

Safeguarding Children Information and News Update Conference Roundup: Updated 16th November 2009

Looked After Children Practice Exchange Network

29th September 2009 Newcastle
7th October 2009 Liverpool
20th October 2009 London
5th November 2009 Birmingham
1st December 2009 Cambridge
27th January 2010 Leeds
Jan/Feb 2010 Nottingham (TBC)
£46

The aim of the Network is to provide practitioners with up to date knowledge and ideas to help improve practice and outcomes for children in care, which can be disseminated back to their LA.

These events will provide the opportunity for practitioners to come together to hear about what is happening at a regional level from the Government regional offices and to hear from speakers on topics relevant to direct practice.

The events also provide opportunities to network, share best practice, discuss burning issues and find solutions to improve practice with children in care. Participants will be provided with materials from the day to enable feedback to participant's own LA.

Each Participant and LA will also be provided with a yearly briefing, which summarises all the key issues, topics covered and messages for practice from across all the regional events.

http://www.ncb.org.uk/resources/conferences_and_events.aspx

Home Office / ISA roadshows for faith communities

The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service is hosting a number of Home Office / ISA presentations for places of worship and other faith communities outlining the new Vetting and Barring Scheme. Each presentation will be between 2.30 and 4.30 pm as follows:

3rd October 2009 Whitstable Kent
10th October 2009 Bracknell, Berks
13th October 2009 St Paul's Cathedral
24th October 2009 Towcester Northants
17th November 2009 St Paul's Cathedral
21st November 2009 Gt Barton, Suffolk
28th November 2009 Poole, Dorset
5th December 2009 St Paul's Cathedral

12th December 2009 St Paul's Cathedral
27th February 2010 Ashingdon Essex
13th March 2010 Swanley Kent
24th April 2010 Bradford, W Yorks

Apart from the ones in St Paul's Cathedral, the presentations follow the CCPAS 'Facing the Unthinkable' safeguarding awareness seminars which run from 9.30am – 1.30pm.

The charge for the ISA Roadshow is £6.

If you want to attend the ISA Roadshow and the 'Facing the Unthinkable' seminar on the same day, the cost will be £24.00 (saving £1.50)
<http://www.ccpas.co.uk/TrainingISA.html>

Workshops to help the children's workforce meet young peoples mental health needs

The recent CAMHS review found that the children's workforce need better knowledge of child development and mental health so that they are more able to meet children and young people's needs.

With 1 in 10 children and young people experiencing serious mental health disorders such as depression and anxiety, this is no longer a problem that can be ignored.

This doesn't mean that everyone needs to become a qualified psychiatrist, but teachers and youth workers need to know the signs and symptoms to watch out for and know how and where to refer to CAMHS.

Providing staff with these skills will ensure that children and young people get help when their problems first occur.

The one day training events will enable participants to:

- Identify children and young people experiencing or at risk of mental health problems
- Intervene early to provide support
- Understand the complex language used by specialists such as attachment , brain development, risk and resilience

The training days will take place at the following locations:

- 29th October 2009 Newcastle
- 17th November 2009 Birmingham
- 26th November 2009 Nottingham
- 4th December 2009 London
- 15th December 2009 Liverpool
- 19th January 2010 Peterborough
- 27th January 2010 Aberdeen
- 28th January 2010 York
- 4th February 2010 London

- 16th February 2010 Newcastle
- 17th February 2010 Inverness
- 2nd March 2010 Bristol
- 16th March 2010 Dumphries
- 18th March 2010 London
- 23rd March 2010 Brighton

£100 plus VAT

<http://www.youngminds.org.uk/ym-newsroom/press-releases/press-releases-2009/aug/youngminds-launch-nationwide-workshops-to-help-the-children2019s-workforce-meet-young-peoples-mental-health-needs>

<http://www.youngminds.org.uk/professionals/training-and-consultancy/youngminds-training/current-training-courses/introduction-to-children-and-young-people2019s-mental-health-training-day>

Respect Tour 2009:

Anti-bullying Road Show

- 3rd November 2009 Bangor
- 4th November 2009 St. Asaph
- 5th November 2009 Wrexham
- 10th November 2009 Newtown
- 12th November 2009 Llanelli
- 16th November 2009 Llantrisant
- 17th November 2009 Porth
- 18th November 2009 Newport

This is an opportunity for pupils, teachers, support staff and LA officials to learn how to tackle bullying in schools. November celebrates 20 years of UK's adoption of the UNCRC and this event places children's rights at the heart of the agenda.

This free event is sponsored by the WAG. It is being co-ordinated by NSPCC Cymru/Wales and supported by Stonewall Cymru, Barnardos Cymru and Children in Wales.

Spaces are limited to 4 pupils and 1 teacher/support staff, or 3 pupils and 2 teachers/support staff per school. Schools are asked to consider sending representatives from their school council to share their experiences with other pupils from their school. Pupils from year 3 upwards would benefit most from this opportunity.

Applications by 16th October 2009

http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Applications/survey_internet/scripts/TakeSurveypower.aspx?rx=true&surveyID=130

Safeguarding Children Conference

16th November 2009 Central London

£195 - £545 + VAT

Key presentations at this conference will address core areas of concern, including:

- Updates on Ofsted's new arrangements for the inspection of children's services
- Best practice examples of implementing effective safeguarding procedures tailored to your specific sector
- Issues of governance and accountability in the safeguarding children agenda

Benefits of Attending

- Explore the impact of Laming's recommendations and ensure you are aware of new expectations for safeguarding professionals
- Clarify the ISA's new procedures for vetting and barring and adjust your processes to meet the new responsibilities and duties
- Identify ways to increase engagement of the healthcare workforce in safeguarding
- Understand the importance of Serious Case Reviews in achieving improved safeguarding practices and procedures
- Address the challenges of responding to online safeguarding issues in schools
- Receive practical advice and guidance on how to protect children at risk of abuse through forced marriage or female genital mutilation
- Learn more about effective strategies for strengthening the relationship between the Children's Trust and LSCB

Plus a Half-Day Workshop on Implementing Safer Recruitment Measures

17th November 2009 Central London

£195 - £545 + VAT

Led by the Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) this half-day workshop will provide you with practical guidance and advice on safer recruitment practices and procedures for the wider children's workforce.

- Receive the latest information on developing robust and reliable recruitment practices
- Identify potential for making changes to current recruitment and training practices to improve upon quality and outcomes of safeguarding work
- Understand your legal obligations with regard to the vetting and checking of potential candidates
- Learn best practice on dealing sensitively with allegations made against staff members

<http://www.capitaconferences.co.uk/OurConferences/Health/Safeguarding+Children.htm>

Information sharing: responsibilities of managers in Children's Trusts

17th November, Birmingham

18th November, Leeds

20th November, London

These events focus on how to achieve sustainable improvements in information sharing practice. The objectives include:

- raising awareness of roles and responsibilities of managers within Children's Trusts arrangements in embedding good practice in information sharing at the front-line

- Discussing the implications of the issues and recommendations on information sharing raised in Lord Laming's report
- Hearing about the latest information sharing products available from DCSF
- Sharing best practice and lessons learned

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

Community focused schools and services: improving learning and wellbeing for all –

ContinYou Cymru's 5th annual conference

17th November 2009 landrindod Wells £80

This conference will provide an opportunity to hear from, and engage with, a wide range of partners who are demonstrating how community focused schools and out-of-school-hours learning activities help improve learning and wellbeing for all.

Seminars will include:

- The wellbeing toolkit
- School-based counselling
- Emotionally healthy children and adults
- Supporting communities
- A 'safe place to be'
- Community cohesion and wellbeing

<http://www.childreninwales.org.uk/12088.html>

The Government's Response to Laming: Delivering Improvements at the Front Line

18th November 2009 (new date)

Westminster £225 - £395

Delegates will have the opportunity to consider the practical implications of the Laming Progress Report and the Government's response to it. Participants will engage with the panel and speakers throughout the day in sessions which will look at issues including:

- Key issues for LAs, the police, health & the voluntary sectors
- The findings of the Social Work Taskforce
- The LSCBs & Serious Case Reviews
- Funding: What is the cost? Who Pays?
- The role of schools & colleges in child protection
- The role of Children's Trust partners
- Initial training & continuing professional development
- Agreeing targets & inspecting outcomes
- Providing accessible referral systems

<http://www.westminster-briefing.com/?p=4131>

Community Care Live Children & Families 2009

18th November 2009 Islington, London

On this website you will find out everything you need to know about this event for social care professionals working with children and families:

- Network with hundreds of like-minded professionals working with children and families.

- Use the time spent during your visit to advance your professional development.
- Meet recruiters and discuss potential career opportunities.

Registration has started and attendance is free.

<http://www.blaxx.net/2009/cclcf09/reg/>

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

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/Events/2009/11/18/5469/cc-live-children-families.html>

Teamwork, teamwork, teamwork: Improving education for children in care

19th November 2009 London £129 - £199 + VAT

From September 2009 all schools have a statutory responsibility to have a designated teacher for looked after children to promote their educational achievement. The concept is not new and today, most schools have someone performing this role.

Designated teachers must be able to understand and help the school and others to understand the needs of the looked after child, the care system and the way it impacts on the child's education. They must also promote teamwork between social care and educational professionals to develop and implement the child's Personal Education Plan (PEP).

The conference will consider what works in improving the education of children in care. It will examine the designated teacher role and how social care and education professionals can work together effectively.

Aims:

- to understand and consider the needs of the looked after child within education
- to enable and promote teamwork in the network surrounding the child
- to consider what we can learn from practice to improve the education of children in care
- to manage and implement PEPs

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/res/training/index.shtml>

Child Exploitation: Offending trends and the legal landscape

19th November 2009 London £195

This conference will explore the policing and legal challenges in this disturbing area of criminal offending against children. Participants will:

- Gain greater understanding of the scale of CSA including progression into new continents and the scale of UK offending
- increase awareness of environments in which such abuse occurs and methods used by offenders to offend against children
- Understand contemporary trends in offending including sexting, social networking sites, and bullying
- Explore challenges in investigating and prosecuting such cases including weaknesses in UK law, prevention orders and regulating foreign offending
- Understand the victim impact of such abuse, particularly child trafficking.
- Explore practical approaches to the investigation and prosecution of CSA cases

<http://www.ceop.gov.uk/training/conferences/ceconference.asp>

From Child Abuse to Safeguarding - the Changing Face of Child Protection

20th November 2009 Cheshire

£85 - £130 + VAT

This conference has the following objectives:

- To consider what has improved, what has got worse, and what has stayed the same for Children at Risk and In Need;
- To provide a critical outline of the current Child Protection System;
- To look at what changes are in prospect; and
- To pose the question – overall, is the welfare of Children At Risk better or worse safeguarded in 2009 than it was in 1974?

http://www.togethertrust.org.uk/down_load/conference/DayConfNov09CHESHIRE.pdf

Extended services: Getting “hard to reach” schools on board

23rd November 2009 London

£150 - £250 +VAT

LAs have made rapid progress in rolling out extended services. By July 09 83% of schools were delivering the core offer of childcare, after-school activities, access to specialist services, parenting support and community access to facilities. But rolling out coverage to the remaining schools represents a significant challenge for LAs.

This seminar will therefore explore best practice in engaging senior leaders with the extended services agenda with an experienced, expert panel.

The seminar will cover:

- Understanding the school perspective
- The positive impact of extended services on hard-to-reach schools
- An overview of best practice in engaging hard-to-reach schools

<https://member.lgiu.org.uk/events/Pages/CSN231109.aspx>

Safeguarding Vulnerable Children

24th November 2009 London

£300 - £495 + VAT

Lord Laming set out a compelling analysis and a comprehensive set of recommendations to ensure best practice is universally applied in every area of the country, to strengthen national and local leadership and accountability, and to provide more support to local leaders and for the frontline workforce.

Topics to be discussed at this event include:

- Safeguarding vulnerable children: The Protection of Children in England: A Progress Report
- Improving safeguarding outcomes in partnership
- Training and educating frontline staff in safeguarding vulnerable children
- Decision making and thresholds for intervention
- Improving safeguarding practice: learning from Serious Case Reviews (SCRs)

- Measuring and monitoring key indicators to evaluate and improve outcomes and the quality of services designed to safeguard and promote the welfare of children

The conference closes with 2 feature case studies focusing on safeguarding vulnerable children with learning disabilities and safeguarding vulnerable children in hospitals.

<http://www.basw.co.uk/Default.aspx?tabid=60&page=3&eventID=822>

<http://www.healthcare-events.co.uk/conf/booking.php?action=home&id=362>

Meeting the Challenge of Kinship: Best Practice and Reform

24th November 2009 London

£199 - £399 + VAT (Some free places for Grandparents Plus Network Members)

This conference will answer the question of how to change practice towards a kinship orientation. It will facilitate professionals to develop the expertise they need, from support and safeguarding services through to strategies to maximise the likelihood of placing children with their own kinship network. We will hear from trailblazing LAs, practitioners and international experts who are informing best practice development and future strategy. The programme is designed to ensure good debate and exchange of ideas.

<http://carematterspartnership.co.uk/index.php/solutions/conferences->

[training/event/meeting-the-challenge-of-kinship-best-practice-and-reform](http://carematterspartnership.co.uk/index.php/solutions/conferences-training/event/meeting-the-challenge-of-kinship-best-practice-and-reform)

Children and the role of technology in sexualisation, addiction and bullying: a practical guide to protecting young people

25th November 2009 London £195

This conference aims to shed light into the world of young people and technology, the risks they face and how the child protection community can mitigate those risks and help young people to enjoy the virtual worlds safely.

Delegates will gain the following:

- an understanding into current trends of young people using the online gaming world;
- an insight into how, psychologically this type of technology is effecting young people;
- the implications this can have on a young person's behaviour and development;
- an insight into the patterns of behaviour of offenders using real case studies;
- an insight into young people's risk taking behaviour in the online environment;
- understanding of a range of issues concerning children and young people online and how cyberbullying and online abuse affects children;
- practical steps in how to protect the young people in your care; and
- explore improvements to work flows within your organisation and discuss with peers.

<http://www.ceop.gov.uk/training/conferences/ctsconference.asp>

Breaking the Cycle of Fear: Witchcraft, Juju and Safeguarding Victims of Human Trafficking"

25th November 2009 London £65

Traditional belief in witchcraft and juju is strong in Africa and traffickers use it to coerce and subjugate victims. Many are made to take oaths of allegiance, secrecy and confidentiality to bind them to their traffickers, ensure compliance and guarantee the

repayment of money claimed to be owed for the transport and upkeep of victims. Fear of Juju makes it difficult for agencies to support victims and authorities to investigate, prosecute and bring traffickers to justice.

Aims of the seminar:

- To explore the role of juju rituals in the growth of human trafficking, hindering victim support and prosecuting offenders
- To examine links between trafficking African Women and Children and use of Juju rituals as coercion and submission
- To explore how to empower victims of trafficking to overcome their fears of juju.

<http://www.afruca.org/documents/Child%20Trafficking%20Seminar%2025th%20November.pdf>

Ann Craft Trust Conference 2009 - Recent Initiatives: Enhanced Protection?

26th November 2009 Nottingham

£185 - £215

This conference will look at safeguarding disabled children and vulnerable adults. It will be of interest to professionals working with disabled children and vulnerable adults in the statutory, independent and voluntary sectors. Topics covered will include:

- The role of the ISA
- Disability Hate Crime
- Balancing independence and safeguarding
- Forced marriage of people with learning disabilities

http://www.anncrafttrust.org/forms/ACT_Conference_2009.doc

<http://www.anncrafttrust.org/>

http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/CPConferences/conferences_wda48701.html

Handled with Care? Learning from 20th and 21st Century care leavers about their care experiences

26th November 2009 York £95 - £145

The aims of this conference are:

- to be able to hear the experiences of post-care adults and recent care leavers
- to reflect on changes and progress made in services provided for people in care
- to consider past practice and how we can improve services now and in the future
- to debate how best to support children and young people in care today
- to contrast research from Australia and UK
- to explore best practice in helping post-care adults to access information

Speakers will discuss:

- 'Care and Prejudice' report
- 'What Makes a Difference?' a European funded project looking at improving outcomes for young people leaving care.
- Research where care leavers interviewed young people about 'what made the difference' whilst in care and leaving care.

- ‘Access to information for post-care adults: A guide for social workers and AROs’
http://www.baaf.org.uk/res/training/details/091126_york.doc

Delivering the behaviour challenge – how nurture groups can make a difference

30th November 2009 London

£150 - £250 +VAT

The Govt’s Behaviour Implementation Plan / Strategy expects more action from schools where pupils exhibit poor behaviour, urges LAs to make this a high priority, and targets some LAs to develop a local action plan.

Nurture groups is one way to address emotional problems that can lead to poor behaviour. The Ofsted report on exclusion of 4–7 year olds and Sir Alan Steer’s review of behaviour also recommend wider use of nurture groups.

This seminar will:

- show how nurturing principles and practice can form part of children and young people’s plans, including reducing offending and re-offending
- explain how to fund nurture groups, saving expenditure on providing withdrawal facilities for permanently excluded pupils
- help LAs develop action plans to improve behaviour
- assist heads, senior staff and governors to develop and improve their school’s plan.

<https://member.lgiu.org.uk/events/Pages/CSN301109.aspx>

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Policies for families..Challenges and Choices

30th November 2009 London

£162 - £325 + VAT

Family policy has seen a transformation in the 10 years since FPI was founded. There is a new understanding about the public impact of the relationships we have at home.

This conference will look at family policy now and into the future, with an emphasis on interventions and services proven to help families flourish.

This conference is for practitioners, policy makers, commissioners, academics and researchers from across the parenting and family support sector. If you work with families in youth justice, children's centres, young peoples' services, schools, primary healthcare, parenting support or clinical psychology then please come along.

<http://www.familyandparenting.org/conference2009>

Public Law Children - An Update

1st December 2009 £85

Butterworths in association with Harcourt Chambers is hosting a Public Child Law webinar, exploring the key decisions and developments of the last 12 months. This webinar represents an interactive and cost-effective way for you to update your knowledge regarding the practical implications of the latest changes affecting this fast evolving area of law.

Topics to be covered include:

- Interim removal
- The standard of proof
- The meaning of 'significant' harm
- The Experts' Practice Direction
- Disclosure of information relating to proceedings

The live broadcast of this webinar will enable you to ask questions to our eminent speaker faculty.

<http://www.conferencesandtraining.com/en/Browse-Events/Law/Webinar-Public-Law-Children-An-Update/>

Repositioning child protection: learning from good practice - the 16th national symposium on inter-agency training

1st -2nd December 2009 Leicester

£335 - £395

This symposium will empower inter-agency trainers to address the national CP agenda and share effective practice.

Objectives:

- provide an opportunity for people to reflect critically on the debate on child protection
- help delegates share and learn from examples of good practice
- reinvigorate trainers' confidence and enhance skills and knowledge.

The symposium is for those with direct responsibility for the provision of inter-agency safeguarding training, including:

- inter-agency training coordinators/managers
- members of LSCB training sub-groups
- members of inter-agency training pools

What can you expect?

- updates on research, policy and practice developments in the field
- keynote presentations that stimulate thinking and strengthen practice within inter-agency training
- workshops that explore core and innovative subjects in safeguarding training
- opportunities to network and share resources with others involved in inter-agency training and development.

http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/CPConferences/PIATSymposium_wda50415.html

http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/CPConferences/PIATSymposium_PDF_wdf68122.pdf

Children's Trusts, Local Safeguarding Children Boards and Serious Case Reviews: Next Steps

2nd December 2009 London £225

The Laming Progress Report and the government's response to it deal with issues concerning the relationship between the Children's Trust, the LSCB and the SCR process. Lord Laming's Report makes a number of recommendations to the DCSF, LAs and Ofsted about how, in each local authority, the Children's Trust, the LSCB and the SCR process must be changed to ensure that lessons are learned.

Delegates at this Westminster Briefing will have the opportunity to consider the implications of the recommendations in the progress report and the government's response.

Participants will engage with the panel looking at issues including:

- The relationship between the Children's Trust and the LSCB
- The relationship between the LSCB and the SCR process
- The new guidance from the DCSF on LSCBs and SCRs
- The recruitment and training of LSCB chairs & SCR chairs and authors
- The inspection of SCRs
- Learning the lessons from SCRs

<http://www.westminster-briefing.com/?p=5995>

Youth participation - growing up?

2nd December 2009 London

£150 - £250 +VAT

Youth participation has become increasingly important for local democracy and provision of local services. It is enshrined in the UNCRC, and is a cornerstone of children's services policy via the CA 2004 and ECM. We now have schemes such as UK Youth Parliament, Young Mayors and Young Inspectors, as well as participatory initiatives involving young people in the design and delivery of services, and sometimes with responsibility for spending public funds.

This represents real progress, but what does it mean in practice – for LAs and for young people? Who is selected? How are representatives selected? And what impact do they have? Research carried out by a 'Young Advocate' has reinforced some points made in earlier studies critically examining youth participation processes with a view to ensuring they are effective.

This seminar will consider representative and participatory models of democracy involving young people, LA practice, and how to assess effectiveness. There will be practical exercises, interactive sessions, opportunities for questions and more detailed discussion.

Youth participation - growing up?, will be launched at an informal reception and all delegates will receive a copy.

<https://member.lgiu.org.uk/events/Pages/CSN021209.aspx>

The Task Force And Beyond: Rising To The Challenges

Supporting social care professionals to enhance social work

3rd December 2009 London £199

This conference will take forward the findings of the Social Work Task Force and provide a proactive response to how its recommendations can be realised through best practice examples, with equal emphasis on the children and families and adults' sectors. Moira Gibb, Chair of the Task Force, will discuss the findings and stimulate debate with leading figures in the field.

The event is supported by the SWTF and is in partnership with ADASS and the ADCS.

Key topics will include:

- Government response: Where next for recommendations?
- Leadership, support and improving public perceptions of social work
- Balancing workloads with face-to-face client contact
- Working with I.T. (including ICS)
- Training/education, specialisation and career progression
- New worker roles and mobile-working

<http://www.conferencesandtraining.com/social-work-taskforce>

Five Years On - What's Changed for Children and Young People?

8th December 2009 London

£212.75 including VAT

This conference will help DCSs and senior managers meet statutory duties to listen to and involve children and young people and champion their interests. Reflecting on 5 years of the Children Act 2004, it will identify what has worked well and what still needs to be done to ensure that the views and opinions of children and young people help to shape and influence policy and practice. The conference will draw on examples of best practice from a range of LAs.

Interactive round table discussions will cover topics including:

- 11 Million: partnership working with LAs
- CAAs & LAAs – Involving C&YP
- The Play Agenda – the impact on LAs and how it is managed
- Apprentices – LA directives, young people and peer delivery
- Engaging young people in the assessing of service provision
- Children's Trusts and the G.O.S.E. Participation Pilot
- Participation – the cost benefit analysis
- Participation & Children's Rights
- Involving C&YP in education settings
- Changing Public Perceptions of Children & Young People
- Participatory Budgeting

<http://www.participationworks.org.uk/fiveyearson>

Prevention, Intervention and Support: Delivering a New Strategy for Children's Health

8th December 2009 London

£195 - £395 + VAT (Early Bird discount)

'Healthy lives, brighter futures' sets out what children and families can expect from child health services from birth to 19. Delegates will review the proposals and the future direction of children's healthcare provision, funding and delivery, taking into account recent developments and announcements.

Participants will consider key themes and the challenges for those working in service delivery. Topics include:

- Reviewing the plan and delivering the vision locally
- Health implications for children affected by poverty & social exclusion
- Implications for health professionals in primary and acute care & role of the GP
- Securing better health for children and young people through world class commissioning
- Involving health professionals in statutory Children's Trusts
- The role of health in early intervention & child protection
- Examining care & services from birth to 5
- Promoting healthy lifestyles and discouraging risky behaviour
- Mental health and behavioural issues in our children and young people
- Services for children with acute or additional health needs

<http://www.westminster-briefing.com/?p=6314>

Safeguarding London's Children conference

9th December 2009 Westminster £100 - £150

This is a conference for professionals, elected members and volunteers in all agencies who have specific responsibilities for safeguarding London's children, and supporting them and their families.

The conference aims to support better safeguarding of London's children by showcasing good practice and sharing resources, with a particular focus on the main challenges facing safeguarding professionals in a rapidly changing environment. Morning plenaries offer a detailed look at some of the latest national initiatives following Lord Laming's recent wide ranging review. In the afternoon, delegates will have an opportunity for discussion and debate with some of the key people responsible for leadership in London's local safeguarding partnerships, with senior representatives confirmed from GOL, the Metropolitan Police Service, NHS London, the London boroughs and the third sector.

<http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/>

http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/files/conference09/lscb_annual_conference_programme_2009.pdf

<http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/events/safeguarding.htm>

Reinventing Children's Social Services: What Will the Future Look Like?

10th December 2009 London

£225 + VAT

The death of Baby Peter focussed attention on child protection issues across the children's services sector but with a particular focus on the role of social services.

The Select Committee has called for radical changes to establish a new professionalism for social workers, and the Social Work Task Force in its interim report underlines the need for a new approach. This will have implications for local authority policy makers, senior practitioners and front line social workers.

Delegates at this Westminster Briefing will have the opportunity to consider the radical proposals which are intended to re-shape the social work profession and consider the implications for the future of children's social services and those working in it.

Participants will engage with the panel which will look at issues including:

- The status of social workers and how to improve it
- The potential impact of a 'Social Work Development Agency'
- The training, recruitment and retention of children's social workers
- The implications of rationalising the sector bodies
- The position of social workers in the wider children's workforce
- Establishing a new professional voice through a national college for social work
- The role of a chief social worker for children in each local authority

<http://www.westminster-briefing.com/?p=6097>

'New Challenges in Protecting Women and Children' - A day conference confronting Domestic Abuse & Violence, FGM, Forced or Arranged Marriage & Honour Based Violence.

11th December 2009 London £140 - £205

This important event will examine a range of contemporary issues in relation to Abuse and Violence against Women and Children. Presentations from leading experts will seek to inform the development of effective interventions and explore practice issues from political, legal and ideological perspectives.

Tel: 01904 613605

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Email: conferences@baspcan.org.uk

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

[http://www.baspcan.org.uk/files/December 11 Conference flier.doc](http://www.baspcan.org.uk/files/December%2011%20Conference%20flier.doc)

Is there a crisis in adoption and permanent post placement support? Lessons and learning from a one year project

19th January 2009 London

£129 - £149 + VAT

The provision of services to support families who have a child placed for adoption or in permanent alternative kinship or foster care has been recognised as crucial. It is a core part of the framework in the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

The part that CAMHS play in this framework is critical yet there has been uncertainty about the availability of CAMHS and its effectiveness and its relationship with those services provided by LAs and the voluntary sector.

The conference will explore:

- Range and nature of children's difficulties in the context of new family relationships
- Nature of the 'parenting' task in adoption and other forms of permanent family care
- Contribution that CAMHS make to providing support and the difficulties in providing an effective CAMH service
- Importance and development of comprehensive and effective assessment systems
- Development of effective multi-agency systems of intervention and support

http://www.baaf.org.uk/res/training/details/100119_conf.shtml

http://www.baaf.org.uk/res/training/details/100119_conf.doc

Empowering children and young people in a digital world: 2010 - Becta's 3rd biennial safeguarding conference

10th February 2010 Solihull

Becta has a recognised role in leading the online safeguarding agenda in schools and across children's services. As a result of the conferences in 06 and 08, it has:

- developed a range of tools and advice for schools and LSCBs
- created and developed a network of contacts within LAs and LSCBs
- organised events providing individual face-to-face support for this audience

The objectives of this event are to:

- review the progress and changes made
- understand and learn about new initiatives
- offer an opportunity to discuss with contemporaries, share concerns, issues and best practice
- provide support for the European [Insafe Safer Internet Day](#)
- showcase the latest e-safety-related resources, products and services
- identify ongoing barriers and issues which still need to be addressed

Attendance will, firstly, be limited to an invited audience of the nominated LSCB e-safety strategic lead and strategic ICT lead within each LA. Unconfirmed places will be available from 1 December.

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<http://events.becta.org.uk/display.cfm?resID=40377&page=1619>

Violence against Women and Girls

23rd February 2010 London

£219 - £345 + VAT

The HO is yet to publish its response to a consultation on the government's proposed Violence Against Women Strategy, but it is understood the strategy will set out what more can be done to:

- prevent violence against women and girls in the first place

- ensure that the specialist (and often voluntarily provided) services victims rely on are funded and strengthened
- ensure victims get better treatment from the criminal justice system

This conference will provide opportunity to about the main objectives of the Strategy, and the key support role for LAs which includes:

- Identifying the scale of violence against women in an area and using that to plan appropriate provision;
- Providing services to address sexual violence, domestic violence and stalking;
- What to look for as indicators of the need to provide services to tackle issues like the trafficking of women, honour-based violence and forced marriages, and how to reduce their incidences;
- Using the commissioning process to strengthen local voluntary sector providers of specialists services to victims; and
- Possible standards for bodies providing violence against women services.

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/events/display-event.do?id=5104956>

Staying Safe – Risk and vulnerability

4th March 2010

Walshford, Near Wetherby

£75 - £100

This conference 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

Topics include:

- Risk Assessment in relation to Domestic Abuse
- Risk of Sexually Harmful Behaviour
- Vulnerability due to Disability
- Vulnerability due to Human Trafficking
- Vulnerability due to Race

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<http://www.cape.org.uk/events.php>

http://www.cape.org.uk/files/dat_events_file_1-2.pdf

http://www.cape.org.uk/files/dat_events_file_2-2.doc