

Safeguarding Children Information Update
Conference Roundup
Updated 11th October 2018

Delivering Statutory Relationships and Sex Education

16th October 2018 London £299 - £479 + VAT

Ensure your school is prepared and staff are confident in delivering age-appropriate RSE. With Relationships & Sex education becoming statutory in schools from September 2020, it's vital that you and your colleagues know what must be covered in the new curriculum and have the confidence to deliver effective RSE that resonates with your students.

This event is your opportunity to network with leading experts and practitioners to understand the new legislation and how to implement the new curriculum in your school. The event will feature in-depth keynotes with leading experts and a choice of practical and interactive workshops including:

- Curriculum: gain guidance on what you must now teach to build your RSE curriculum
- Staff Confidence: provide your colleagues with the confidence to deliver SRE and discuss challenging topic
- Parents: work with parents to ensure they understand what is now being covered.

Who should attend?

- Heads of PSHE
- PSHE Coordinators
- Assistant Headteachers
- Deputy Headteachers

<http://my.optimus-education.com/conferences/delivering-statutory-relationships-and-sex-education>

Improving the Educational Outcomes of 'Children in Need'

17th October 2018 London £245 - £295 + VAT

Earlier this year the Government launched a review of support for children in need. Wanting to hear specifically from headteachers, designated safeguarding leads, SENCOs and educational psychologists, the review seeks to help understand why their outcomes are so poor and what further support they might require.

Key Issues to be Addressed Include:

- Overview of the Government's plans for children in need and further support they might require
- Collaborating effectively with LA services to achieve or maintain a reasonable standard of health or development for all students
- Appreciating what makes a difference to the educational outcomes of children in need
- Setting out a roadmap: understanding what works in practice to improve outcomes

- Designing and delivering an appropriate curriculum to enable children in need to achieve their potential
 - Best practice: ensuring staff are aware and effective teachers of all children
 - A whole school approach to children in need
 - Making sure your implementation plan is evidence-based
- <http://www.westminster-briefing.com/event/improving-educational-outcomes-%E2%80%98children-need%E2%80%99>

Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation

17th October 2018 London £295 - £595 + VAT

This conference brings together leading policy experts and practitioners to share successful multi-agency approaches which can prevent CSE, improve children's understanding and resilience to CSE and deliver outstanding support which can protect children at risk. With the NSPCC, NCA and PACE leading discussions, this is the ideal conference to learn how to effectively prevent, tackle and identify child sexual exploitation across all core services.

<https://www.baspcan.org.uk/event/tackling-child-sexual-exploitation-conference-2018/>
<https://tacklingcseconference.co.uk/booking-info/>

Next steps for alternative provision in England: quality, delivery and progression

19th October 2018 London £230 + VAT

This seminar will examine the next steps for alternative provision (AP) in England.

Delegates will discuss the Government's recently-published plan for reforming AP, which focuses on improving quality and meeting individual needs, developing best practice and partnerships, and expanding the number of AP free schools - and would introduce a dedicated AP Innovation Fund.

Sessions will also consider next steps for improving outcomes for children and young people when leaving AP and transition to other education settings, training, higher education and employment - looking at guidance and relationships with employers and post 16 providers.

The agenda also includes a session looking at standards, and the quality and oversight of AP in unregistered settings.

The seminar will be an opportunity to consider the findings of the Education Select Committee's AP inquiry, looking at routes in AP, the standards of teaching and outcomes for students - and follows the announcement of an independent review into school exclusions, which is due to report by the end of the year.

Planned sessions will also examine the impact of AP free schools, including the lessons learnt and priorities for the next wave.

<http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/conference/alternative-provision-18>

Improving Safeguarding in the Charity Sector

6th November 2018 London £195 - £295 + VAT

The number of safeguarding related reports received by the Charity Commission have trebled in the past year, following a number of high-profile cases reported in the media. Charities are now more than ever aware of the need to uphold the highest possible safeguarding standards and practices.

Join us to examine how your organisation can improve its safeguarding policies and practices and learn from good practice within the charity sector.

Issues to be addressed:

- The standards of safeguarding charities are expected to uphold and steps they should take to achieve this
- Putting in place safeguarding policies and procedures which reflect the law and best practice
- Taking reasonable steps to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm
- Having a clear system of reporting concerns as soon as abuse is identified or suspected
- Responding to abuse or allegations of abuse rapidly, carrying out investigations confidentially and referring concerns to the appropriate authorities
- Implementing and reviewing safeguarding policies and practices
- Making all trustees, employees and volunteers aware of what abuse is and how to spot it
- Preventing harm and abuse with a rigorous recruitment and interview process
- Proactive safeguarding measures
- Case study examples of best practice

The morning session will cover the safeguarding standards charities are expected to uphold, and the steps they can take to improve their safeguarding policies and practices.

The afternoon will examine a number of good practice case studies from within the charity sector, where effective safeguarding measures have been taken to protect staff, volunteers and other stakeholders from harm.

Who should attend?

Anyone with an interest in improving safeguarding standards and practices within the charity sector including: charity managers and senior officers; trustees; HR officers; volunteer managers; lawyers and representative groups.

http://www.westminster-briefing.com/Charity_Safeguarding_2018

National Children and Adult Services Conference

14th – 16th November 2018 Manchester

£130 - £475 + VAT

The well-established National Children and Adult Services Conference (NCASC) is widely regarded as the most prestigious event in the calendar for elected members and senior managers in LAs with responsibility for, or an interest in, the provision of effective services for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

This event is vital to councillors, directors, senior officers, directors of public health, policy makers and service managers, indeed any individual or organisation with responsibilities for

children and adults in the statutory, voluntary and private sector. The Conference is the annual opportunity for those with an interest in social care, children's services, education, health and related fields to meet.

There will be a mix of keynote and ministerial addresses as well as significant plenary sessions by key players in the adult, children and education sectors.

<http://ncasc.info/>

Mental Health and Wellbeing in Schools 2018

14th November London
22nd November Manchester
£309 - £469 + VAT

This year's Mental Health & Wellbeing in Schools conference will give you the tools and techniques to develop your own skills when faced with a lack of external support. You will receive a wealth of take away resources to ensure your whole school can support these vulnerable students.

Highlights

- Designated mental health lead: understand the latest recommendations from the green paper and the new role of the designated mental health lead in schools
- Parents: communicate effectively with parents about their child's mental health and equip them with the skills to provide appropriate support at home
- Anxiety: know the root causes of anxiety and how to offer meaningful support to students suffering high levels of anxiety
- Resources: this event is the only place where you'll gain access to a multitude of practical sessions alongside take away resources before, during, and after the event to ensure continuous support

Key topics include

Stress / Anxiety / Parents / Staff Wellbeing / Online / Bereavement / Peer Support / Resilience

Who should attend?

SENCOs / DSPCOs / Headteachers / Deputy Heads / Assistant Heads / Inclusion Managers / School Counsellors / Educational Psychologists / School Nurses

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

Modern Slavery: Disruption and Community Safety

21st November 2018 London

Free - £345 +VAT

Modern slavery is a shocking crime, often hidden in plain sight in the businesses that we use and in the homes that we live next door to. There are more than 40 million people in modern slavery across the world now, and tens of thousands in the UK. The Government has called it the "gravest human rights abuse of our time".

Councils have a key role to play in tackling modern slavery through disruption activities. This could be through licensing, regulation, housing or community safety services. This event will provide practical examples of work that has been undertaken already and members will hear from experts in their field about tackling the issue.

<https://lgaevents.local.gov.uk/lga/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=212165&eventID=627>

Tackling Sexual Exploitation: Learning from the Newcastle experience

22nd November 2018

Newcastle

Free

In February 2018 the Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board and the Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board published a Joint Serious Case Review concerning sexual exploitation. This conference offers the chance to visit Newcastle to find out more about the key learning themes identified within the review and the opportunity to explore models of support for victims of sexual exploitation.

Key topics include...

- National themes highlighted in the Joint Serious Case Review in Newcastle
- Sharing models of support for victims of sexual exploitation - delegates will hear first-hand from social work practitioners
- Working with vulnerability: Sexual exploitation is not restricted to child victims. Exploring the unrecognised abuse of vulnerable adults across the country

<https://www.baspcan.org.uk/event/tackling-sexual-exploitation-learning-newcastle-experience/>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tackling-sexual-exploitation-tickets-49978629426>

Youth Justice Convention 2018

27th – 28th November 2018

Leicester £235 - £650 + VAT

Hosted by the YJB, the Youth Justice Convention is the annual event for all those working in the youth justice system, in particular managers, professionals, practitioners and policy makers.

This year's convention is titled 'Child first' and will tackle key topics, including:

- The latest youth justice reforms and YJB priorities
- Effective diversion and prevention
- Serious youth violence

<http://www.youthjusticeconvention.co.uk/>

Looked After Children: Improving Life Chances

5th December 2018

Manchester £170 - £525 + VAT

Latest government figures show that there are 72,000 children in care in England.

A recently published report surveyed 2,263 people that had been taken into LA care. The responses revealed that for 83%, being in care was a positive experience and had enhanced their wellbeing and improved their lives. However, the findings also highlighted areas that required improvements, such as communicating why the person has been taken into care, frequent changes in social workers and the feeling of not being listened to and decisions being made without consultation.

This conference will offer delegates the opportunity to be fully briefed on the current situation within the care system and gain an update on the latest developments in terms of policy and funding.

<https://openforumevents.co.uk/events/2018/looked-after-children-improving-life-chances/>

Child Safeguarding Conference 2018

6th December 2018 Salford

£325 + VAT (Early Bird Discount)

There are 650,000 children living in “high risk” environments in the UK while 800,000 young people are suffering with some form of mental health problem.

In response, the Government has announced £17m of additional funding to improve children’s services and unveiled plans to increase information sharing across safeguarding organisations.

In January 2018 the Children’s Commissioner published the “Life in Likes” report, highlighting how new technology presents a new safeguarding challenge. Experts believe the anxiety and stress caused by social media use is a contributing factor to a growing mental health crisis among school children.

Attend this Conference where expert speakers will explain how your organisation can keep the most vulnerable children safe from harm. Understand the implications of recent developments including the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and the “Keeping Children Safe in Education” statutory guidance, learn how to overcome the challenges posed by new technology and discuss how public sector bodies can do more to protect children at a time when budgets are under pressure.

<http://www.salford.ac.uk/onecpd/conferences/child-safeguarding-conference>

Safeguarding Conference

8th 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>

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

6th March 2019 Birmingham

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
<https://www.baspcan.org.uk/event/implications-witchcraft-related-beliefs-practices-uk-based-child-protection/>