

## **Safeguarding Children Information Update Conference Roundup: Updated 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

### **Education White Paper/New Education Bill: implications for local authorities**

14<sup>th</sup> December 2010 London

28<sup>th</sup> January 2011 London

£150 - £250 + VAT

The government is planning to publish a White Paper in the Autumn and a new Education Bill will follow shortly afterwards containing those commitment which require legislation.

This seminar will discuss the issues raised by this white paper including:

- increasing the number of great teachers and leaders in our schools
- giving teachers the power to tackle poor discipline
- a fairer funding system so that extra funds follow the poorest pupils who need the most support
- a simpler, more focused National Curriculum
- restoring faith in our battered qualifications system
- greater accountability through improved testing and assessment
- more good school places and new schools in areas where there is a growing demand
- tackling bureaucracy at source

Delegates at this seminar will learn what the White Paper says about these issues and more and discuss with colleagues strategies they can develop for their local authority to meet this new challenge.

<https://member.lgiu.org.uk/events/Pages/141210.aspx>

<https://member.lgiu.org.uk/events/Pages/280111.aspx>

### **There's no excuse for child abuse**

20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 Huntingdon £15 - £60

This event is aimed at anyone working with children and young people working in Cambridgeshire and or Peterborough.

Issues to be covered include:

- The Vetting and Barring Scheme
- CRB checks and police information
- Paedophile activity within the workplace
- The role of the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) responsible for managing allegations against those that work with children
- The role of the LSCB
- The work of CEOP

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### **14-19 Child Protection - Practical and legal guidance for safeguarding teenagers**

20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 London

£299 - £399 + VAT

Attend this conference to gain the latest practical and legal guidance to enable you to meet the unique challenges of safeguarding teenagers across a variety of settings, from classroom to work placement. A range of expert speakers will breakdown current policies to clearly and concisely explain the legal responsibilities placed on schools.

This conference will help you to:

- Correctly handle allegations against staff
- Build trust among students and know when and how to respond to disclosures of abuse
- Confront the challenges of safeguarding students of mixed age groups in FE colleges
- Recognise signs of self harm in teenagers and learn how to support those at risk
- Identify signs of forced marriage and confidently take action to safeguard young girls

<http://conferences.teachingexpertise.com/cpd/14-19CP2011/98/home/tex>

### **Listening to children' - the future role and remit of the Children's Commissioner and the next steps for young people's services**

20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 London £190 + VAT

This seminar will follow the completion of the Independent Review of the Office of the Children's Commissioner for England, and will include a keynote address from the review leader, Dr John Dunford. It will bring together policy makers and key stakeholders to discuss the future remit of the Children's Commissioner and, more widely, children's rights and representation.

[http://www.nfer.ac.uk/emie/content.asp?id\\_content=202&id\\_category=277&level=1](http://www.nfer.ac.uk/emie/content.asp?id_content=202&id_category=277&level=1)

<http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/forums/event.php?eid=190>

### **Tackling Gangs and Serious Youth Violence**

25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 London £225 - £545 + VAT

This conference focuses on effective methods for the prevention, early intervention and rehabilitation of those involved in gangs and youth violence.

Topics to be covered include:

- Providing value-for-money interventions
- Tackling both ingrained and developing gang culture
- Engaging and educating young people to strengthen their resistance to gangs

- Effective and efficient routes to sustained social inclusion for those involved in group youth violence
- Bringing together all relevant agencies and the community to combat youth violence  
<http://www.capitaconferences.co.uk/public-sector-conferences/police-criminal-justice/full-conference/article/tackling-gangs-and-serious-youth-violence-conference.html>

### **Children and Gangs**

26<sup>th</sup> January 2011      London    2 – 5PM  
£99 - £129 + VAT

This workshop will unveil exclusive findings from research with children and young people aged 10 to 14 years and frontline professionals to reveal why children join gangs.

Delegates will also learn how to develop key intervention strategies to help prevent future generations becoming gang members.

<http://www.haymarketevents.com/conferenceDetail/523/children-gangs>

### **Eradicating Child Poverty By 2020: Improving The Life Chances Of Children**

27<sup>th</sup> January 2011      London    £185 – £495

Poverty can have a profound impact on the child, their family, and the rest of society. It often sets in motion a deepening spiral of social exclusion, creating problems in education, employment, mental and physical health and social interaction.

In 1999, the former government pledged to eradicate child poverty in the UK by 2020. The new coalition government has stated that it will maintain the 2020 goal.

This forum will offer delegates the opportunity to discuss and examine how we can achieve the goal of ending child poverty in the UK by 2020.

<http://www.insidegovernment.co.uk/children/child-poverty/>

### **Hidden survivors: supporting families affected by domestic abuse and substance use**

27<sup>th</sup> January 2011      London  
£156 - £236 + VAT

This conference focuses on domestic abuse, the many ways it can affect family members affected by drugs and alcohol, and implications for practice. It will explore what good domestic violence support looks like in the family support sector, and provide opportunities for gathering knowledge and resources, as well as networking and contributing to the direction of future work on these important issues.

#### Key themes

- Domestic violence and substance use sectors – partnership working and joint approaches to family support
- Safe working practices and key messages

- Supporting and protecting children affected by domestic abuse
- Identifying perpetrators or victims of abuse
- Child to parent abuse

<http://www.pavpub.com/p-309-hidden-survivors-supporting-families-affected-by-domestic-abuse-and-substance-use.aspx?s=1>

### **Inspection and Regulation in Early Years**

28<sup>th</sup> January 2011 London

£199 - £599 + VAT

The regulation and inspection process aims to achieve excellence in childcare and early years provision. This conference will bring together senior childcare and early years practitioners and managers to hear the latest policy direction from government.

Delegates will learn from best practice that is happening now enabling them to bring practical outcomes back to their workplace.

Don't miss the opportunity to network with colleagues and make new and valuable contacts to help you improve your childcare and early years provision.

<http://www.neilstewartassociates.com/kd191/>

### **Children's Centres Next Steps**

31<sup>st</sup> January 2011 London

£225 - £545 + VAT

This conference will provide the latest policy updates and explore methods to drive forward improvements in children's centre services. Joint strategy sessions from the DH and DfE will outline the key roles of children's centres in reaching the most vulnerable.

Sessions will cover the key issues including:

- Increasing engagement with hard to reach groups and disadvantaged families
- Combating poverty through targeted services
- Building partnerships with health services
- Supporting and working with families
- Making your children's centre sustainable for self funding

<http://www.capitaconferences.co.uk/public-sector-conferences/childrens-services/full-conference/article/childrens-centres-next-steps-conference.html>

### **Protecting Children Update - Effectively safeguard children and young people in schools and colleges**

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 London

£229 - £399 + VAT

Gain the most current legal guidance to ensure you are meeting your statutory obligations for safeguarding. Strengthen your relationships with multi-agencies through

interpersonal knowledge and gain innovative strategies to make your partnerships more constructive.

This conference will help you to:

- Develop confidence in your workforce through comprehensive safeguarding training
- Understand the needs of social workers to make your referrals more efficient
- Effectively confront and manage cyberbullying throughout your school
- Manage and handle allegations against staff
- Identify signs of abuse among students and take appropriate action.

<http://conferences.teachingexpertise.com/cpd/pcu2011/106/home/tex>

### **Facing up to Facebook: The impact of social networking on foster care**

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 London

£100 - £205 + VAT

This conference will:

- explore the impact of social networking on children and young people in foster care
- provide the latest information about technological developments in relation to social networking.
- provide an opportunity to discuss and debate the dilemmas and issues for practice, whilst providing practical guidance.
- position the issue of social networking and fostering within the broader issue of child safety and the internet.
- will launch new BAAF guides for foster carers and children and young people in foster care.

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/node/3009>

### **Facing up to Facebook**

9<sup>th</sup> February 2011 North Wales

£110 - £150 + VAT

This conference will:

- explore the impact of social networking websites on adopted children and young people, and on those in care.
- provide the latest information about technological developments while reminding delegates of research evidence on openness and contact.
- provide an opportunity to discuss the practice issues, while providing practical guidance about managing social networking services.
- position social networking sites and adoption and children in care within the broader issue of child safety and the Internet.

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/training/110209>

### **Rethinking Safeguarding**

16th February 2011    Berkshire    £50

Keynote presentations will include:

- Reforming Child Protection
- Safeguarding in the 21st century – Where to Now

Workshops will cover issues including:

- How safe are Signs of Safety?
- Contact issues
- Listening to children
- Family participation

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/branch-events.php>

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/files/Conference%20Flyer%2016.02.11%20v3.pdf>

### **Behaviour and Attendance in Schools: New Approaches to Improving Standards**

17th February 2011    London    £225 + VAT

Delegates at this Briefing will have the opportunity to critically examine the Education White Paper in relation to behaviour in schools and consider the implication for teachers and headteachers in primary, special & secondary schools, governing bodies and LAs.

Key issues to be discussed include:

- The Education White Paper and its implications for behaviour and attendance
- The Coalition focus on improving behaviour
- The new laws with regard to disciplining pupils: the use of force, search and confiscation
- Engaging parents and carers in positive behaviour strategies
- Links between attendance and behaviour in schools; strategies to reduce school absence
- How special education needs can best be recognised in schools' policies on behaviour & discipline
- Protecting teachers against false allegation
- The use of fixed term and permanent exclusions
- Introducing “no-notice detentions”
- The role of short stay centres / pupil referral units

<http://www.westminster-briefing.com/?p=19483>

### **Special Guardianship Orders - Navigating LA duties and best practice**

23rd February 2011    London

£199 - £399 + VAT

5 years after the implementation of SGOs very little is known about how they work in practice. LAs have struggled to interpret guidance and there are wide-ranging approaches to practice nationally.

Commonly professionals who work with SGOs have concerns that:

- their authority may not be legally compliant with funding allowances provided to special guardians
- SGOs are increasing awarded to children much younger than original guidance had intended with no indication of what long-term outcomes and implications might be
- preparation time for court reports leaves little time for preparing the special guardian for what could be a long-term caring commitment
- support provisions for special guardians may be inadequate to mitigate against contentious contact issues with birth parents

This conference will provide an opportunity to explore your authority's legal duties and will share best practice approaches to effectively support special guardians.

Key themes to be covered will include:

- How do LAs determine reasonable levels of financial allowances for special guardians and what role do universal benefits play in establishing these?
- LA legal responsibilities and court processes explained
- A research overview of special guardianship since its implementation
- A review of new practice guidance
- Providing successful assessment and support of family and friends carers
- Managing safeguarding and parental contact issues

<http://www.communitycareconferences.co.uk/guardianship2011>

### **What Works with Families Affected by Substance Misuse: The Contribution of Family Focused Interventions**

7<sup>th</sup> March 2011 London £140 - £205

This conference will focus on the impacts of substance misuse on families and on effective interventions to support families before harm to children becomes entrenched. Speakers will consider a range of evidence based interventions that can help develop family focused practice.

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/events-national.php>

[http://www.baspcan.org.uk/files/March%207th%20Flier%20%20and%20booking%20for%20\(web%20version\)%20FINAL.doc](http://www.baspcan.org.uk/files/March%207th%20Flier%20%20and%20booking%20for%20(web%20version)%20FINAL.doc)

### **Special Educational Needs & Disability: Improving Parental Confidence and Outcomes for Children and Young People**

8th March 2011 London £225 + VAT

Delegates at this Briefing will have the opportunity to consider the government's response to the provision of SEN, examining recent policy announcements, including the Ofsted Review, and likely future direction and implications for Children's Trusts, LAs, PCTs and schools.

<http://www.westminster-briefing.com/?p=18473>

## **Reducing the Scale of Young People Not in Employment, Education and Training**

10<sup>th</sup> March 2011    London    £225 - £495

This forum will consider the measures enacted to reduce the scale of young people not in employment, education or training; and will examine the commissioning practices for youth services; how education and training providers, LAs and the third sector can provide coherent support for young people; and what more can be done to help hard to reach groups

<http://www.insidegovernment.co.uk/children/neet-employment/>

## **What is 'special' about specialist care for children and young people?**

15<sup>th</sup> March 2011    Leeds    £100 - £150

If you are a nurse providing specialist nursing care to children and young people, hear the latest developments relevant to you.

Speakers will address issues covering policy direction, service delivery and role development. Attend sessions covering improving nutritional care, safeguarding children and promoting emotional well-being.

Following the event you will be able to apply your learning to your team or workplace, thereby improving the service you provide your patients and ensuring high quality care.

Plenary sessions include:

- modernising nursing careers - developing roles in specialist care
- transitional care pathways in specialist services
- promoting emotional well being in children and young people
- listening to children and young people.

[http://www.rcn.org.uk/newsevents/event\\_details/rcn\\_events/what\\_is\\_special\\_about\\_specialist\\_care\\_for\\_children\\_and\\_young\\_people](http://www.rcn.org.uk/newsevents/event_details/rcn_events/what_is_special_about_specialist_care_for_children_and_young_people)

## **Staying Safe — Proactive Protection and Professional Practice**

17<sup>th</sup> March 2011    Doncaster    £75 - £100

This conference will cover issues including:

- Proactive Protection
- Sexual Exploitation
- Cyber Bullying and E-safety
- Neglect
- Serious Case Reviews
- Hidden In Plain View - The role of schools with children on the streets

The event will be of particular interest to:

- Teachers and others responsible for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people
- Practitioners who work with children and young people in both statutory and non-statutory settings

- Managers and Policy makers responsible for the delivery of special and universal services
- Governors
- Safeguarding Children Trainers
- CP Officers in Early Years, FE, Private, Independent and Voluntary Settings

Closing date for applications: 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011

[http://www.cape.org.uk/events/STAYING\\_SAFE\\_-\\_PROACTIVE\\_PROTECTION\\_AND\\_PROFESSIONAL\\_PRACTICE.aspx](http://www.cape.org.uk/events/STAYING_SAFE_-_PROACTIVE_PROTECTION_AND_PROFESSIONAL_PRACTICE.aspx)

### **‘Hot topics’ in Adoption and Fostering**

18<sup>th</sup> March 2011      Cardiff      £95 - £110 + VAT

The aim of this conference is:

- to look in depth at current health topics of interest in Adoption and Fostering and
- consider the impact on children in the care system, those who care for them and the role of the Medical Adviser.

Its objectives are to:

- increase awareness of the impact of domestic violence and the long term effects of early neglect
- consider the interface between genetics and adoption/fostering relating to birth family and adopters
- review the changing picture of Inter-country adoption.

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/node/3003>

### **Somebody else’s child in a ‘Big Society’**

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011      London      £135 - £205 + VAT

How we all need to take responsibility for children in private fostering arrangements

Part of the thinking behind the Government’s vision of a ‘Big Society’ is that everybody should play their part in making their local communities function well. The focus of the conference is to consider how we, as professionals in the children’s workforce, can achieve the concept of ‘Big Society’ by taking a shared responsibility for safeguarding and supporting privately fostered children, their carers and parents.

This Conference aims to:

- to hear the latest Government thinking on private fostering
- to launch a range of new free resources developed by BAAF
- to help the children’s workforce identify and support children in private fostering arrangements
- to identify strategies for reducing the number of children in un-notified private fostering arrangements
- to learn from the latest pilot inspections of private fostering

Closing date for booking: 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/node/3006>

### **Short breaks for disabled children**

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 London £195 - £295 + VAT

As part of the EDCM initiative, the Government provided new policy advice and additional funding to improve short breaks for disabled children and their families.

This conference will help those involved in commissioning and providing these services by sharing the results of the Government's own evaluation of the short breaks programme including:

- research into the impact of short breaks on disabled children and their families the evaluation of the 21 Pathfinder sites, reviewing what worked in terms of local change strategies, and
- examples of best practice from around the country.

<http://www.pavpub.com/p-328-short-breaks-for-disabled-children.aspx?s=1>

### **National Child Health Conference and Exhibition - Child Health in the Community: Priorities for Practice**

25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011 West Midlands

This conference aims to provide health visitors, their teams, and those they work with, with targeted educational opportunities relevant to areas of priority for leading and delivering the Healthy Child Programme.

The conference will be of value to all whose responsibilities include promoting child health in the community, including those working in the NHS, LA in Children's Centres, and many in the voluntary sector.

The programme will cover a broad range of topics, including the promotion of emotional wellbeing in families, nutrition, obesity and behavioural problems, and will be reflective of the Healthy Child Programme.

The programme is designed to promote learning with clear objectives for each session, and the opportunity to reflect on learning outcomes at the end of the session. Furthermore sessions will be designed to be as interactive as possible.

The conference is supported by a large exhibition including representatives of the commercial, professional, statutory, voluntary and education sectors. It will also have a training zone to provide access to more formalised training opportunities available elsewhere for the workforce.

<http://www.4children.org.uk/events/show/ref/186>

## **Care Proceedings: Understanding and Developing Practice**

24<sup>th</sup> June 2011   Birmingham   £140 - £205

This conference focuses on care proceedings and their outcomes. It will:

- present findings on the current operation of care proceedings under the PLO from the ESRC funded Parents' Representation Study (2011).
- look at alternatives to traditional court when parental substance misuse is a key factor
- present findings from the '*Care Pathways and Outcomes Study*' and highlight differences when parental substance misuse is implicated in the case.

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/events-national.php>

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/files/BASPCAN%20JUNE%2024%202010%20CONFERENCE%20FLYER%20FINAL.doc>