

**Safeguarding Children Information Update
Conference Roundup
Updated 14th August 2019**

Voluntary Sector Compliance, Regulation and Standards: The Way Forward

24th September 2019

London

£299 - £550 + VAT

This forum will provide attendees with an invaluable opportunity to hear the latest initiatives from charities and regulators alike, as well as gain a greater understanding of existing regulations in the voluntary sector and what charities can do to improve their own implementation of these strategies.

Participants will also be able to listen to case studies demonstrating successful approaches to improve different areas of regulation in the voluntary sector, including: financial transparency, whistleblowing, and safeguarding of children, along with guidance as to how they can apply these approaches within their own organisations.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/voluntary-sector-compliance-regulation-and-standards-the-way-forward/>

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/>

Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) National Summit 2019: Transforming Mental Health Services for Children & Young Adults

7th October 2019 London £300 - £495 + VAT

This event will focus on the important issue of transforming mental health services for children and young adults; improving accessibility and recovery outcomes.

This conference will enable you to:

- Network with colleagues who are working to improve child and adolescent mental health services
- Reflect on the lived experience of a young patient leader
- Learn from outstanding practice in transforming CAMHS
- Update your knowledge on national developments and learning including how we can improve accessibility and waiting times
- Improve early intervention and working with schools in a preventative way to improve wellbeing and resilience
- Develop your skills in new ways of working with inpatient admissions
- Understand how you can improve recovery outcomes
- Ensuring adherence to the 2019 NICE Guideline for Depression in Children and Young People: Identification and Management
- Identify key strategies improving mental health services for young adults, and ensuring children aren't lost in the transition to adult services
- Learn how CAMHS can improve services for children with ADHD
- Self assess and reflect on your own practice
- Gain cpd accreditation points contributing to professional development and revalidation evidence

<https://www.healthcareconferencesuk.co.uk/camhs-summit>

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>

Improving Services & Outcomes for People who Self Harm

18th October 2019 London £300 - £495 + VAT

“About 1 in 10 young people will self-harm at some point, but it can happen at any age. The research probably under-estimates how common self-harm is. It is usually based on surveys of people who go to hospital or their GP after harming themselves. However, we know that a lot of people do not seek help after self-harm. Some types of self-harm, like cutting, may be more secret and so less likely to be noticed.” The Royal College of Psychiatrists

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.

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

Enhancing Crime Prevention, Reporting and Conviction Through Multi-Agency Information Sharing, Technology and Public Engagement

31st October 2019 Central London £299 - £550 + VAT

The nature of crime in England and Wales is changing, with the latest figures released by the ONS demonstrating that whilst the overall level of crime has remained stable, there have been increases in some types of ‘lower-volume, high-harm’ violent offences. The data highlights that there has been an 8% increase in the number of police recorded offences involving knives or sharp instruments, a 15% increase in the number of admissions to hospital in England for assaults involving a sharp instrument, and a 14% increase in the number of homicides.

In addition, the Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) found that in 2017-2018 there were nearly 3m incidents of cyber crime and the level of non-crime related incidents has also increased. An example of this is the increase in calls expressing a concern over an individual’s mental health, with 2017 data from the Metropolitan Police highlight that they received an average of 315 calls a day in relation to this, in contrast to 237 a day in 2012.

With the evolution of demands on the police, it is imperative that policing priorities, strategies, and infrastructure evolves with it. Recognising this need, the Government’s Home Office has pledged an additional £100m to the Police Transformation Fund in 2018, bringing the total invested to over £333m since 2016. The latest tranche focuses on four national programmes designed to transform how police use technology, facilitate online public engagement and increase overall capacity to deal with the on-going challenges.

Collaboration has been prioritised in tackling increasingly online and cross-regional crimes, with the Home Office supporting multi-agency approaches and the introduction of real-time national data sharing platforms for the police, as demonstrated by the £1.4 million police social media hub.

This event provides attendees with the invaluable opportunity to gain critical updates on the future policy direction of policing in England and Wales. Participants will also benefit from hearing best-practice strategies to transform policing methods through implementing and utilising the latest technology as a means of driving collaboration, efficiency, and effectiveness.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/crime-prevention-reporting-conviction/>

Addressing Childhood Obesity: Healthier Choices, Healthier Children

20th November 2019 London

The 2018 Government report Childhood Obesity: A Plan for Action Chapter 2 highlighted the fact that the UK's childhood obesity rates are now ranked among the worst in Western Europe, with the RCPCH estimating that almost 1 in 5 children are overweight or obese when they start primary school, rising to 1 in 3 when they start secondary school.

In January 2019, PHE published statistics demonstrating that children have already exceeded the maximum recommended sugar intake for an 18-year old by the time they have reached their 10th birthday. In addition to the unquantifiable profound effects on individual's physical and mental health, obesity costs an estimated £6.1b a year to the NHS and an estimated £27b to society.

Recognising the urgency of this issue, the Government is setting a national ambition to halve childhood obesity and significantly reduce the gap in obesity between children from the most and least deprived areas by 2030. This will require cross-sector collaboration to promote making healthier decisions, providing healthier options and creating healthier environments.

Accompanying the Government's Plan for Action are a raft of new policy announcements designed to tackle childhood obesity in innovative ways, supplementing existing approaches such as the Sugar Tax. These include updating school food standards, encouraging daily exercise, and a new Change4Life campaign designed to support families in cutting back on sugar intake.

This conference provides participants with the invaluable opportunity to learn from a range of health policy organisations and think tanks to understand cross-sector collaboration as the key to unlocking a healthier UK and reduce the presence of childhood obesity. Delegates will also engage with best-practice organisations leading the way in developing innovative strategies to promote healthy lifestyles through a series of case studies and insightful discussions.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/childhood-obesity/>

National Children and Adult Services Conference 2019

20th – 22nd November 2019

Bournemouth £475 + VAT

This conference is a vital annual event for councillors, directors, senior officers, directors of public health, policy makers and service managers, and any individuals or organisations with responsibilities for children and adults services 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 network with peers and hear the very latest thinking on key policy and improvement agendas.

The 2019 programme will consist of a mix of keynote and ministerial addresses and other significant plenary sessions by key players in the adult, children and education sectors. There will also be opportunities to take part in a variety of participatory breakouts and networking sessions.

Confirmed speakers so far include:

- The Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care
- Nadhim Zahawi MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families
- Caroline Dinanage, Minister of State for Care
- Amanda Spielman, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, Ofsted

The conference has been oversubscribed in previous years; delegates are therefore advised to book early.

<https://www.local.gov.uk/NCASC-2019>

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/>

Youth Justice Convention 2019

3rd-4th December 2019 Birmingham £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 title is: Youth Justice Convention 2019: Working together, making a difference

Key topics confirmed for this year:

- Serious youth violence: a public health approach
- Education: opportunities for every child
- Fresh perspectives: hear from children and young people who are improving the system

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

The 2nd National Combatting Radicalisation and Extremism Event: Safeguarding Our Communities Through A Multi-Agency Approach

4th December 2019 London

£299 - £550 + VAT

In October 2015, the Government published its Counter-Extremism strategy which set out a programme of work that focused on the non-violent harms of extremism. The government's counter-terrorism programme has a specific focus on "prevent" which aims to anticipate and stop attacks by supporting vulnerable communities; improving the resilience of local authorities; and preventing radicalisation.

The Government is spending over £2b each year to combat terrorism and radicalisation. It is working with LAs to develop a community lead approach and with schools and universities to safeguard young people from the dangers of extremism. It is also involving the NHS and the police to deliver a multi-agency approach to combat radicalisation.

In 2017/2018, 181 community-based projects were delivered reaching over 88,000 participants. Of these projects, 54% were delivered in schools to increase young people's resilience to terrorist and extremist ideologies. Work is also being carried out by the

Metropolitan Police's Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit to combat the use of the internet to promote radicalisation and terrorism.

This second annual event will provide attendees with an invaluable opportunity to hear the latest policy updates and initiatives from senior policy makers. Attendees will also hear from those working on the frontline as well as communities affected. Participants will learn from best-practice case studies from schools and NGOs which have been working with vulnerable communities to prevent radicalisation.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/the-2nd-national-combatting-radicalisation-and-extremism-event-safeguarding-our-communities-through-a-multi-agency-approach/>

Improving Infant Health And Wellbeing Outcomes

4th December 2019 London £299 - £550 + VAT

While children's services in the UK have steadily improved over the last decade, many health and social concerns remain.

In February 2019, The Health and Social Care Select Committee published their *First 1000 Days of Life* report, examining the effect of socio-economic inequalities, children's services provision and quality of care on children's outcomes. The committee found that stresses against the ability of parents to provide a secure, healthy, nurturing environment during the early years of a child's life, often caused by poverty and deprivation, adversely affect outcomes and recommended the implementation of a national strategy to tackle this.

Following this inquiry, the Government launched the *Advancing Our Health: Prevention in the 2020s* consultation document, which sets out the Government's vision for improving provision to parents and young children. Additionally, the DWP continue to work to help workless families, a key target group for improved services and support.

These Government publications have increasingly called for an integrated approach to children's services, urging LAs, NHS Trusts, housing associations, and community organisations to work together, share information and offer joined-up services to families with young children.

This event will provide an invaluable opportunity to hear the latest policy updates and initiatives from senior policymakers in addition to a range of best-practice case studies from across the public sector, demonstrating successfully proven approaches to improving maternity and children's services.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/infant-health-wellbeing-child-early-years/>

Child Sexual Exploitation Conference 2020

30th January 2020 London £299 - £550 + VAT

This 2nd annual event will give an update on progress of the latest government reforms and initiatives by organisations working to tackle CSE. It also provides real practical examples of how the issue of CSE is being successfully addressed by local government, education and the police.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/children-sexual-exploitation-preventing-protecting-vulnerable/>