

Safeguarding Children Information Update
Conference Roundup
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Keeping Children and Young People Safe Online: Preventing Threats, Ensuring Protection

22nd May 2019 London £299 - £550 + VAT

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/>

Student Wellbeing 2019: Improving and Enhancing Student Safeguarding

5th June 2019 London £299 - £550 + VAT

In England, 19% of 16-24-year olds experience a mental health condition, up from 15% in 2003. 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.

Universities who provide effective support have happier and more successful graduates. Promoting wellbeing helps create a better overall experience for students, which ultimately benefits everyone. This conference will 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/event/student-wellbeing-2019-improving-and-enhancing-student-safeguarding/>

Transitioning to the New Child Safeguarding Arrangements

5th June 2019 London £255 - £345 + VAT

Local arrangements for the transition from LCSBs to the partnership system must be agreed and published by 29 June ahead of an implementation deadline of 29 September 2019. Representing a significant change to the child safeguarding system, new statutory guidance from the DfE was published in the summer. As the deadline for this transition draws closer, how can you best support your staff and overcome the challenges faced by LAs, schools, health services and children's services in your area?

Join us for an up to date brief on the transition to the new safeguarding arrangements. We will examine the latest Government policy and guidance, what different organisations are doing to develop new arrangements

http://www.westminster-briefing.com/Child_Safeguarding_Arrangements_2019

Protect and Support Vulnerable Teenagers

6th June 2019

Birmingham

£349 - £459 +VAT

This event will provide you with the methods and strategies you need to manage and support your vulnerable students. In addition to a variety of networking opportunities, you will also get to attend a variety of keynotes and workshops on current challenges such as mental health as well as emerging threats including county lines. The aim of the event is to ensure every path is covered when safeguarding your most vulnerable students.

You can expect in-depth keynotes with leading experts and a choice of workshops including:

- mental health: effective and innovative ways to support teenagers with mental health problems
- social media: improve your understanding of social media trends and be one step ahead of your students
- county lines: learn the signs that a student may be caught up in county line activity, and keep you school safe
- risky behaviour: understand the psychology behind engaging in risky behaviours and how it can be prevented.

<http://my.optimus-education.com/conferences/protect-and-support-vulnerable-teenagers>

How safe are our children? Growing up online 2.0

25th – 26th June 2019

London

£239 - £289

Children and young people are growing up in a world with an ever-growing focus on all things digital, which offers a whole host of exciting possibilities. And with the online world changing all the time, so does the way children and young people interact with it.

If you're working with children and young people it's essential you understand the potential risks and issues children may face online to better protect them in your professional role and to help young people thrive online.

At this year's two-day conference, you'll hear sector leaders share their knowledge, expertise and solutions to protect children online including topics on young people and digital relationships, the 'internet of things', gaming and the dark web.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2019/june/how-safe-are-our-children-conference-2019>

The National Future of Safeguarding in the Voluntary Sector Event

26th June 2019 London

£269 - £550 + VAT

Topics to be covered include:

- Understanding Safeguarding Expectations and Responsibilities in the Voluntary Sector
- Developing a comprehensive Approach to Safeguarding
- Prioritising Safeguarding in the Recruitment and Training of Volunteers
- Effective Reporting and Investigation
- Addressing Culture to improve Safeguarding Practices
- Tackling Safeguarding Issues across the Aid Sector
- Integrating Safeguarding and Data Protection Approaches
- Working in partnership with Local Authority Safeguarding Boards
- How to write a comprehensive and effective Safeguarding Policy

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/product/safeguarding-voluntary/>

The Future of Children's Services Inspections

27th June 2019 London £299 - £550 + VAT

In January 2018 Ofsted introduced the new Inspections of LA Children's Services (ILACS) framework. It looks at how well LAs are supporting and protecting vulnerable children in their area. The new approach allows Ofsted to prioritise inspection where it is most needed and more proportionate, risk-based and flexible than before. The new arrangements consist of short inspections, standard inspections, monitoring and focused visits. LAs are also asked to annually evaluate the quality and impact of their social work practice, as well as having a formal yearly conversation with Ofsted about their performance.

LAs are facing a dramatic rise in demand for children's services, with the number of child protection enquiries having increased 158% in 10 years. Over the same period, there has been an increase of the number of children on child protection plans of more than 25,000 and the biggest annual rise of children in care in 8 years in 2017/18, with an average of 88 children coming into care every day. Whilst the demand has risen, funding has been cut, with councils facing a £3.1b funding gap for children's services by 2025. In 2017/18, councils across England were forced to spend £816 more on children's social care than they had budgeted for.

This conference examines the progress of the new inspection framework in its first year. Featuring a wide range of case studies by LA children's services who have achieved significant improvements in their Ofsted ratings, delivered innovative solutions to service delivery and efficiency savings while facing the challenges of increased demand and budget cuts. Featuring high level keynotes from key organisations giving the latest updates on the latest developments in children's services, this conference will provide delegates with key policy and practice updates.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/the-future-of-childrens-services-inspections/>

Improving Services & Outcomes for People who Self Harm

8th July 2019 London £300 - £495 + VAT

This conference focuses on improving services and outcomes for people who self-harm including implementing the October 2018 Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention Competence Framework in practice.

This conference will enable you to:

- Network with colleagues who are working to improve services and outcomes for people who self-harm
- Reflect on the Lived Experience of a person who has self-harmed
- Learn from outstanding practice in the management of self-harm
- Update your knowledge on national developments and learning including an extended focus on the implementation of the Self Harm and Suicide Prevention Competency Framework
- Examine what an effective self harm pathway should look like?
- Develop your skills in supporting people living with self-harm in the long term
- Understand how you can improve the response to self-harm in the emergency department
- Identify key strategies for involving and engaging families of people who self-harm
- Ensure you are up to date with the latest evidence
- Self-assess and reflect on your own practice
- Gain CPD accreditation points contributing to professional development and revalidation evidence

<https://www.healthcareconferencesuk.co.uk/self-harm-conference>

The National NHS Safeguarding Event 2019: A Multi-Agency Approach to protecting the lives of children and adults

26th September 2019 London £299 - £550 + VAT

Recent figures demonstrate an upward trend in safeguarding incidents, with the DfE's latest statistics showing the number of children subject to a child protection plan increasing at a rate of 5.3% per annum. The NSPCC's annual How safe are our children? report also charts increases in recorded child cruelty and neglect offences, as well as an increase in the number of recorded sexual offences against children.

At the same time, NHS Digital's annual Safeguarding Adults 2018 report shows an 8.2% increase in concerns of abuse being raised, with older people much more likely to be the subject of safeguarding enquiries. The most common location of risk was the person's own home, meaning that identification could have come through a number of key services including health, social care and police.

Work to address these trends is being undertaken right across government and the public sector, with key legislation and reforms including the Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill and Liberty Protection Safeguards, the Children and Social Work Act 2017, the Working Together to Safeguard Children reforms, and the Domestic Abuse Bill 2018. These multi-agency reforms are resulting in some of the biggest changes to both child and adult safeguarding seen in the last 40 years, and the NHS has an imperative role to play in delivering them.

This forum provides an opportunity to hear the latest policy updates and initiatives from senior policymakers designed to offer a clear understanding of key legislation and reforms and how they underpin the NHS' safeguarding priorities for 2019 and beyond. In particular, it will focus on the need for different agencies to collaborate, highlighting how relationships between health and other services should operate — at both strategic and operational levels — to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk of harm or abuse.

Participants will also be able to listen to best practice case studies from leading services and initiatives including looked after children, designated health professionals, staff security and wellbeing, and child sexual abuse and exploitation, demonstrating successfully proven approaches to multi-agency working, information sharing, and service-user involvement.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/nhs-safeguarding/>

Safeguarding Association Conference 2019

9th 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>

The National Combating Gangs, Violence and Weapon Crime Conference 2019

3rd December 2019 London £299 - £550 + VAT

Reports of violence, stabbings and murders have hit the headlines over the past 12 months with daily occurrences in London. But how widespread is violent crime, why is it growing and who are the victims?

The vast majority of people will not be a victim of violent crime. In England and Wales, 4 in 5 people did not experience crime in 2017 and overall crime has been steadily decreasing since 1995.

Although people are experiencing less crime, high-harm incidents, including offences involving knives and firearms, are on the rise. In the year ending in March 2018 police recorded a 16% increase in offences involving a knife or a sharp instrument, totalling over 40,000 offences, the highest number since 2011. While the rise of gun crime has slowed, with a 2% increase in the same period, serious firearm offences increased significantly, and the number of homicides recorded by the police showed a fourth consecutive rise, increasing by 12%. While these crimes remain rare, they attract a lot of media attention.

The landscape of violent crime in Britain is changing. Dramatic increases in knife crime in the home counties, rising by an average of 44.8% over the past 8 years, suggest that county lines drug gangs are spreading violent crime beyond London. There has also been an increase in under-16s involved in serious incidents, with figures of under-16s treated in hospital for stab wounds doubling in the last 5 years. Meanwhile, although gangs remain a prominent proportion of violent crime, police figures suggest the rate of gang-related violent crime is decreasing while overall violent crime rises.

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' (April 2018) sets out how we will respond to serious violence. Funding of £40m has been made to boost local 'open access' youth provision in 6 targeted disadvantaged areas in England, followed by a further £9.8m in February 2019.

This conference brings together the key stakeholders involved in tackling gang, violence and weapon crime in the UK. We will be looking at tackling county lines and misuse of drugs, early intervention and prevention, supporting communities and partnerships, and an effective law enforcement and criminal justice response.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/gangs-violence-weapon-crime/>