

Safeguarding Children Information Update Conference Roundup: Updated 22nd June 2011

Child maltreatment in the UK - An opportunity to reflect on the findings of the first major study on child cruelty for 10 years
21st June 2011 London

Research by the NSPCC raises concerns that the vast majority of abused and neglected children are not getting the vital help they need - either from statutory services or informal support networks in the community.

This conference will:

- provide detailed information on the study
- provide an opportunity to reflect on the research findings and apply them to local practice in a multi-agency context
- bring together key representatives from children's services
- explore how the key findings can help you to improve services for children.

Further conferences are to be held in:

Northern Ireland – October 2011

Wales – November 2011

Scotland – February 2012

http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/cpconferences/child_maltreatment2011_wda81712.html

Care Proceedings: Understanding and Developing Practice

24th June 2011 Birmingham £140 - £205

This conference focuses on care proceedings and their outcomes. It will:

- present findings on the current operation of care proceedings under the PLO from the ESRC funded Parents' Representation Study (2011).
- look at alternatives to traditional court when parental substance misuse is a key factor
- present findings from the '*Care Pathways and Outcomes Study*' and highlight differences when parental substance misuse is implicated in the case.

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/events-national.php>

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/files/BASPCAN%20JUNE%2024%202010%20CONFERENCE%20FLYER%20FINAL.doc>

CSA Event

24th June 2011 Ashton-under-Lyne £15-£55

This event will explore practice-based issues with experienced clinicians and practitioners and will consider the need to maintain our values in the face of appalling child abuse.

<http://www.basw.co.uk/events/child-sexual-abuse-event/>

Adoption and fostering - What's the evidence on health and outcomes

27th June 2011 Birmingham

£135 - £205 + VAT

This conference will examine the latest research, audit results and innovative practice to increase understanding of health needs and to enhance outcomes for looked after and adopted children. Presentations will consider some of the most significant issues affecting the health and well-being of looked after children, including neglect, emotional and mental health difficulties, exposure to parental substance misuse, approaches to supporting parents and carers, and decision making processes within social care. In addition, best practice affecting various subgroups ranging from unaccompanied asylum seeking young people to infants and those in parent and baby placements will be considered.

For professionals from different disciplines to be able to work together effectively to improve health outcomes, they must understand background factors affecting health before children enter care as well as the impact of various factors within the care system, such as multiple placements, decisions made by those with responsibility as corporate parents, and how health services and interventions are delivered.

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/node/3237>

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>

Kids Company No Bulls*t Conference - What STILL Matters to Every Child

28th June 2011 London

This conference will look to share our learning with colleagues and bring to you cutting edge understanding of the effects and implications of maltreatment during childhood.

The day will be a blend of contemporary theory and practice about emotional crisis in children and young people. A wide selection of speakers are confirmed from the fields of neuroscience, mental health and education.

For more information, a full programme and prices, contact Yvonne Siegel

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<http://www.kidsco.org.uk/professional-development>

Delivering positive outcomes through Early Intervention in Child Protection

28th June 2011 London

£199 - £399 + VAT

The early development years of 0 – 3 are crucial when it comes to developing emotional and social skills. Following the recommendations from the Early Intervention Review, the Munro Review and C4EO's report Grasping the Nettle, Community Care are pleased to announce our one day conference on Delivering Positive Outcomes through Early Intervention in Child Protection.

This event will provide case studies demonstrating the challenges and opportunities in supporting children and practical guidance on how multi-agency teams can work better together, this one day event is packed full of demonstrations of effective outcomes delivered with reduced budgets.

This event explores:

- Where funding will come from for early intervention
- The development of better assessment techniques
- What constitutes normal child development
- Protective Parenting to aid parents in understanding the emotional needs of the child
- How front line workers can better recognise what constitutes inappropriate sexual behavioural development
- Achieving a stable placement for a child earlier on in their development

<http://www.communitycareconferences.co.uk/earlyinterventions2011>

Improving the Life Chances of Children in Care Conference

30th June 2011 London

£225 - £545 + VAT

The Government is committed to improving the lives of children in care. However, new and persistent challenges confront those responsible for looking after children and young people under LA responsibility and those preparing to leave it.

This Conference examines the obstacles faced by practitioners. This agenda is designed to offer the latest guidance and innovative practice to help your organisation to empower children in care to achieve the best outcomes in life.

Topics for discussion include:

- How to prevent public sector spending cuts from impacting on the life chances of young people
- The new requirement for LAs to secure sufficient accommodation for looked after children in their area
- What you can do to protect children in care from the rising threat of sexual exploitation and recruitment into gangs

<http://www.capitaconferences.co.uk/public-sector-conferences/education/full-conferences/article/improving-the-life-chances-of-children-in-care-1.html>

Behaviour & Discipline in Schools: New Strategies & A New Approach to Improve Standards

6th July 2011 Manchester

14th July 2011 London

£175 - £225

Delegates at these briefings will have the opportunity to examine Government proposals for change and the implications for primary, special and secondary schools, governing bodies, LAs.

Key issues to be discussed include:

- The Government's approach to behaviour and discipline: new statutory guidance & the proposals in the Education Bill
- Implications for primary, special and secondary schools
- The role of the governing body in setting the schools policy
- The impact of behaviour on standards in schools
- Supporting teachers: training teachers to manage behaviour
- Protection of teachers from malicious allegations: presumption of innocence
- Dealing with the most troubled students: do talking therapies help?
- The impact of behaviour on the reputation of schools
- A zero tolerance approach to bullying

<http://www.westminster-briefing.com/home/event-detail/newsarticle/behaviour-and-discipline-in-schools-new-strategies-and-a-new-approach-to-improve-standards/>

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Engagement v Delay

The issues and dilemmas of working with families whilst keeping 'the child in mind'
7th July 2011 Cardiff £69 - £137 + VAT

Balancing the rights of birth family members with the need to ensure decision making for young children is undertaken in a timely way can be a complex and demanding task. We aim through this conference to strengthen the professional judgement of all those involved in care planning for children.

It brings together material research by Harriett Ward, Rebecca Brown and their team who confirm that delay in decision making has a harmful effect upon a child's emotional, behavioural and educational development.

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/node/3341>

Working With Vulnerable Teenagers: Addressing Substance Misuse, Self Harm and Suicide

8th July 2011 Bath £140 - £205

This conference will seek to explore and address how professionals can work constructively with teenagers to minimise the risks they face from their presenting behaviours and vulnerabilities, including substance misuse, self harm and the increasing numbers of suicides in this age group.

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

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/booking.php?event=9>

Safeguarding Looked after Children: Getting it Right

12th July 2011 London £199 + VAT

This conference is aimed at all professionals whose work brings them into contact with looked after children. More than 60,000 children and young people are under LAs in England. Statistics show children in care tend to have worse outcomes than their peers in term of physical health, mental health and education.

Topics to be covered include:

- Overview of NICE/SCIE guidance: the implications for practice and commissioning
- a comparison of outcomes for looked after children who go home and those who do not & a review of existing services
- Trauma, resilience and mental health of looked-after children
- Commissioning and accessing mental health services in this economic climate – What works for Children in Care?
- The journey of a looked-after child
- Attachment and brain injury and how to undertake good assessments

<http://healthsafeguarding.com/news/safeguarding-looked-after-children-getting-it-right-12-july-2011/>

Family and friends care

14th July 2011 London £135-£205 + VAT

From April 2011 there is a requirement to implement new legislation including new Care Planning, Placement and Case Review Regs, new Fostering Services Regs and NMS, Statutory Guidance for LAs on Family and Friends Care, and Statutory Guidance on Securing Sufficient Accommodation for Looked After Children.

By 30/09/11 LAs will be required to publish a policy setting out their approach towards promoting and supporting children living with family and friends carers. This conference will assist in devising an effective policy, and help managers think through the content and implementation of such a policy.

This conference will:

- Support LAs to implement new legislation re work with family and friends carers
- consider good practice in relation to special guardianship and the assessment of family and friends carers
- look at learning from user experiences and from recent research
- consider issues relating to support groups, finance, and contact in family and friends care

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/training/allevts/2011-07-14t000000>

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/cypdif2011

Getting it Right First Time: Early Intervention and Prevention

9th September 2011 Coventry £140 - £205

This conference will look at 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.

This conference is a must for practitioners and policy makers from LAs and agencies in all sectors working with families and children ... from parents pre-birth to adolescents.

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/events-national.php>

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 -

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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>

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/allevents/2011-10-07t000000-0>

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>

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

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>