family Justice & Munro Review
- Case Law and IROs
- Working closer with guardians
- The view of ADCS about IROs
- Commissioning research
- Developing an IRO Code of Practice

We are seeking to engage the participation of children in care, or care leavers, to tell us what its like from their point of view. For an application form contact - Robin Logan

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The Munro Review and the Future of Child Protection

19th September 2011 London £20 - £35

This conference will explore the recommendations from the Munro Review of Child Protection and will also consider some emerging practice issues. The event is priced to allow anyone in social work and social care to attend.

<http://www.basw.co.uk/events/the-munro-review-and-the-future-of-child-protection/>

The Foundation Years: Putting the new early years policy into practice

Regional Seminars Autumn 2011

27th September 2011 - Manchester

4th October 2011 - London

5th October 2011 - Birmingham

£99 - £149 + VAT

As lead in the Early Years Strategic Partnership, 4Children has a unique position as the conduit of communication to the sector and also a responsibility to feed back to Government. These seminars will be both strategic and practical to inform you of the latest early years policy whilst giving you the tools to put this into practice.

The early years of a child's life set the very foundation of their future. It is therefore crucial that services for 0–5s consistently provide the highest quality support and education. These seminars will help you and your staff to understand the changing early years landscape. They will look at ensuring quality services whilst also retaining a focus on business skills, giving you the tools to run a successful service within the current budgetary constraints.

<http://www.4children.org.uk/events/show/ref/203>

Talking it better: child mental health

28th September 2011 London

£195 - £295 + VAT

This conference will look at child mental health; the role and provision of talking therapies and other evidence-based services within schools and communities, and the impact of a child's family and school environment on their mental health.

Key themes to be explored will include school-based mental health initiatives; dealing with stigma; working across services; improving transition from child to adult services; defining, measuring and delivering outcomes; and how to achieve return on investment.

<http://www.pavpub.com/p-388-talking-it-better-child-mental-health.aspx?s=1>

Sexual vulnerability of young people - Engaging professionals and young people

3rd October 2011 London £30 - £140

At the end of the meeting attendees will be better informed in order to structure a balanced judgement as to the best way to engage young people attending services and have a greater understanding of ways in which to consult with young people about their service needs and have developed awareness of specific abusive situations and relationships.

Who should attend: Clinicians, non-executive, executive managers, senior managers, General Practitioners, specialty doctors and nurses. In particular, those who meet with young people in their surgeries, clinics and outreach settings to enhance awareness of their sexual health needs.

<http://www.rsm.ac.uk/academ/sec01.php>

Why can't that child sit still? Exploring learning differences in children

4th October 2011 London £25 - £170

Caring for children with problems involves a lot more than just biomedicine. Children grow up in specific family, social, cultural and educational settings. If they have problems adapting to what is expected of them then all these settings and all who work in them come into the frame.

Children with problems often attract diagnoses or labels including Autism, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Audit Process Dysfunction, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia etc. How valid are such labels? How useful are they? How can we recognise children with these problems? How can we help them?

Multidisciplinary working can be challenging, but there are also great opportunities to help children if we set out to share our understanding and solve problems together.

The symposium will offer a broad and multidisciplinary survey of problems and solutions when working with children with psycho-social problems. It will help to facilitate cross-tribal working between educationalists and health care professionals.

Learning objectives - to cover:

- * Recognising children with psycho-social problems
- * Assessing children with psycho-social problems
- * Critical examination of diagnosis validity and utility
- * Evidence for medical, educational and other therapeutic interventions
- * Matching children's needs to available therapeutic options
- * Issues arising in multidisciplinary working

This event is for paediatricians, psychologists, child and adolescent psychiatrists, GPs,

teachers and other educators, speech and language therapists, children's occupational therapists, social workers, physiotherapists and other therapists.

<http://www.rsm.ac.uk/academ/evc03.php>

10 years of safeguarding children in sport - A milestone to celebrate

6th October 2011 Birmingham £60 - £200

This conference marks the NSPCC CPSU's 10th anniversary of working in partnership with sport organisations to safeguard children. Over the last decade, we have better protected children and enabled sports organisations to lead the way in doing so.

You will hear from:

- **Jonathan Agnew**, sports commentator and former international and county cricketer, will chair the conference. Speakers and panelists include:
- **Brian Moore**, former England Rugby Union player
- **Celia Brackenridge**, director, Centre for Youth and Athlete Welfare (CYSAW)
- **Anne Tiivas**, CPSU director, NSPCC
- **Daniel Rhind**, lecturer in sports science, Brunel University

The conference will give you the opportunity to:

- discuss key safeguarding achievements in the sport sector, and the future direction of policy and practice
- consider the impact of the CPSU's safeguarding standards
- hear directly from survivors of child abuse
- reflect on the needs of deaf and disabled children
- gain a clearer understanding of how multi-agency communication supports safeguarding.

People at all levels within the sports sector with a commitment to safeguarding and protecting children, including volunteers, government ministers, Chief Executive Officers of sport bodies/councils and people with a designated role for safeguarding within sport.

http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/cpconferences/cpsu-ten_wda82922.html

Social Networking and Fostering

7th October 2011 Doncaster £95 - £155 + VAT

This conference will consider the impact of the social networking revolution on children and young people in foster care, and on foster carers. It will explore the issues from the different perspectives of children and young people in foster care, foster carers, social workers, and specialists in internet safety.

The aims of the conference are to:

- understand the developments in social networking sites and the implications for fostered children and young people and their families.
- consider how these developments can be addressed in care planning and contact arrangements for fostered children and young people.
- address the challenges facing foster carers in maintaining beneficial contact arrangements at the same time as ensuring that the needs of children and young people are safeguarded.

- provide an opportunity for delegates to discuss and debate the practice issues arising from the developments in social networking.

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/training/allevnts/2011-10-07t000000-0>

Disorganised Attachment and Child protection - New Ways of Assessing Risk and Helping Children and Families

17th October 2011 Bournemouth

£140 - £205

The morning will include presentations by Professor David Shemmings University of Kent on different aspects of contemporary theory and research relating to child protection practice.

Professor Shemmings will facilitate interactive sessions in the afternoon.

This conference will be particularly relevant to practitioners at all levels including their supervisors and managers in all key agencies and organisations working in the safeguarding children arena.

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/booking.php>

National children and adults services conference

‘Tough times, food decisions’

19th – 21st October 2011 London

£450 + VAT

Organised by the LG Group, ADASS and ADCS, this event is vital to councillors, directors, senior officers, policymakers and service managers with responsibilities for education, children’s services and adult care in the statutory, voluntary and private sectors.

It is also an important opportunity for partners working in health, schools and related fields as well as MPs with an interest in social care, children’s services and education. The programme will give many opportunities to hear keynote ministerial addresses and take part in plenary sessions. There will be a variety of participatory breakouts and networking sessions.

<http://www.ncasc.local.gov.uk/>

Child Protection: from examination to court (previously known as court skills)

24th – 25th October 2011 London

£300 (RCPCH members)

£375 (non - members)

This course is developed and delivered by medical and legal experts who are trained and experienced in this complex and emotive area. Every paediatrician will encounter CP cases during their clinical career and all will require written reports, with some cases leading to legal proceedings. Paediatricians have a key role in both providing written evidence and presenting as a witness in family, criminal or civil proceedings. The central objective of the course is to increase knowledge of legal proceedings, develop competences in engaging with proceedings and build confidence amongst paediatricians to tackle this area of work.

The course will:

- Give you an overview of criminal and family law
- Explain the paediatricians role in legal proceedings
- Help you manage your fears and expectations
- Provide updates and pointers for court on particularly important subjects, such as FII, CSA, CPA and Neglect
- Improve your report writing skills
- Prepare you for giving effective evidence

<http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/events/child-protection-examination-court-previously-known-court-skills>

Child Protection After Munro: Will Local Decision Making Improve Outcomes for Children?

1st November 2011 London £225-£395 + VAT

Professor Eileen Munro's wide ranging review into frontline child protection practice, concluded that a one-size-fits-all approach to child protection is preventing local areas from focusing on the child. Local areas should have more freedom to develop their own effective child protection services, rather than focusing on meeting central government targets.

Delegates will have the opportunity to examine the policy implications of the Government's approach to child protection following its response to the Munro Review. Key issues to be discussed include:

- The impact upon LAs: removing centrally imposed targets & timescales for assessments
- Modifying the performance indicators and targets: ensuring a focus on outcomes
- The role of the police, health and voluntary sector: what part do schools & colleges play?
- The developing role of LSCBs
- The new approach to Serious Case Reviews: from "what happened to why"
- Making inspections more relevant and valuable
- The impact of public sector budget reductions on child protection at the local level
- The assessment framework and delivering a more flexible child-centred approach
- Difficult decisions: early intervention, taking children into care - integrating working across departments
- The role of the Principal Child and Family Social Worker
- Retaining experienced social workers on the front line
- Initial training & continuing professional development
- Providing accessible referral systems
- How the media and public can be helped to have a better understanding of child protection

Delegates will be drawn from all sectors of the children, education, health, child protection, police and social services as well as those working in schools, central government departments & bodies, unions, academia and the private, voluntary & community sectors.

<http://www.westminster-briefing.com/conferences/event-detail1700/newsarticle/child-protection-after-munro-will-local-decision-making-improve-outcomes-for-children/>

Child Sexual Exploitation: Developing a Multi-Disciplinary Approach to the Problem

3rd November, 2011 London £225 + VAT

In January 2011 CEOP announced its intention to carry out a thematic assessment of child sexual exploitation after growing public concern of the trend whereby groups of men were reportedly grooming and sexually exploiting children across the UK. “

Out of Mind, Out of Sight”, the report of the findings of a 6 month investigation into the crime widely called “on street grooming” has now been published. This form of abuse often involves rape and is premeditated, planned and carried out systematically with a complete lack of respect or empathy for the victims, often singled out for their vulnerability, and its damage can last a lifetime.

Delegates will consider in detail the recommendations of the report and discuss the implications for local practice. Engaging with the panel, key issues to be addressed will include:

- The nature and extent of “child grooming”
- Building robust data about “child grooming” – assessing current risk at the local level
- The need to develop a multi-agency approach to the problem
- The implications for the role of the LSCB
- The early identification of children at risk
- Providing specialist training for front-line professionals
- The role of the third sector
- Supporting victims and their families
- Peer exploitation
- The exploitation of boys and young men
- The role of the CPS in taking cases forward

<http://www.westminster-briefing.com/home/criminal-justice/event-detail7/newsarticle/child-sexual-exploitation-developing-a-multi-disciplinary-approach-to-the-problem/>

Witchcraft Branding, Spirit Possession and Safeguarding African Children

A two day International Conference

8th - 9th November 2011 London

Increasing numbers of African children are suffering the consequences of being branded as witches or as possessed by evil spirits. This is particularly so in many parts of Africa and is equally a reality here in the UK.

The need to understand the context within which this form of abuse occurs, identify the drivers of witchcraft branding and examine strategies to increase protection for vulnerable children has become necessary in order to protect children from continuous harm.

You are invited to submit your 300 word abstract by 5th August 2011.

If an abstract is accepted for the conference, a full draft paper should be submitted by 8th October 2011, along with a 100 word summary for the Programme.

<http://www.afruca.org/component/content/article/76-witchcraft-branding-spirit-possession-and-safeguarding-african-children.html>

What next for Children and Family Services? A new era, a new challenge for local authorities!

9th November 2011 London

£155 - £260 + VAT

At a time when more Council's are sharing key services, restructuring, re-commissioning and revising service offers, this conference will debate the key issues and offer innovative but achievable solutions, which ensure that outcomes for children and families remain at the heart of service delivery.

With one third of Councils merging or planning to merge Children's Services with other key departments, councils need to ensure that services continue to meet the needs of children and families and that there is clear accountability on outcomes for children and families.

This conference will focus on the big questions about how LAs can best support and deliver services to children and families within the present economic environment. It will also provide a valuable opportunity for delegates to inform and shape thinking about next stage priorities.

<http://www.4children.org.uk/events/show/ref/204>

**Children and Young People Continuing and Community Care Forum conference
Innovations and transformations**

25th November 2011 London £80 - £120

This event focuses on innovations and transformations within community children's care, palliative care and disability nursing.

The conference sessions cover quality and compassionate care, transforming community children's services, workforce development and the latest research relevant to this area of practice. The sessions will allow you to increase your understanding and knowledge and ensure that you are up to date with developments in community children's nursing.

http://www.rcn.org.uk/newsevents/event_details/rcn_eventsms/cyp_community_care

Contact

2nd December 2011 Leeds

This day conference proposes to look at recent research and the effects of social network sites on the issues of post-adoption contact.

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/training/allevts/2011-12-02t000000>

Dyadic developmental psychotherapy – Level 1 Presented by Dan Hughes PhD

6th February 2012 Birmingham

£185 - £205 + VAT

£750 - £900 + VAT Conf + Training

This one-day conference will present principles and interventions that are based on trauma and attachment theory and research in providing treatment and care for foster and adopted children and youth who manifest trauma and attachment problems.

Following the conference, it is possible to continue for 3 days interactive training. Professionals will understand and be able to begin to implement the core attachment-

focused principles and interventions developed for the treatment and daily care of foster and adopted children and youth.

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/training/allevents/2012-02-06t000000>

BASPCAN 8th National Congress
'Keeping Children Safe in an Uncertain World'

15th-18th April 2012 Belfast

Attendance: Full £250 - £495; Daily £139 - £185; Half day £99 - £140

BASPCAN has held a triennial Congress since 1991, providing an opportunity for professionals from a range of disciplines from across the UK and internationally to share the latest findings from research and to debate how families may be supported and children kept safe.

Congress themes

- Innovations and Interventions
- Neglect and Emotional Abuse
- Children and Young People Living with Family or Community Violence
- Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
- Supporting Staff and Developing the Response to Hard-to-Engage Groups
- Young People in Transition

Abstracts are invited from all those involved in the field of child protection and child welfare at any level:

- Social Work Practitioners and Managers
- Health and Nursing Professionals
- Legal Professionals
- Police and Probation Agencies
- Psychologists
- Therapists
- Academics
- Educationalists and Early Years Workers
- Voluntary Organisations

Closing date: 12th August 2011

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/congress2012.php>