

**Safeguarding Children Information Update
Conference Roundup
Updated 13th November 2019**

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/>

Supporting the mental health of looked after and adopted children

20th November 2019 London £108 - £250 + VAT

This conference will examine the factors that contribute to the mental health challenges that looked after and adopted children face. Delegates will explore a model of support that enables social workers, carers, adoptive parents and health professionals to make the most of their knowledge and skills - working together.

The event will cover:

- The reasons why mental health difficulties are more prevalent among looked after children, and why this is not necessarily straightforward

- Common worrying behaviours and symptoms
 - The importance of attachment and trauma
 - How children's difficulties can affect carers and adoptive parents
 - How social workers can best gather crucial information to aid the understanding of children's difficulties
 - Supporting children via a 3 stage process
 - Working collaboratively with carers/parents, professionals and others in the child's life
- <https://corambaaf.org.uk/events/supporting-mental-health-looked-after-and-adopted-children>

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 Dinenage, 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>

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

28th November 2019

London

£299 - £550 + VAT

Topics include:

- Transforming Policing: Supporting Multi-Agency Approaches
- Modernising UK Policing: An Update on the National Enabling Programme
- Assessing the Police's Effectiveness to Drive Improvements and Accountability
- Embracing Collaboration Between Police Forces

- Overcoming the Challenges of Crime Reporting and Recording Through Better Public Engagement
 - Enhancing Police Legitimacy Through Community Engagement
 - Developing A Whole-System, Multi-Agency Approach to Tackle County Lines
 - Delivering ‘Outstanding’ Rated Policing Year-On-Year Despite Resource Constraints and Increasing Demand for Services
 - Transitioning to Predictive Policing with Advanced Innovation
 - Tackling the Threat of Crime Through Social Media With A Coordinated Approach
- <https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/crime-prevention-reporting-conviction/>

Raising Standards in Schools: The Way Forward

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

Topics include:

- Providing Financial Support to Schools through Pupil Premiums Grants to Improve Academic Outcomes for all Pupils
- Understanding Progress 8 Performance Measures and how they Align with Ofsted Ratings
- Developing Strategies to Improve Ofsted School Ratings from ‘Inadequate’ to ‘Outstanding’
- Opportunity Areas: Collaborating with Schools to help Children and Young People Overcome Social Barriers to Achieve Their Full Potential
- Providing Support and Guidance on School Funding and Financial Management
- Tailoring Strategies to Improve Education Standards in the North of England and Reduce Regional Disparity of Education Quality
- Understanding the Importance of Pupil Health and Wellbeing in Improving Attainment Results
- Reimagining Approaches to Learning to Achieve Higher Performance Ratings
- Developing Support Systems Further for Teachers and School Leaders to Improve Recruitment and Retention of Staff in the Education Sector
- Regulating Standards of School Premises to Ensure Buildings Remain fit for Academic Purpose
- Promoting Schemes to Increase the Accessibility of School Resources for Pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/schools-standards-education-quality-teaching-performance-funding/>

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 offenses involving a knife or a sharp instrument, totalling over 40,000 offenses, the highest number since 2011. While the rise of gun crime has slowed, with a 2% increase in the same period, serious firearm offenses 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/>

Preventing Suicide in Young People & Children

20th January 2020

London

£300 - £495 + VAT

Hear from expert speakers on how your service can reduce preventable suicides and save young lives. Through national updates, case studies from multi-agency settings and lived experience insight, this conference aims to set the scene for progress already being made and what needs to change to improve resilience, wellbeing, mental health support and effectively prevent suicide in children and young people.

The conference will examine implementation of the self-harm and suicide prevention competence framework for children and young people and will also discuss offering tailored support to families bereaved by suicide in line with the 2019 NICE recommendations.

<https://www.healthcareconferencesuk.co.uk/conferences-masterclasses/preventing-suicide-in-young-people-children>

The next steps for the Troubled Families Programme: Implementing an integrated approach to supporting disadvantaged families

23rd January 2020

London

£299 - £550 + VAT

Topics include:

- Findings from national evaluation and update on the future of the Programme
- Implementing effective Programmes through local services
- Partnerships to prevent reoffending and improve school attendance
- Interventions to ensure emotional and physical health of families
- Digital transformation to access key information, facilitate multi-agency working and make financial savings
- Targeted, skilled, intensive family support services for troubled families
- Transform CP services to support Troubled Families and reduce the numbers of children taken into care
- The Family Drug and Alcohol Court
- Improving children's mental health and outcomes by reducing parental conflict
- Developing a Social Care workforce to support disadvantaged families
- The Stockport Family Model

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/troubled-families-integrated-approach-supporting-disadvantaged-families/>

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/>

The National Conference on Combatting Modern Slavery and Supporting Victims out of Exploitation

27th February 2020

London

£315 - £575 + VAT

Keynote speeches and case studies include:

- Outlining measures the Government is taking to put the UK at the forefront of tackling modern slavery
- The role of the independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner in tackling modern slavery across the whole UK
- Leading the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking
- Discovering and breaking up the UK's largest modern slavery gang
- Joining the dots: Using the Modern Slavery Act to tackle the evils of child exploitation in county lines
- Tackling the problem of modern slavery in supply chains and procurement
- Reporting on and highlighting the work of a Council to combat modern slavery
- Raising awareness of the pervasiveness of modern slavery in our communities:
- Supporting individuals and their families as they progress through the NRM and reintegrate into their communities
- Protecting vulnerable children from becoming victims of modern slavery and human trafficking
- Working in collaboration with partners and Local Authorities to equip modern slavery survivors with the tools needed for a life beyond crisis

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/combattling-modern-slavery-human-trafficking-supporting-victims-exploitation-conference/>

Delivering effective Youth Services and Support 2020

27th February 2020

London

£315 - £575 + VAT

The DfE has estimated that youth services have been cut by £880m since 2010. These cuts to youth services have led to youth services campaigners highlighting the connection between a decline in youth services and rising knife crime among young people, with the YMCA arguing that youth services have a significant role to play in helping vulnerable young people who choose to carry knives. In May 2019, the APPG on Knife Crime found that areas experiencing the largest cuts to spending on youth services had seen the biggest increases in knife crime.

In September 2019, the Government announced a £500m youth investment fund to help build new youth centres, refurbish youth facilities and provide youth services in hard to reach areas. In addition, the Government is strengthening the workforce in the youth sector through new bursaries for youth work qualifications and a review of the youth work curriculum. Meanwhile, the National Citizen Service continues to grow and expand, having engaged half a million participants and the National Citizen Service Trust gaining Royal Charter body status in 2018.

This renewed focus on the youth sector has the potential to reinvigorate youth services for the future. Delivering effective youth services for vulnerable youth in need of support through partnerships, effective commissioning, targeted support and safeguarding will be key to building strong communities, reducing crime and boosting employment.

Attend this conference and hear the latest policy updates and initiatives from senior policymakers and key stakeholders on delivering effective youth services. Participants will also

be able to hear best-practice case studies from a range of LAs and youth work organisations, demonstrating successfully proven approaches to improving youth outcomes through commissioning and delivering youth services.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/delivering-effective-youth-services-and-support-2020/>

The 2nd Annual Preventing Children & Young People from Radicalisation & Extremism Conference

4th March 2020 London £315 - £575 + VAT

Preventing Children & Young People from Radicalisation & Extremism is one of the most significant and important challenges of our generation. 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 and educational institutions 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.

The Prevent Duty is intended to help schools and childcare providers think about what they can do to protect children from the risk of radicalisation and suggests how they can access support to do this. Significant research has highlighted a plethora of signs that we can use to spot students vulnerable to radicalisation. The digital world and social media can also be better harnessed to both prevent and deter young people from being radicalised.

This second annual conference offers delegates the perfect opportunity to investigate the best ways of tackling extremism in education throughout the UK. Bringing together key organisations we will examine updates of the Prevent duty policy and what the next steps are to tackle extremism in education. We will have best practice case-studies from schools, universities and local authorities on the best approach to community cohesion and what we as a whole society are doing to tackle our biggest challenge – terrorism and extremism in education.

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