

**Safeguarding Children Information Update
Conference Roundup
Updated 14th November 2018**

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.

<http://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>

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

17th 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

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>

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/>

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

6th 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

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