

**Safeguarding Children Information Update  
Conference Roundup  
Updated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**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.forumbusinessstraining.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)

### **Staying safe: identifying and addressing risk**

14<sup>th</sup> March 2019      Brighouse, West Yorkshire      £175

Presentations at this conference will include:

- Knife Crime
- Impact of Knife Crime on Children
- AIM - Technology-assisted Harmful Sexual Behaviour
- Supporting young people in school with mental health issues
- The Unspoken Risk: Pornography school resources and research
- The Unspoken Risk: Children involved in Gambling

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cape-national-conference-2019-staying-safe-identifying-addressing-risk-tickets-51138931922>

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

19th 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.forumbusinesstraining.co.uk/product/education/safeguarding-children-and-young-people-conference-london-2019/>

## **The National School Inspections Event 2019**

27<sup>th</sup> March 2019      London

£299 - £550 + VAT

Schools are facing a wide range of challenges in navigating the school inspection process before, during and after inspections. Ofsted's new inspection framework is due to come into effect in September 2019. It will keep the current system of grades and will have a clearer focus on behaviour. Another priority is how inspections can complement rather than reinforce

performance data. It is expected that Ofsted's on-going curriculum review work will not lead to an "Ofsted-approved" curriculum, however it will see school leaders being asked to justify their curriculum decisions.

This timely conference will give the latest updates on the progress of current inspections and the outlook for September 2019 and beyond. It will examine important components of school inspections including the relationship between inspection outcomes and school data; pupil behaviour and curriculum development. It will provide greater clarification and guidance on how to improve and sustain the standard of education in your school. <https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/product/the-national-ofsted-school-inspections-conference/>

### **Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision**

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

Reported mental health problems amongst children and young people have increased five-fold over the past 20 years. According to NHS figures, almost 400,000 children and young people a year in England are being treated for mental health problems, the highest number ever. Almost 50,000 children and young people a month are being referred, mainly by their GP, for mental health treatment. Experts have warned that there is an unfolding crisis in young people's mental health linked to increased pressure to do well at school, body image issues, the influence of social media and difficult family backgrounds. NHS England admits that only one in four people under 18 with a diagnosable mental health problem receives treatment, with the others deemed not to need help after undergoing triage. It plans to increase that to 35% of all those needing help by 2020-21. The NAO report in October 2018 said even if current plans to spend an extra £1.4bn on the sector were delivered, there would be "significant unmet need" because of staff shortages, poor data and a lack of spending controls on NHS clinical commissioning groups.

Following the publication of the Government's green paper in December 2017 and the consultation to transform mental health provision for children and young people in July 2018, this conference looks at how the key stakeholders involved in providing mental health support and care for children and young people can effectively bring about service transformation. It provides an invaluable opportunity for NHS staff, public health bodies, LAs, social care professionals, education providers and third sector practitioners to get the latest policy updates and learn from innovative case studies demonstrating best practice across a range of service providers.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/product/transforming-the-mental-health-of-children-and-young-people/>

### **Combating Gangs, Violence and Weapon Crime, Manchester**

25<sup>th</sup> April 2019      Manchester      £299 - £550 + VAT

26 years ago a 14 year old school boy was gunned down on the streets of Moss Side, Manchester. John 'Benji' Stanley's death heralded the early beginnings of the gang culture, its cause, effect and impact on the many lives that have been lost over the past quarter of a century and the climate of fear and despair that continues to blight our communities.

The Government is determined to do all it can to break the deadly cycle of violence that devastates the lives of individuals, families and communities. The ‘Serious Violence Strategy’ launched on 9th April 2018 sets out how we will respond to serious violence. Funding of £40 million has been made to boost local ‘open access’ youth provision in six targeted disadvantaged areas in England.

This conference will look at the cities affected, lessons learned, what works, what doesn’t work and more importantly what we need to do in order to prevent, intervene and rehabilitate disaffection, disadvantage and disillusionment that can lead to anti-social behaviour, gang related violence and extremism.

With keynotes from senior bodies and case study examples of best practice, attendees will get the latest information and be able to benchmark and gain new insights and strategies.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/product/combating-gangs-violence-and-weapon-crime-manchester/>

### **Keeping Children and Young People Safe Online: Preventing Threats, Ensuring Protection**

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019      London      £299 - £550

Whilst the Internet is a great resource, there are many risks that can be encountered by children and young people. Using the internet as a learning tool can be extremely beneficial and enhance learning in many ways, however it is important to Incorporate internet safety themes across the curriculum. Almost 1 in 4 of 8-11-year olds and 3 in 4 of 12-15 year-olds has a social media profile (Ofcom 2017). 1 in 4 children have experienced something upsetting on a social networking site and around 1 in 8 young people have been bullied on social media.

Since 2014 online safety has been part of the National Curriculum and it is inspected by Ofsted. The DfE’s statutory guidance ‘Keeping Children Safe in Education’, 2015, updated in September 2018, obliges schools and colleges in England to “ensure appropriate filters and appropriate monitoring systems are in place. Children should not be able to access harmful or inappropriate material from the school or colleges IT system” however, schools will need to “be careful that “over blocking” does not lead to unreasonable restrictions as to what children can be taught with regards to online teaching and safeguarding.” Digital Secretary Matt Hancock announced in May 2018 that new laws will be created to make sure that the UK is the safest place in the world to be online following the Internet Safety Strategy consultation.

This conference brings together a range of senior leaders to share their knowledge and practical experience of keeping pupils safe online whilst using the internet to improve teaching and learning.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/product/keeping-children-and-young-people-safe-online-preventing-threats-ensuring-protection/>

### **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>