

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
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Safe Systems (13/08/09)

On the 29 September 2009 the NCVYS will be launching a new safeguarding accreditation scheme titled Safe Systems.

The scheme will help small to medium voluntary and community organisations achieve good safeguarding practice and provide an introductory level of achievement towards the established NCVYS Sound Systems accreditation scheme.

Voluntary and community organisations are frequently asked to provide evidence to show that they have satisfactory safeguarding policies and are compliant with Section 11 Children's Act 2004. Safe Systems helps organisations evidence the fact they have good basic safeguarding policies and procedures in place by providing NCVYS with evidence of these policies and procedures.

Experienced NCVYS staff will check the policies and the evidence against the standards and if found satisfactory award the Safe Systems certificate. For those organisations whose policy documents do not reach the required standard NCVYS will advise them of the shortfalls and provide template documents and signpost organisations to where they can find help to develop their policies and practice.

For more information about this scheme and to attend the launch on 29 September in London contact [Chris Brewster](#), NCVYS Safeguarding Officer (T: 07971 054925).
http://www.ncvys.org.uk/blogs.php?act=view_topic&id=133&PHPSESSID=2c864a021b773fa76da81a1fc5e5fb67

NEET Statistics Quarterly Brief (18/08/09)

This brief sets out the latest statistics available on Young People Not in Employment, Education or Training in England from the DCSF 16-18 Participation SFR, the Labour Force Survey, and regional NEET figures and a segmentation using Connexions data.

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/STR/d000870/index.shtml>

National College for Leadership of Schools and Children's Services

The NCSL is to change its name from Sept 09 to reflect an extension to its remit, which now includes responsibility for the leadership development of leaders in schools, children's centres and children's services.

In addition to developing a DCS leadership programme, it has also been asked to:

- develop an executive leadership programme for the most experienced DCSs
- support the identification of DCSs who, with their teams, have the capacity and expertise to help children's services in other authorities who might need their help and value their expertise
- support succession planning and talent management strategies in children's services at local level
- develop an accelerated leadership programme (fast stream) to enable talented potential leaders to move more rapidly into senior leadership
- ensure that NCSL is a college for senior leaders in children's services as well as for school and children's centre leaders

<http://www.ncsl.org.uk/about-role-remitextension>

Failure to share information putting families and children in care at risk

(13/08/09)

LAs are failing to provide foster carers with enough information about the children they place with them, putting foster families and children in care at risk, according to a survey, carried out by the Fostering Network.

The survey shows that 51% of foster carers have looked after a child in the last 3 years and were not given all the information they needed to care for them safely e.g. medical requirements (33%); history of abuse (47%); general behaviour (68%).

The survey also revealed that many foster carers have been expected to look after children they were not approved to foster (36%) or who they did not feel equipped to look after (30%).

http://www.fostering.net/whats_new/articles/6090466

Making it Mainstream: Developing sustainable approaches to in-school support for young people with depression in secondary schools (17/08/09)

This booklet has been written for school staff interested in developing sustainable in-school support for pupils with mental health problems, in particular, depression. It brings together policy, key research messages and practical advice about developing and sustaining in-school support for pupils.

The booklet also provides a comprehensive resources section for school staff. A short briefing paper of the study findings will be also be available later in the summer.

<http://www.saphna-professionals.org/node/293>
http://www.saphna-professionals.org/files/docs/pdfs/MAINSTR_EAM.pdf

Pandemic vaccine priority for most at risk

(13/08/09)

More than 11m people in England will be targeted first.

The following groups will be prioritised in this order (numbers given are approximate and are for England only):

1. People aged over 6 months and under 65 years in current seasonal flu vaccine clinical at-risk groups (about 5m).
2. All pregnant women, subject to licensing conditions on trimesters (about 0.5m).
3. Household contacts of people with compromised immune systems e.g. people in regular close contact with patients on treatment for cancer (about 0.5 m).
4. People aged 65 and over in the current seasonal flu vaccine clinical at-risk groups (about 3.5m). This does not include otherwise healthy over 65s, since they appear to have some natural immunity to the virus.

Vaccination of frontline health and social care workers (approximately 2m) will begin at the same time as the first at-risk group, and will continue for as long as necessary. This group is at increased risk of infection and of transmitting that infection to susceptible patients. Protecting these people will help the NHS workforce to remain resilient and able to treat sick patients.

Preparations continue to be made to extend the programme beyond these initial priority groups, and the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation will consider this matter further and report back in due course.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/News/Recentstories/DH_104295

Campaign to stop trafficking of children
(13/08/09)

ECPAT UK in partnership with The Body Shop has launched a 3 year campaign to stop the trafficking of children and young people by raising awareness of the issue and empowering people to make a difference.

Research commissioned by The Body Shop UK to uncover the extent to which Britons are aware of the issue of child trafficking found that over a third of the public are completely unaware of the extent of trafficking in the UK.

The findings, collated from 1255 respondents, suggest that a large proportion of the UK population believe that child trafficking does not happen in their local area. One in 10 Britons do not believe it is happening in this country and a frightening 34% believe that child victims of trafficking end up in foreign countries, not in GB.
http://www.ecpat.org.uk/press_01.html

Breaking the wall of silence: Practitioners' responses to trafficked children and young people

This report identified issues relating to investigating and safeguarding possible child victims of trafficking, including:

- issues about interpreters (an interpreter from the same town or village as the victim might not mean that they are the most appropriate to act as an interpreter);
- concerns raised by those possible victims who have gone missing from care at some point; and
- the use of a range of methods utilised by the trafficker to coerce and force children into a trafficking situation and the issues raised during disclosures by the victim i.e. the instances of account discrepancies or apparent difficult behaviour.

The report also comments on the need for co-ordinated information sharing and joint work between police and child protection workers.
http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/research/Findings/breaking_the_wall_of_silence_wda65628.html
http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/research/Findings/breaking_the_wall_of_silence_report_wdf66135.pdf

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Implementation of 14-19 reforms, including the introduction of diplomas
(17/08/09)

This is Ofsted's 2nd report evaluating the progress made in implementing 14–19 reforms. It follows up some of the key strategic issues of the 1st report in 2008, and focuses particularly on the introduction of the new 14–19 Diplomas.

Overall, 14–19 initiatives have continued to widen opportunities and meet the needs of young people. Progress in introducing the Diplomas was promising across the 23 consortia visited, many of which have been at the forefront of 14–19 developments. While the main subject learning of the Diplomas was generally going well, other elements, and particularly functional skills, needed more attention.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Thematic-reports/Implementation-of-14-19-reforms-including-the-introduction-of-Diplomas>
<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/News/Collaboration-is-the-key-for-14-19-year-olds>

Locking up or giving up - is custody for children always the right answer?

(13/08/09)

This briefing examines the latest available government data for England and Wales (1996-2006) and reveals that despite continued low levels of violent crime, the use of custody for children aged 10-14 has increased 550%. It shows that these children are increasingly being locked up for less serious offences such as breach, summary offences and burglary. The briefing argues that custody is ineffective, expensive and effectively “writes off” children before the age of 14. Barnardo’s calls for a change in sentencing thresholds so that a child under 15 cannot be sent to custody unless they have committed ‘grave’ crimes or violent offences, and asks for greater investment in early support services for young people and their families.

This study of children aged 12, 13 and 14 years old who have served a custodial sentence, has found that more than a third of them should not have been put behind bars, when judged against the Government’s own criteria. The law states children aged 14 and under should not be sent to custody unless they have committed a grave offence or have committed a serious offence and are deemed to be a persistent offender.

But Barnardo’s examination of the cases of 214 children – 46% of those in this age group sent to custody in 2007/08 - found that more than a third did not meet this criterion but were still incarcerated. That suggests that 170 children in England and Wales should not have been put behind bars that year. More than 20% had been sent to custody for breaching a community order such as a supervision or anti social behaviour order.



The study also reveals that:

- just under half the children locked up had been abused
- more than a third were living with a known offender
- 38% had witnessed violence in their family
- 8% had attempted suicide
- the likelihood of being sent to custody varied significantly by postcode.

Barnardo’s is calling for:

- strict sentencing rules which reflect the intention of Parliament and Government so that children aged 14 and under cannot be considered for custody unless they have committed a grave crime or unless they have committed a serious offence and are a persistent offender; combined with
- a clear definition of persistency – so that custody is reserved for those whose offending really merits it
- a breach of a community based sentence never to result in a custody sentence for a child aged 14 or under unless there has been a serious or violent offence
- a requirement in national standards for YOTs to support children to comply with conditions of community orders
- guidance instructing courts to seek further information about children who have experienced abuse, neglect or disadvantage
- steps to allow children serving a detention and training order to be placed other than in the secure estate.

http://www.barnardos.org.uk/news_and_events/media_centre/press_releases.htm?ref=49256

http://www.barnardos.org.uk/locking_up_or_giving_up_final1_sept_08.pdf

CRB's customer satisfaction at all-time high (12/08/07)

Research results show that CRB checks have prevented around 98,000 unsuitable people from working with children and vulnerable adults in the past 5 years. The research also shows that:

- satisfaction of organisational customers is at a record high, with 94% now satisfied overall including 37% very satisfied with the service provided by the CRB
- satisfaction of disclosure applicants is at a high level with 87% of applicants satisfied with the application process
- overwhelming public support (91%) for CRB checks on those working with children and/or vulnerable adults in a paid or voluntary capacity
- in 2008, around 18,000 unsuitable people were prevented from working with children and/or vulnerable adults as a direct result of a CRB check
- the CRB is making a positive difference in protecting children and vulnerable adults
- CRB checks are a useful part of the recruitment process and can help improve confidence in organisations' recruitment decisions.

<http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/criminal-records-satisfaction>

Draft Sentencing Guideline: overarching principles—sentencing youths (13/08/09)

The Commons Justice Select Committee has published its response to the Sentencing Guidelines Council on the Council's new guidance on overarching principles in sentencing youth under 18.

The Committee usually provides comments on draft guidelines to the Sentencing Guidelines Council in the form of a letter; where it considers that a draft guideline raises major issues it reports to the House.



The Committee considers that the “Overarching principles—sentencing youths” is a crucial sentencing guideline, saying it “fills a critical gap, setting out for youth courts the basis upon which they should sentence offenders under the age of 18”—guidance which the youth courts have not previously had.

The Committee's response highlights the key issues raised in evidence to it, for example, the apparent inconsistency in approaches to sentencing children, and a varied understanding among sentencers of the concept that custody should only ever be a “sentence of last resort” for young people. <http://news.parliament.uk/2009/08/report-on-sentencing-guidelines-council-and-youth-sentences/>
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmselect/cmjust/497/497.pdf>

Resettlement for young people leaving custody (12/08/09)

The YJB confirmed its plans to improve the support for young people once they have left custody. A new programme, Integrated Resettlement Support (IRS), replaces the pilot Resettlement and Aftercare Provision (RAP).

IRS is a voluntary programme designed to assist young people with the transition from custody back into the community, and to work with local partners to ensure that all appropriate services are offered to each young person.

It is believed that better provision of services in the areas of education, employment, substance misuse and accommodation will help young people turn their backs on crime when released from custody.

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

Autumn 2009/2010 dates for Thinkuknow training

Free Half Day course

This training is designed to:

- teach professionals who work with children to deliver the 11-16 Thinkuknow online safety programme
- teach delegates how to deliver Thinkuknow products to young people
- teach many of the most popular applications young people are using in the online and mobile environment
- cover many issues that children and young people face online
- signpost to initiatives and organisations for help and support

Birmingham – 30 September 2009

London – 21 October 2009

Glasgow – 2 December 2009

London – 20 January 2010

Liverpool – 24 February 2010

Bristol – 10 March 2010

Bridgend – 28 April 2010

Full day Ambassador training course

This course has been designed to provide:

- opportunity to become a CEOP accredited 'Ambassador Trainer'.
- understanding of how sexual offenders behave
- knowledge of social media and how online behaviour put young people at risk
- ability to cascade the 'Thinkuknow' programme to others professionals.

Delegates must attend the ½ day course first.

Glasgow – 3 December 2009

London – 21 January 2010

Liverpool – 25 February 2010

Bristol – 11 March 2010

Bridgend – 29 April 2010

£199

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/teachers/training.asp

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EduCare child protection training programme (17/08/09)

Children's rights is intended for anyone who comes into contact with children and young people in their work, leisure or voluntary activities. It is relevant throughout the UK.

This programme, in 4 modules, covers:

- an introduction to children's rights and what they mean
- how children's rights came into being
- values and principles
- treating children as rights holders
- the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its significance
- promoting children's rights: what you can do in your own setting and what an organisation that respects children's rights looks like.

http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/trainingandconsultancy/EduCare/childrens_rights_wda65631.html

The National Child Measurement Programme - Guidance for PCTs: 2009/10 school year (04/08/09)

This guidance provides advice to PCTs on:

- arrangements for measuring the height and weight of primary and middle school children as part of the NCMP
- sending parents their child's results – whether routinely or request only
- submitting data to the NHS Information Centre for inclusion in the national database

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publichealth/Healthimprovement/Healthyliving/DH_073787

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/DH_086724

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_103360.pdf

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_103441.pdf

Assessments of parenting and parenting support need (12/08/09)

This study looks at how a range of health, education and family practitioners make their assessments of parenting and parenting support need. It also considers if and how these ideas were affected by factors such as practitioners' own experience of being a parent, relationships with their own parents, their ethnicity, social class, disability, and gender and that of the families they are working with. The study explores:

- the process for assessing parenting and parenting support need
- views on the nature of 'good', 'good enough' and 'risky' parenting
- the role played by practitioner and family diversity, reflection and training in this area.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/parenting-support-need>

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/parenting-support-need-summary.pdf>

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/parenting-support-need-full.pdf>

DCSF under-age drinking campaign

(14/08/09)

Wieden & Kennedy and VCCP have been invited to the 2nd stage of the pitch process to develop creative work for a campaign linked to the Youth Alcohol Action Plan.

The campaign aims to influence the attitudes and behaviour of children, young people and their parents and carers. The aim is for all young people in England to grow up to have a safe and sensible relationship with alcohol.

The DCSF campaign will complement existing Department of Health and Home Office campaigns.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/Detail.aspx?NewsAreaId=2&ReleaseID=405848&SubjectId=2>

Councils to get new chance to sign up for free swimming scheme (11/08/09)

Local councils in England are to get a fresh opportunity to join the Government's successful free swimming initiative, which has seen more than four million visits to pools by senior citizens and young people since it launched in April.

Councils that are only offering free swimming for people aged 60 and over at the moment are being given the chance to provide it for people aged 16 and under as well – and LAs not participating in the scheme at all will be able to join, providing they offer free swimming for both the age groups.

Up to £1m of unallocated spending from within the overall £140m package is being set aside to pay for the offer.

http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/media_releases/6309.aspx

Joint Agreement on Child Poverty

(13/08/09)

Children in Wales has signed the Welsh Assembly Government's Joint Agreement on Child Poverty. The aim of the Agreement is to ensure that all public organisations that can influence outcomes of children living in poverty co-operate to prioritise their needs.

By signing the Agreement, the organisations confirm that they will support and assist the Welsh Assembly Government to take forward the 3 strand approach to reducing child poverty outlined in the document and ensure that, as far as possible, the policies and initiatives developed by their organisation will make a positive impact on the lives of children and young people living in poverty

<http://www.childreninwales.org.uk/policy/news/12019.html>

Safeguarding Online: Explaining the risk posed by violent extremism (10/08/09)

The internet is a source of much that is positive. It offers unprecedented opportunities for global information exchange, communication, networking and education. Alongside these benefits however, there are risks, often reflecting those in the offline world. The offline risks of terrorism and violent extremism are well-known, and these are mirrored online. Terrorists and violent extremists exploit the internet for both operational purposes and as a tool for radicalisation and recruitment. This represents a serious risk to vulnerable individuals using the internet.

This document provides guidance for parents and for schools

<http://security.homeoffice.gov.uk/news-publications/publication-search/general/Officers-esafety-leaflet-v5.pdf?view=Standard&pubID=648254>
<http://security.homeoffice.gov.uk/news-publications/publication-search/general/Officers-esafety-leaflet-v5.pdf?view=Binary>

Towards a Strategy to Support Volunteering in Health and Social Care: Consultation response (August 2009)

This document sets out messages heard during the consultation process through 9 regional workshops held around England, an on-line questionnaire; and detailed written responses received by the DH. It sets out key themes identified, an analysis of the feedback received, and outlines how the DH intends to take forward work to develop a substantive strategy on volunteering in health and social care.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Responsestoconsultations/DH_103947
http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh

Schools, Pupils and Their Characteristics: January 2009 (Provisional) – Updated

This release, based on information in the 2009 School Census, reports provisional findings for the number of pupils by age, gender, free school meal eligibility, ethnicity, first language and SEN together with a range of class size information. Provisional information on the numbers of schools is also given. The class size information has now been added as additional tables.

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/SFR/s000843/index.shtml>

Comment by Children’s Minister Dawn Primarolo:

We have lifted half a million children out of relative poverty but are now upping our game by legislating to eradicate child poverty by 2020 so that all children have the best start in life and have the opportunities to flourish. We’re determined not to abandon communities to long-term unemployment and risk generations of families falling into and staying in poverty.

Every child matters and deserves a fair chance to succeed – which is why we are guaranteeing intensive support for children falling behind in primary and secondary schools; have created 3000 Sure Start Centres and made sure all children have access to extended services outside school hours; giving free school meals to the most deprived families; reforming Information and Guidance for all pupils to give them better careers advice; and giving all 16- and 17-year-olds a guaranteed place in education and training.

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/news/content.cfm?landing=dawn_primarolo_on_schools_and_pupils_data_released_today

News Articles

Impact of ContactPoint will be tracked by annual survey (11/08/09)

The £224m database, which will hold the records of 11m children, is due to launch nationally in the autumn. It is designed as a quick way for professionals working with children to find out who else is working with the same child or young person so support can be co-ordinated.

A survey carried out by the DCSF has assessed how practitioners go about their work currently and will be carried out every year from now to assess the impact of ContactPoint. Among other findings, the first survey revealed that on average a single practitioner spends 2 hours a month searching for details of other professionals involved with a child, with a 79% success rate of finding the right details.

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/bulletins/Daily-Bulletin/news/926546/?DCMP=EMC-DailyBulletin>

Young adults' mental health problems flagged in report (10/08/09)

The major mental health problems suffered by young adults from vulnerable backgrounds, particularly those in custody, have been highlighted by a wide-ranging study of data from Young People in Focus.

The *Young adults today* study was launched to mark a change of name for the charity formerly known as the Trust for the Study of Adolescence.

It found young adults in custody were 8 to 10 times more likely than young adults in the general population to commit suicide. Young adult offenders were also 3 times more likely than the general population to have a mental health problem.

And for all of those aged 15-24, suicide was the second most common cause of death after road traffic accidents.

The report, which drew on a wide range of data including official government statistics, also estimated that more than a third of girls will self harm at some point in their lives.
<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/Articles/2009/08/10/112323/young-adults-mental-health-problems-flagged-in-report.html>
<http://www.studyofadolescence.org.uk/>

Consultations

Should the National Assembly for Wales have more powers over Community Councils – have your say!

Do you think that the National Assembly for Wales should have more powers to make laws relating to Community Councils in Wales? Well the Assembly's Legislation Committee No. 2 is currently scrutinising the National Assembly for Wales Legislative Competence Local Government Order relating to community councils and councillor recruitment, retention and allowances.

The committee now wants to hear from all interested parties as well as members of the public to feed into the scrutiny process.

At present the National Assembly for Wales does not have the power to legislate for changes to the law covering the constitution, structure and responsibilities of community councils, community reviews, and the relationship between tiers of government or councillor allowances.

Closing Date 18th September 2009
<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bus-leg-legislative-competence-orders/bus-legislation-lco-2009-lgcc.htm>

Conferences and Events

AHDC Stakeholder Event

15th September 2009 London
This event will focus on short breaks commissioning with speakers from the Commissioning Support Programme and Together for Disabled Children. There will also be a chance for delegates to view a demonstration of the Short Breaks E-marketplace, an online forum linking short break commissioners with providers.

This event is open to children's services commissioners from LAs and PCTs, short break providers, and other charitable organisations working with disabled children across the country.

Spaces will allocated be on a first come first served basis

E-mail: JCrangle@ncb.org.uk
http://partner.ncb.org.uk/Page.asp?originx_5744kd_50388134371651r37d_2009871843t

Healthier Inside: Delivering Every Child Matters in Secure Settings

15th September 2009 London £25
<http://hil.eventbrite.com/>
22nd September 2009 Leeds £25
<http://hile.eventbrite.com/>
30th September 2009 Birmingham £25

In 2008 the Healthier Inside Toolkit was developed by NCB as a means of encouraging a 'whole system approach' to supporting young people in secure settings. It sets out 27 health and well being entitlements and brings together key national policies, targets and standards. The toolkit has enabled secure placements to prepare for inspections and performance monitoring and ensure the views and experiences of young people inform service developments. ↗

The Childhood Bereavement Network (CBN) also produced 'Bereavement in the Secure Setting: Delivering ECM for bereaved young people in custody'. This explores how the health of young people in secure settings can be promoted following bereavement.

These seminars draw on the above resources to equip delegates with the knowledge necessary to help meet children and young people's health and well-being needs.

<http://hib.eventbrite.com/>
http://www.ncb.org.uk/resources/conferences_and_events.aspx?promotional_homepage_events_and_conference

Early Years Foundation Stage Conference

21st September 2009 London £195 - £545 + VAT

This Conference will examine the progress of EYFS since it came into force in September 2008. Timed to look back on the first year and ahead to the key areas of progression this important event will give delegates the chance to keep up to date with national policy and to learn from, and share, local good practice.

This conference will address this and other key areas, including:

- Clarifying the inspection criteria for EYFS
- An update on the implementation of EYFS
- Assessing EYFS and the EYFS Profile
- Engaging children and parents in EYFS

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters/events/surestart/eEarlyYearsFoundationStageConference210909/>

<http://www.capitaconferences.co.uk/NR/rdonlyres/45BE71CF-B6D6-4FB9-A5BB-A7A1EDA43BF3/0/EYFSMKDP.pdf>

Conferences (continued)

Strategies to better safeguard children in highly diverse communities

8th September 2009 (9.30 – 12.30) London

The London SCB is hosting sessions on safeguarding children across culture and faith in partnership with the Victoria Climbié Foundation. The 3rd session is now open.

The seminar will focus on strategies to better safeguard children in highly diverse communities.


The final seminar will be held on 12/11/09
<http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/>

Alone in the UK - When children are separated from their families across borders

29th September 2009 London

This event will look at children in the UK, who are separated from their families across borders. These include unaccompanied asylum seeking children, privately fostered and trafficked children, who may be particularly vulnerable and at risk of exploitation and abuse as they can be hidden from society. By raising awareness of the situation of separated children we hope to increase the understanding of international elements which need to be considered when working with these children.

The event will feature key legal aspects which have a major impact on the children's lives and are essential to their care plans. Delegates will explore issues surrounding trafficking and private fostering and how affected children can be identified and protected from harm.

The day will also introduce services that are available to separated children e.g. tracing and reunification programmes to verify if 

they can re-establish contact with their families and/or return to live with them. It will include practical advice and examples of intercountry cases and enable discussion and information exchange amongst practitioners.
<http://www.basw.co.uk/Default.aspx?tabid=115&page=3&eventID=796>

NAGALRO Autumn Conference

Trends in social work practice with black families since the death of Victoria Climbié
5th October 2009 London £95 - £145
Since the 1980s the over-representation of Black children in the care system has remained largely unaltered.

This conference will consider the impact of the Climbié enquiry on social work practice today. It will review recent statistics for black children in care and reflect on anti—discriminatory social work practice and stimulate debate with a number of highly acclaimed academics and practitioners in the field of race and social care.

<http://www.nagalro.com/>

Safe and Sound? National Conference

7th October 2009 Derby

This conference is for those working with Sexually Exploited Children and Young People. The principal objective is to offer support, advice and highlight the issues affecting children and young people under eighteen who are affected by sexual exploitation to those who support them.

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<http://www.kc-jones.co.uk/events/Safe--Sound-National-Conference-2009/>

Conferences (continued)

LAC Practice Exchange Network

29th September 2009 Newcastle
7th October 2009 Liverpool
20th October 2009 London
5th November 2009 Birmingham
1st December 2009 Cambridge
27th January 2010 Leeds
Jan/Feb 2010 Nottingham (TBC)
£46

The aim of the Network is to provide practitioners with up to date knowledge and ideas to help improve practice and outcomes for children in care, which can be disseminated back to their LA.

These events will provide the opportunity for practitioners to come together to hear about what is happening at a regional level from the Government regional offices and to hear from speakers on topics relevant to direct practice.

The events also provide opportunities to network, share best practice, discuss burning issues and find solutions to improve practice with children in care. Participants will be provided with materials from the day to enable feedback to participant's own LA.

Each Participant and LA will also be provided with a yearly briefing, which summarises all the key issues, topics covered and messages for practice from across all the regional events.

http://www.ncb.org.uk/resources/conferences_and_events.aspx

Youth offending: the future for resettlement and accountability

7th October 2009 London £100 + VAT
This event will explore 2 youth crime issues, resettlement and accountability, raised in the Youth Crime Action Plan 2008. Both issues present local agencies with big challenges and opportunities.

This conference will provide delegates with an opportunity to engage in the public debate around strengthening local accountability, and hear about policy development and current good practice regarding resettlement.

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/events/display-event.do?id=2645118>

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/aio/2645258>

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