

**Safeguarding Children Information Update**  
**Conference Roundup**  
**Updated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Tackling Gang Exploitation and Knife Crime**

15th January 2019                      London                      £195 - £295 + VAT

Gang violence and its effects on the community have become very prominent in the news; it highlights the fact that a new approach needs to be taken to tackle violent crime at its roots. Attend this briefing on the 15th January and learn how organisations are working together, not just to respond to incidents of violent crime but to prevent it from happening further.

You will hear about what actions are being taken to steer young people from gang life and violence. Learn from colleagues working together with other organisations to create a holistic approach to tackling gangs and violent crime at their source. Discuss best practices to develop your strategy to take on this issue and create a safe environment for your community.

Key issues to be addressed:

- Identifying vulnerable young people and the appeal of joining gangs
- Early intervention from primary to secondary education and beyond
- The use of social media in gang crime and protection vulnerable people online
- How a public health approach can help prevent the underlying causes of violence
- Developing a joined-up approach across local agencies

<http://www.westminster-briefing.com/Gangs-Violence-Exploitation>

**Safeguarding Children for Charities Conference**

17<sup>th</sup> January 2019                      London                      £224.99 + VAT

Charities that come into contact with children and young people need to make sure that their safeguarding practices and procedures are up-to-date and legally compliant.

If anyone in your organisation works with children or young people then you need to make sure you refresh your knowledge regularly and have access to the latest training – which makes the Safeguarding Children for Charities Conference a must-attend.

Learning Objectives:

- Guidance and legislation round-up – make sure your knowledge is up-to-date so that you are able to comply with your legal obligations and duties
- Ensuring your recruitment practices are safe – auditing your recruitment policies and procedures to ensure that they are safe from start to finish
- Staff training and safeguarding – understand what training you should be providing to your different team members and how best to provide it
- GDPR and safeguarding children – what does GDPR mean for your record keeping practices?
- Safeguarding and volunteers – overcoming common challenges that your practices are safe when it comes to volunteers

- Responding to allegations and concerns – ensure that you know how to respond when a child confides in you or when you suspect abuse

<https://www.forumbusinesstraining.co.uk/product/charities/safeguarding-children-for-charities-conference/>

### **PG: National Safeguarding Conference 2019**

17th January 2019    Durham    £175 + VAT

This Conference is for all Designated Safeguarding Lead's, CEO's and Headteachers in schools and settings that educate young people. This is Level 3 Continuous Professional Development.

We will be exploring the changing landscape of safeguarding children in modern Britain today in light of the new Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018 DfE.

<https://www.safeguardingfirst.com/conference2019/>

### **Safeguarding School Children from Sexual Harassment & Violence**

22nd January 2019                      London                      £195 - £295 + VAT

Evidence presented to a House of Commons Select Committee suggests sexual harassment & violence is widespread in UK schools. The Government has made clear in response that the legal framework for dealing with it rests on schools' duties to:

1. have regard for statutory safeguarding guidance;
2. put in place a behaviour policy, and;
3. comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty.

New Specialist DfE advice also highlights 'the best schools take a whole school approach to safeguarding and child protection.'

With a recent Plan International UK survey finding that 'more than a third of girls in the UK have received unwanted sexual attention or contact while wearing their school uniform in public', what more can be done to protect school children from sexual harassment & violence wherever it occurs?

Join Westminster Briefing for an up to date brief on what more your institution can do to protect its pupils from sexual harassment & violence, both in and out of school.

Key issues to be addressed:

- The legal framework and schools' duties
- Understanding 'Keeping Children Safe in Schools' guidance and 'Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Between Children in Schools & Colleges' advice
- Responsibilities within a school: who does what
- The benefits of a 'whole school approach', what a good one looks like, and how to develop your own
- Responding to reports
- Safeguarding victims and alleged perpetrators after a report
- Dealing with particularly complex/challenging cases

- Contextual Safeguarding, considering wider environmental factors during assessments, and working with children’s social care
- The extent of schools’ responsibilities to their pupils/students outside of school

[http://www.westminster-briefing.com/sexual\\_harassment\\_schools](http://www.westminster-briefing.com/sexual_harassment_schools)

### **Child Protection Update 2019**

29<sup>th</sup> January 2019      London      £200 - £230 + VAT

Child Protection Update is a workshop aimed at level 3 of Safeguarding children and young people: roles and competences for health care staff.

#### Topics Covered

- Neglect
- Non- Accidental injury
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Outcomes for Child Protection
  
- Child Protection and the courts
- Child Sexual Abuse - physical signs and common presentations
- Common presentation of Child Abuse
- Imaging in suspected inflicted injury.
- Adverse Childhood Experiences

This conference is for all health professionals who work with children and their carers. It will be of particular interest to paediatricians, child psychologists, child psychiatrists, children’s nurses, health visitors, school nurses, allied health professionals, sexual health staff, GPs and midwives

[https://www.healthsafeguarding.com/conference.php?name=child\\_protection\\_update\\_2019](https://www.healthsafeguarding.com/conference.php?name=child_protection_update_2019)

<https://www.baspcan.org.uk/event/child-protection-update-2019/>

### **The Child Sexual Exploitation Conference 2019**

29<sup>th</sup> January 2019      London      £299 - £550 + VAT

“Tackling Sexual Exploitation” (March 2015) set out a work programme to address, on a national scale, failures seen in Rotherham and elsewhere. The Children and Social Work Act 2017 enshrines in law a number of significant changes in safeguarding of children.

In February 2017, the Government announced a £40m package of measures aimed at protecting children and young people from sexual abuse. The NCA will receive £20m to tackle online CSE.

This conference will give an update on progress of government reforms and initiatives and provide practical examples of how CSE is being addressed.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/product/child-sexual-exploitation-conference/>

### **Improving Pupil Mental Health & Wellbeing: The Role of Schools**

30<sup>th</sup> January 2019      London      £245 - £295 + VAT

The Government recognises that more needs to be done to improve children & young people's mental health provision and are prioritising 3 main reforms:

- Incentivising and supporting schools to identify and train a Designated Senior Lead for mental health
- Funding new Mental Health Support Teams
- Piloting a 4 week waiting time for access to specialist NHS children and young people's mental health services

This event will examine how schools can better identify, refer and support pupils experiencing mental health difficulties, discuss how best to embed mental wellbeing into a whole school approach, and interrogate government actions to improve specialist provision.

[http://www.westminster-briefing.com/pupil\\_mental\\_health](http://www.westminster-briefing.com/pupil_mental_health)

### **Improving Pupil Mental Health & Wellbeing: The Role of Schools**

30th January 2019    London    £245 - £295 + VAT

The Government recognises that more needs to be done to improve children & young people's mental health provision but that teachers are not medical professionals and cannot act as such. Consequently, it is prioritising three main reforms:

- Incentivising and supporting all schools to identify and train a Designated Senior Lead for mental health
- Funding new Mental Health Support Teams
- Piloting a four week waiting time for access to specialist NHS children and young people's mental health services

The Government has estimated "that at full roll-out, the brand new Mental Health Support Teams comprise up to 8,000 new staff". With evidence suggesting school referrals to Child & Adolescent Health Services have recently increased by a third, and high concern among teachers about long waiting times and high thresholds for accessing services, schools will be hoping these policies have a significant impact.

This event will provide an up to date brief on the role of schools in improving pupil mental health and wellbeing. We will examine how schools can better identify, refer and support pupils experiencing mental health difficulties, discuss how best to embed mental wellbeing into a whole school approach, and interrogate government actions to improve specialist provision.

[http://www.westminster-briefing.com/pupil\\_mental\\_health](http://www.westminster-briefing.com/pupil_mental_health)

### **Safeguarding Conference**

8<sup>th</sup> February 2019    Manchester £249 + VAT (early bird £209 + VAT until 19th October)

Our Safeguarding Children Conference brings together national leaders and experts in safeguarding and child protection. Through attending workshops and hearing from highly regarded keynote speakers, delegates will explore key safeguarding issues for schools and academies.

<https://www.oneeducation.co.uk/events/cpd/safeguarding/safeguarding-conference-2019/>

<https://www.oneeducation.co.uk/safeguardingconf19>

### **Wisdom from Failure: A Kaleidoscope on Child Protection**

22nd February 2019                      London                      £150 - £250 incl VAT

A national conference chaired by Sir Andrew McFarlane, President of the Family Division and Dame Esther Rantzen, Journalist, TV Presenter and Founder of ChildLine.

Matthew Syed the keynote speaker along with historians, lawyers, social workers and survivor representatives provide a multi-disciplinary group that will examine themes and patterns in the history of failure in child protection, the opportunities to learn and possible remedies.

The conference is open to all professionals working in child protection as practitioners (social workers, lawyers, charities) as well as academics and those with links to any aspect of child protection.

The conference offers an opportunity to hear presentations from a number of expert historians, social workers, lawyers and adult survivors, and to engage in multidisciplinary discussions focused on three panels.

<https://www.willispalmer.com/product/wp-conference/>

### **Mental Health in Schools Conference 2019**

27<sup>th</sup> February 2019      Manchester

28<sup>th</sup> February 2019      London

£299.99 + VAT

In October 2018 the PM announced new mental health initiatives:

- routine mental health checks for pupils
- teachers trained to carry out ‘wellbeing’ assessments at primary and secondary schools, to spot potential issues among children as young as four. These assessments are a new element of the £1.9b plan to transform mental health in schools outlined in a green paper.

#### Learning Objectives

- Leading the way for Mental Health – covering the new wellbeing assessments for pupils, introducing mental health to the curriculum, staff training and communicating with external agencies
- Parents and Mental Health Issues – learn how to work with parents to support their children’s mental health issues as well as recognising poor mental health in parents themselves
- Self-harm and Eating Disorders – how to identify and spot signs earlier, provide effective coping strategies and develop your listening and communication skills to support vulnerable pupils
- Exam Stress and Anxiety – understanding why the issue is on the rise, what school factors may be contributing to it and improving mindsets around examinations
- Gender Identity and Dysphoria – learn more about the Gender Dysphoria and the Equality Act, what avenues of support are available plus recognising depression and anxiety in gender dysphoric students

- The Impact of Bullying on Mental Health – looking at how to tackle social media and cyberbullying and keep up to date with current and forthcoming trends

<https://www.forumbusinesstraining.co.uk/product/education/mental-health-in-schools-conference-2019-manchester/>

### **County Lines: Preventing and Tackling the Criminal Exploitation of Children and Vulnerable Adults**

6<sup>th</sup> March 2019      London      £245 - £295 + VAT

The Home Office recently published guidance to help multiple stakeholders recognise the signs of exploitation of children and vulnerable adults in county lines activity. The guidance is provided to assist practitioners to respond appropriately so that potential victims of exploitation receive the support and help they need.

Join us in March to hear the latest guidance and good practice from leading experts and practitioners in the field on how to identify, support and help young and vulnerable victims of criminal exploitation. This is an important event for local authorities, the police, schools and other key stakeholders and will equip participants with the tools to effectively reduce the impact of child criminal exploitation

[http://www.westminster-briefing.com/county\\_lines](http://www.westminster-briefing.com/county_lines)

### **Implications of Witchcraft-related beliefs and practices for UK based child protection**

6<sup>th</sup> March 2019      Birmingham      £60 - £205

In this workshop we will explore what we know about ‘witchcraft’ related beliefs and practices in UK child protection. Case reviews of non-accidental injuries to children show how beliefs about witchcraft may be associated with family mental illness and claims of child spirit possession. Such cases show perpetrator involvement in violent purging of ‘evil spirits’ through child suffering of neglect, beatings, drowning and painful child death.

The abusive manifestations of witchcraft-related beliefs and practices usually include victim-blaming; stigma associated with mental illness and possibly ritual killing associated with wider family, community or institutional involvement in child abuse of this nature. Evidence of professional engagement with families involved in witchcraft related claims and practice is difficult to find. Good child protection practice requires a clear identification and response strategy.

We propose an empirical study of community health worker knowledge and skills in this area; we are particularly interested in health visitor and social work experiences of witchcraft related abuses in child protection. This may include actual witchcraft rituals or counter-claims of persecutory and discriminatory behaviour, sometimes associated with healing or religious rituals as well as the use of traditional medicines in particular population contexts.

Bookings open shortly but reserve your place at [conferences@baspcan.org.uk](mailto:conferences@baspcan.org.uk)  
<https://www.baspcan.org.uk/event/implications-witchcraft-related-beliefs-practices-uk-based-child-protection/>

## **School SEND Briefing: Supporting Pupils and Staff**

12<sup>th</sup> March 2019      London      £245 - £295 + VAT

Supporting children with complex needs still proves challenging under the current budget. As increasing SEND and high needs pressures continue to place strain on budgets, local authorities and schools must come together to provide effective and coordinated support for SEND pupils. With the publication of a pilot study on the 7 aspects of engagement, things are likely to continue to change.

Join us this March to review best practices in collaborative working between local authorities, schools and children health services in 2019. You will be provided with successful case studies and an overview of the government's plans for SEND in 2020.

[http://www.westminster-briefing.com/school\\_SEND\\_2019](http://www.westminster-briefing.com/school_SEND_2019)

## **Student Wellbeing 2019: Improving and Enhancing Student Safeguarding**

19<sup>th</sup> March 2019      £299 - £550 + VAT

Students are at added risk of experiencing poorer mental health and wellbeing relative to other young people, due to a combination of factors relating to academic, financial and social pressures.

This Conference will provide delegates with an opportunity to:

- share key insights into student wellbeing
- listen and learn from leading industry experts across the Sector
- network with speakers and delegates from the Sector
- understand and hear recommended best practice and case-studies
- explore how universities can adopt successful strategies to ensure that they provide the best possible mental health outcomes for their students.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/product/student-wellbeing-2019-improving-and-enhancing-student-safeguarding/>

## **Working Together to Safeguard Children And Young People Health & Social Care**

19<sup>th</sup> March 2019      London      £299 - £550

Following the publication of the December 2017 Green Paper Transforming Children's and Young People's Mental Health Provision, the Government is committed to investing more than ever in mental health and safeguarding. £300m was been announced to help schools improve the standard of mental health provision.

The January 2018 "Life in Likes" report published by the Children's Commissioner highlights how new technology presents a challenge for safeguarding.

The Government has announced an additional £17m of additional funding to increase information sharing across safeguarding organisations and improve children's services. It has

also renewed its commitment to improve safeguarding for England's charity sector by investing in projects that raise awareness of safeguarding and improve incident handling.

This conference highlights the key issues that safeguarding professionals are facing and presents strategies and solutions for delivering service improvement.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/product/working-together-to-safeguard-children-and-young-people/>

### **Safeguarding Children and Young People Conference**

27<sup>th</sup> March 2019      London      £299.99 + VAT

The safeguarding of children and young people is one of the most important concerns for any school. With recent and upcoming changes to guidance documents and a growing number of issues to consider, this conference will provide your school with the information and support it needs to deliver outstanding safeguarding.

#### Learning Objectives

- Stay up-to-date with the latest safeguarding legislation and guidance for 2019
- Prepare for Ofsted's new inspection framework (Sept 2019)
- Support your student's mental health and tackle those difficult issues
- Protect students from online risks – inside and outside the classroom
- Learn how to effectively deal with agencies and build efficient processes

<https://www.forumbusinessstraining.co.uk/product/education/safeguarding-children-and-young-people-conference-london-2019/>

### **Safeguarding Association Conference 2019**

9<sup>th</sup> October 2019      Hull      £104.34

This Annual conference brings together senior child protection professionals from across the sectors for a day of in-depth learning and knowledge sharing.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/annual-safeguarding-association-conference-2019-tickets-51263861590>