

**Safeguarding Children Information Update**  
**Conference Roundup**  
**Updated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Tackling Gangs, Violence and Weapon Crime Conference 2020**

8<sup>th</sup> September 2020    Manchester    £315 - £575 + VAT

In England and Wales, overall crime has been decreasing since 1995, but in the year ending June 2019, there was a 4% increase in the number of police recorded offences involving firearms, and a 7% increase in offences involving knives or sharp instruments (to 44,076 offences).

In Greater Manchester alone, there were at least 13 high-profile incidents involving knife stabbings in October 2019. In the year to June 2019, there were 3,437 crimes involving knives recorded by Greater Manchester Police, up from 2,553 knife crimes in the year to June 2018 – an increase of around 35%.

Additionally, the network of county lines continues to penetrate into towns and villages across the country. According to the NCA's County Lines Drug Supply, Vulnerability and Harm 2018 report, there are over 2,000 individual deal line numbers in the UK, which are linked to approximately 1,000 branded county lines. Increasingly, the perception of county lines as primarily drug-dealing offences is being expanded upon, to include modern slavery and child trafficking. As such, collaboration and cooperation at every level, across schools, healthcare and safeguarding, is becoming increasingly important.

The Government's 'Serious Violence Strategy' launched 9th April 2018 set out how to respond to serious violence, and £40m of HO funding was established to better intervene in youth engagement with gangs, establish the National County Lines Co-ordination Centre, and develop understandings of drug-market violence and gang behaviours. Such policies aim to balance preventative and reactive interventions for tackling gangs in a multi-agency format, but its long-term success is yet to be fully seen.

This conference brings together the key stakeholders involved in tackling gang, violence and weapon crime in the UK. 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 on how to best tackle gang crime.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/combating-gangs-violence-weapon-crime-conference-manchester-2020/>

**The Future of Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Conference 2020**

7<sup>th</sup> October 2020    London    £315 - £575 + VAT

In October 2019, the DfE Select Committee published a report which highlighted serious issues with the implementation of reforms to the SEND System, outlined in the Children and Families Act 2014.

The Committee has made key recommendations to further strengthen and improve SEND provision, including a more rigorous inspection framework for local authorities and a direct line for parents and schools to appeal directly to the DfE.

This event will analyse developments over the last year and look ahead to the possible future improvements. Attendees will discover new strategies being utilised in delivering Special Educational Needs. Speakers will cover a range of topics, from the changes in implementing the local area SEND inspection framework to improving LA services for SEND pupils.

Additionally to this, participants will hear from case studies demonstrating successful approaches to improve different areas of SEND provision, including support for parents and teachers, utilising school data to help SEND pupils, establishing SEND provision in schools, and achieving academic excellence for SEND pupils, with guidance in training and supporting staff to provide the highest quality of service that can be utilised by you, and your organisation.

Join us to discover how we can better establish strong partnerships across government, Ofsted, schools, and unions to help improve and sustain the education of SEND pupils.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/national-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-conference-2020-send/>

### **Contextual Safeguarding - Applying the approach in practice to Child and Adolescent safeguarding**

9<sup>th</sup> October 2020      London      £300 - £495 + VAT

This conference focuses on Contextual Safeguarding – implementing the approach in practice and ensuring there is support at an operational, strategic and governance level. Through national updates and practical case studies this conference will highlight how using this approach can safeguard children and develop appropriate responses to extra-familial harm.

<https://www.healthcareconferencesuk.co.uk/conferences-masterclasses/contextual-safeguarding-young>

### **The 2nd Annual Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provisions Conference**

13<sup>th</sup> October 2020      London      £315 - £575 + VAT

With one in ten (850,000) children and young people in the UK have a diagnosable mental health condition (PHE) it is more important now than ever for parents, educators, legislators and health officials to work together to confront this burgeoning crisis.

Indeed, with children spending the majority of their time at school, educators face increasing pressure to identify and respond to mental health and wellbeing issues amongst their students and form internal and external partnerships to tackle the issue. The recently announced Link Programme, a £9.3m DfE training programme ran by the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families will provide educators with the skills needed to collaborate with NHS professionals in supporting children and young people with mental health challenges.

It is widely understood that mental health and wellbeing issues can have a damaging impact on the physical health, relationships and future prospects of children and young people.

The challenge often extends into a person's adult life, with half of all mental health conditions beginning before the age of 14. At this conference attendees will be able to share in best practice multi-agency approaches, from schools through to the NHS.

This conference looks at how the key stakeholders involved in providing mental health support and care for children and young people can effectively. It provides an invaluable opportunity for educators, public health bodies, local authorities, social care professionals, NHS workers and third sector practitioners to get the latest policy updates and learn from innovative case studies demonstrating best practice across children and young people's mental health services.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/annual-transforming-children-young-people-mental-health-provisions-conference-2020/>

### **The 2nd Annual Working Together to Safeguard Children & Young People Conference**

10<sup>th</sup> November 2020      London      £315 - £575 + VAT

In the UK there are 650,000 children reportedly living in "high risk" environments, with the number of children facing immediate safeguarding needs rising by 4% between 2017 and 2018.

Indeed, the recommendations of the Wood Review have placed a greater duty on organisations charged with safeguarding responsibilities to modernize and coordinate their efforts. Up and down the country, previously crowded local safeguarding children boards are being replaced with streamlined safeguarding partnerships, allowing organisations to coordinate their response more effectively. This conference highlights the key issues that safeguarding professionals are facing and presents strategies and solutions for delivering service improvement.

In addition to this, 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.

Building on the 2019 conference, this forum provides attendees with an invaluable opportunity to hear the latest policy updates and initiatives from senior policymakers designed to safeguard vulnerable children. Participants will also be able to listen to best-practice case studies from safeguarding professionals demonstrating successfully proven approaches to protecting children.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/the-2nd-annual-working-together-to-safeguard-children-young-people-conference/>

### **Masterclass: Designated Safeguarding Officer Training**

16<sup>th</sup> October 2020      London      £395 - £549 + VAT

This one day masterclass, facilitated by Glenys Hurt-Robson, Associate Facilitator, The Athena Programme will support you to develop your role and responsibility as a Designated Safeguarding Officer / Designated Safeguarding Lead / Named Professional for safeguarding in your organisation. It will enable you to understand one or both of the Child and Adult abuse investigation processes under Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018) and / or the Care Act 2014.

<https://www.healthcareconferencesuk.co.uk/conferences-masterclasses/masterclass-designated-safeguarding-officer-training>

### **How Safe 2020 - Safeguarding childhood together**

4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021                      London                      £219 - £269

At this year's two-day conference, you'll hear about the latest in safeguarding and child protection to help you support young people at every stage of childhood from early years, right through to adolescence. Key areas of focus include child and adolescent mental health, online safety and preventing abuse in families facing additional pressures.

We'll be bringing together delegates from a wide range of sectors in one central location - from education, voluntary, charity and health sectors to local authorities. You'll have a chance to meet thought leaders and innovators from various professions, including academic professionals, government officials and front-line practitioners..

Every child has the right to grow up safely. Together we can make that happen and create safer environments.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2020/june/how-safe-are-our-children-2020-conference/>