

Safeguarding Children Information Update
Conference Roundup
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Safeguarding Children and Families in Lewisham

15th May 2018 London Free

Highlighting some of the key issues faced by children and young people in the borough of Lewisham at the moment, this conference will give multi-agency practitioners working with vulnerable children and young people key information and tools to help support them more effectively.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-safeguarding-children-families-in-lewisham-conference-tickets-44596051992?aff=es2>

Safeguarding Children: Finding solutions for better protection

24th May 2018 Manchester £160 - £230 + VAT Private £495 + fee and VAT

In recent years, the issue of safeguarding children has received more and more media attention. High-profile cases have shed a greater light on protecting society's children. This has contributed to a large increase in demand on already-strained resources. Threats to children's safety include social care, domestic abuse, social and mainstream media, radicalisation, funding cuts for children's services, trafficking and concerns for migrant and refugee children. The answers to many of these issues emphasise the importance of early intervention.

Benefits of attending this conference:

- Learn more about new policies and frameworks in place to safeguard children.
- Practical insights into setting out strategic arrangements to ensure services are better coordinated across a spectrum encompassing child protection, safeguarding and wellbeing.
- Learn how services can make improvements and provide high-quality delivery.
- Gain a greater understanding of how to tackle complex issues of safeguarding such as online safety, trafficking, domestic abuse and radicalisation.
- Learn how to implement improvements to child protection procedures and how best to respond to concerns about a child.
- An agenda designed to inform practitioners how to create a safer, more consistent approach to protecting and safeguarding children and young people.
- Explore how multi-agency arrangements can be improved to identify children at risk earlier on.
- Practical advice on defining an area and its boundaries so services across police, schools, healthcare and local government can be better coordinated.
- Advice on how to create an environment where better suited practitioners can get on with practise and protecting children.
- Understand how to drive up service quality and implement effective prevention, protection and safeguarding strategies.

<https://openforumevents.co.uk/events/2018/safeguarding-children-finding-solutions-for-better-protection/>

Safeguarding Teenagers in Schools and Colleges

6th June 2018 Birmingham £379 - £479 + VAT

According to The Good Childhood Report 2017, young people's happiness is at its lowest since 2010, and research shows that the number of students entering universities with disclosed mental illness has risen almost fivefold in the past decade.

Supporting teenagers and making them feel safe is a challenging and multi-faceted responsibility for schools and colleges. With exam pressures, body insecurities, fear of crime and home difficulties, the struggle against anxiety, depression and low motivation is significant.

How can schools and colleges make sure that their safeguarding structures are robust, inclusive, and targeting the most pressing of issues for teenagers today?

This event will detail new ways of protecting and building resilience in your students, and ensure your school or college is up-to-date with current risks. It will host insightful keynotes and content rich workshops.

- Practical strategies for building resilience, persistence and coping mechanisms in teenagers.
- Understand the latest trends in social media and how to monitor use.
- Legal guidance on the implications of sexting and peer-on-peer abuse.
- Guidance on how to promote positive mental health and talk openly with students.
- Know how to educate students about dangers such as CSE, gangs, drugs & alcohol and self-harm.

<http://my.optimus-education.com/conferences/safeguarding-teenagers-schools-and-colleges>

'Keeping Children Connected'

8th June 2018 Manchester

£30 - £120 + VAT

This conference, hosted by Partners of Prisoners and Families Support Group and in partnership with Children of Prisoners Europe, will examine what progress looks like in the English and Welsh Criminal Justice System from a child's perspective.

Utilising reflections on progress from the past, the conference will highlight recent milestones in public policy both internationally and within England and Wales, and the growing evidence base for a fundamental change in approach to 'maintaining' child-parent relationships.

The conference will explore developments in the use of technology to support child-parent relationships and tackle what 'progress' within the sphere of public perception and media attitudes might mean for children and families of prisoners. It will also consider the ethical dilemmas that progress in this area can present.

Featuring the contributions and reflections of young people, the conference will also include panel discussions throughout the day to further explore the key themes.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/keeping-children-connected-conference-2018-tickets-42236772323?aff=es2>

BASW Annual UK Conference and AGM 2018

13th June 2018 Cardiff Members Free – Non-members £20

The conference "**Social Work Practice and Policy: Owning Our Future**" is open to members and non-members and will begin 9:00am - 1:00pm followed by free lunch.

The Annual General Meeting for members only from 2:15pm - 4:30pm.

BASW will be showcasing our anti-poverty work and interconnections with new developments and areas of social work practice; including community development in Adults Services, strengths-based community resilience, mental health and children's systemic social work.

<https://www.basw.co.uk/event/?id=1175>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/basw-uk-conference-and-agm-2018-social-work-practice-and-policy-owning-our-future-registration-43750369533>

Special Educational Needs and Disability

18th June 2018 Norwich Free

Wide range of exhibitors

16 free workshops throughout the day

Wellbeing and emotional welfare

Open to ALL! Teachers, TA'S, Parents and Families too!

All schools in Suffolk Norfolk and Cambridgeshire have been invited

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/special-educational-needs-and-disability-conference-east-anglia-tickets-41865073562?aff=es2>

NSPCC conference: How safe are our children? Growing up online

20th – 21st June 2018 London £169 - £219 (early bird prices)

The conference will explore the latest research and insight on keeping children safe in the digital age. The conference will also see the launch of the NSPCC's How safe are our children? 2018 report, an overview of the latest child protection data from the UK.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/charity-runs-cycles-and-challenges/social-and-special-events/how-safe-are-our-children-conference-2018-growing-up-online/>

Supporting the Wellbeing of Young Carers

26th June 2018 London £195 - £295

Hear from leading providers of wellbeing support to young carers on success with the hard to reach young people. Learn which strategies are working and how you can include them in your young carer action plan.

Key issues to be addressed:

- The health & wellbeing impact of being a young carer compared to their non-caring peers
- Understanding the reasons that children undertake care
- Pro-actively ensuring young carers & families are aware of their rights
- Identifying and helping those in need through early & thorough assessments
- Providing dedicated emotional support
- Preparing young people for their future as adults - including local businesses, schools and the voluntary sector

- Including young carers in the development of services
- Working with adult social services to increase the number of referrals
- Utilising social technology to help reach out to young people
- Working with and training key partners
- Ensuring an easy system for young people to self-refer for assessments

<http://www.westminster-briefing.com/Young-Carers-Wellbeing>

Mental Health in Schools: Good Practice in Building Resilience

29th June 2018 Birmingham £269 - £449 + VAT

Half of all lifetime mental health illness begins by the age of 14. Schools have a vital role to play in prevention, spotting early warning signs, and supporting good mental health and wellbeing for all children and young people.

This conference brings together primary schools, secondary schools and mental health experts to offer a range of practical approaches and showcase best practice from schools leading in this area.

The government green paper - Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision - contains a raft of measures intended to support all professionals to detect problems early and improve the speed at which young people receive treatment.

Keynote sessions will provide:

- Update on progress and ambitions of the children's mental health green paper
- Practical ideas and trusted resources for developing a provision and ethos that better promotes the mental health of every learner
- In-depth look at the Mental Health First Aid in Schools programme

<http://www.mental-health-conference.com/home>

Children and Young People's Mental Health: Providing Effective Support

3rd July 2018 London
£160 - £230 + VAT Private £495 + fee & VAT

Mental health issues are hitting the headlines more frequently than ever before, with children and young people being particularly vulnerable. Half of all mental health problems have been established by the age of 14, rising to 75% by age 24. While the national government has started implementing its Five-Year Forward View for Mental Health, with particular priority for children and young people, reports are not yet showing positive results.

A green paper was published in December 2017 on transforming mental health services for children and young people. There were several proposals, including:

- designating a senior mental health lead in schools,
- setting up a four-week waiting time for NHS CAMHS services,
- new mental health support teams in schools and
- all compulsory mental health awareness training.

As the policy and media response to this issue continuously grows, this event invites you to analyse, discuss and learn about the latest developments and move the conversation forward.

https://openforumevents.co.uk/events/2018/children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-providing-effective-support/?utm_source=OFE+S1.1+CAMHS18+NEW+DATA+24.01.2018&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=OFE+S1.1+CAMHS18+WC+22.01.2018+NEW+DATA

Child Protection in Education 2018

11th September 2018 London
18th September 2018 Bristol
4th October 2018 Manchester
£279 - £469 + VAT

With new safeguarding threats emerging and constant changes made to safeguarding legislation, it's vital that you have the support and guidance you need to help you meet these obligations and protect your pupils.

This conference provides an opportunity to engage with the country's leading educational lawyers, safeguarding experts and practitioners to ensure no child slips through your safeguarding net.

Full programme to be announced shortly. However, you can expect in-depth keynotes with leading experts and a choice of workshops including:

- Legal update: hear from top education lawyers and gain clarification on your safeguarding responsibilities for 2018/19
- Mental health: gain strategies to support students with anxiety, stress, depression and self-harm
- Online: stay up-to-date with the latest online dangers and gain guidance on sexting, cyberbullying and online grooming

<http://my.optimus-education.com/conferences/child-protection-education-2018-london>

<http://my.optimus-education.com/conferences/child-protection-education-2018-bristol>

<http://my.optimus-education.com/conferences/child-protection-education-2018-manchester>