

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN  
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1<sup>st</sup> June 2009**

**Child Safety Week: Safer Together  
22-28 June 2009**

Child Safety Week is a chance to focus on child accident prevention, kick-start local partnerships and generate year-round activities. This year's theme reflects the different backgrounds and skills that are needed if we are going to make our homes, roads and environment 'safer together'.

To encourage those in your local network to get involved, you could:

- Promote the Week to email contacts and encourage them to sign up for their free Child Safety Week resource pack
- Order bulk copies of the resource pack, booklet or poster to distribute through your local network – you just pay for carriage
- Provide a link to the CAPT microsite on your organisation's website or intranet
- Promote the Week in your local email bulletin or newsletter – encouraging readers to sign up for a free pack and visit our new microsite. Contact the Campaigns Manager for text, artwork or quotes.
- Put it on the agenda of your next meeting with colleagues.

<http://www.childsafetyweek.org.uk/child-safety-week/>

**New CAPT safety advice leaflets**

The Child Accident Prevention Trust has produced two new leaflets aimed at providing safety advice for parents and carers about 5 – 7 year olds and 7 – 11 year olds.

<http://www.capt.org.uk/>

<http://www.capt.org.uk/pdfs/sample%205-7.pdf>

<http://www.capt.org.uk/pdfs/sample%207-11.pdf>

**Training Course on "Child accident prevention and risk management"**

11 June 2008	Newcastle
18 June	London
30 June	Huddersfield
22 September	London
13 October	Bristol
13 October	Manchester
3 November	Birmingham
10 November	London

£95 plus VAT

Each year, 2m children are taken to hospital as a result of accidents. This 1 one-day course will provide:

- insight into the causes and effects of childhood accidents
- knowledge of good practice in accident prevention and risk management
- an understanding of the links between child development and accidents
- examples of good practice
- practical advice on accident prevention

It is designed for people who work directly with families, including Children's Centre employees, health visitors and parenting and family support workers

It can also contribute to professional development for anyone with childcare responsibilities, especially those who have a responsibility for managing child safety in their setting.

<http://www.capt.org.uk/training/default.htm>

### **Improving road safety for pedestrians and cyclists in Great Britain (08/05/09)**

In 2007, 2,946 people were killed on GB's roads, 18% less than the average number of deaths between 1994 and 1998. Pedestrians and cyclists are among the most vulnerable road users, having little or no physical protection and with a higher rate of fatality per distance travelled than for any other mode of transport except for motorcyclists.

Against the average number of deaths and serious injuries for 1994 to 1998, the DfT's strategy is to reduce by 2010 the number of people killed and seriously injured by 40%; the number of children killed and seriously injured by 50%; and the rate of slight injuries per 100 million vehicle kilometres by 10%.

Improving child safety on the roads is a key strand of the Government's Public Service Agreement to improve the safety of children and young people, who are more dependent than adults on walking and cycling.

[http://www.nao.org.uk/publications/0809/improving\\_road\\_safety\\_for\\_ped.aspx](http://www.nao.org.uk/publications/0809/improving_road_safety_for_ped.aspx)

### **Road Safety Education Website**

The Department for Transport has launched a road safety education website to spread messages to younger children. For teachers in early years and primary schools, there are:

- teaching ideas
- resource lists
- curriculum links
- guidance on delivering road safety education in your setting

For children, there's a range of online activities. And for parents, there's advice on how to help children learn about road safety and home-link sheets to consolidate what's been learnt at school.

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/think/education/early-years-and-primary/>

### **Tales of the Road**

The DfT has also launched a Tales of the Road website for 6-11 year-olds that will help children to understand:

- the consequences of crossing a road without stopping, looking and listening
- why it's so important to find a safe place to cross and to wear bright or reflective clothes to help drivers see them
- how wearing a helmet will protect their head if they fall off their bike.

There's a competition for children to enter – with a bike for the best poem each month – games to play and an activity pack to print out. Plus, parents and carers can download a free *Road Safety Matters* guide.

<http://talesoftheroad.direct.gov.uk/>

### **A Child Safety Strategy for Wales**

Children in Wales is working to develop a Child Safety Strategy that will aim to:

- Improve the health and well-being of children in Wales
- Prevent or reduce the severity of avoidable injuries
- Reduce health inequalities across Wales
- Underpin and present approaches to support policies to achieve the stated injury and death reduction targets
- Promote the geographical equity for accident prevention
- Identify evidence based good practice interventions
- Coordinate accident and unintentional injury preventions across Wales

A steering group will provide advice and guidance on developing and effectively implementing the Strategy.

<http://www.childreninwales.org.uk/areasofwork/childsafety/childsafetactionplan/index.html>

<http://www.childreninwales.org.uk/10101.file.dld>

### **Arsenic in rice research (21/05/09)**

The Department of Health advises that all toddlers and young children should avoid the consumption of rice drinks in order to minimise their exposure to inorganic arsenic. This follows research published by the Food Standards Agency on the arsenic levels in rice drinks and on cooking methods to reduce arsenic levels in rice.

The FSA recommends that toddlers and young children between 1 and 4.5 years old should not have rice drinks as a replacement for cows' milk, breast milk, or infant formula. This is because they will then drink a relatively large amount of it, and their intake of arsenic will be greater than that of older children and adults relative to their bodyweight.

There is no immediate risk to children who have been consuming rice drinks and it is unlikely that there would have been any long-term harmful effects but to reduce further exposure to arsenic parents should stop giving these drinks to toddlers and young children.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Children/Maternity/Maternalandinfantnutrition/DH\\_099852](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Children/Maternity/Maternalandinfantnutrition/DH_099852)

[arsenic\\_enquiries@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:arsenic_enquiries@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk)  
<http://www.food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/2009/may/arsenicinriceresearch>

### **Updated National Specification for Substance Misuse published**

This document sets out the the YJB's expectations for the delivery of substance misuse interventions to young people in custody. (This supercedes the 2004 edition of the same title).

<http://www.yjb.gov.uk/publications/Scripts/p rodView.asp?idproduct=443&eP>

<http://www.yjb.gov.uk/en-gb/practitioners/Health/SubstanceMisuse/>

### **Referral Orders (May 2009)**

This guidance provides updated information to YOTs, community panel members and court staff on new provisions on referral orders that came into force in April 2009. It outlines how the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 gives more flexibility and allows wider use of referral orders through:

- a discretionary power to impose a referral order on young offenders convicted for the second time of an offence and who plead guilty, where they had not previously had a referral order
- a power to extend or revoke a referral order by up to three months in the interests of justice
- a discretionary power to make a second referral order on the recommendation of a youth offending team in exceptional circumstances.

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/latest-updates/referral-orders.htm>

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/about/docs/referral-order-guidance.pdf>

### **Responses to Ofsted's consultation on proposed changes to FE and Skills Inspections: an evaluation report (20/05/09)**

This evaluation report summarises the responses to Ofsted's consultation on proposals for college, work-based learning and nextstep inspections from September 2009.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Consultations/Responses-to-Ofsted-s-consultation-on-proposed-changes-to-further-education-and-skills-inspections-an-evaluation-report>

### **Ofsted News – May 2009 edition**

<http://ofstednews.ofsted.gov.uk/>

**Preventing Violent Extremism: Challenge and Innovation Fund guidance (29/05/09)**

This document provides guidance to LAs on the Prevent Challenge and Innovation Fund (CIF). The CIF, which is available to all LAs in England, is a fund of £3.2m set up to support the work of LAs in preventing violent extremism.

The deadline for applications is 26 June 2009. However, bids in relation to local forums will be considered on a case by case basis during the course of 2009–10.

Projects must support at least one of a specified number of areas, and these include 'Strengthening mainstream voices, particularly women and young people'

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/challengeinnovationfund>

**Reoffending of Juveniles (21/05/09)**

The latest National Statistics on the reoffending of juveniles released from custody or commencing out-of-court or non-custodial court disposals in England and Wales in the first quarter of a particular year.

The statistics are released by the Ministry of Justice and produced in accordance with arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority. The data relate to reoffending in a one-year follow up period where the re-offence results in a conviction or out-of-court disposal. The releases also measure progress on government targets to reduce reoffending.

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/reoffendingjuveniles.htm>

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/newsrelease210509a.htm>

**CEOP Annual Review (20/05/09)**

CEOPs annual review shows that:

- 346 children have been safeguarded in the last 3 years
- 139 were safeguarded in the last 12 months
- Over 700 suspected offenders have been arrested since its launch in April 2006
- 334 suspected offenders were arrested in the last year
- 166 offender networks have been dismantled or disrupted since CEOP launched, 82 in the last year
- Over 4m UK school children have seen the Thinkuknow education programme about online safety
- in 2008, the most significant trend affecting CSA online was that of convergence such as social networking sites with instant messaging and photo and video sharing.
- in 2009 hardware is following the same route, with people increasingly accessing the internet from a range of devices including computers, games consoles and phones.

CEOP also reports that:

- of 5,686 reports in the past 12 months, on average 4 a day still require immediate action as a result of a child being at risk;
- grooming is the number one offence reported to CEOP, with a fast-growing trend in exploiting children through vast, integrated social networking sites;
- 73% of missing and high risk offenders referred to the CEOP Centre during the past year had either travelled or were located overseas;
- offenders are increasingly using peer-to-peer networks and newsgroups rather than commercial pay-per-view sites in order to share images of sexual abuse.

[http://www.ceop.gov.uk/mediacentre/pressreleases/2009/ceop\\_20052009.asp](http://www.ceop.gov.uk/mediacentre/pressreleases/2009/ceop_20052009.asp)

<http://www.ceop.gov.uk/publications/>

### **Baby Peter Serious Case Review**

(22/05/09)

Haringey LSCB has published the executive summary of the second Baby Peter SCR, Ofsted having evaluated the first review as “inadequate”. The second SCR says

- the actions of the protecting professions were lacking in urgency, lacking in thoroughness and insufficiently challenging to the child’s mother
- staff adopted a threshold of concern for taking children into care that was too high and had expectations of what they themselves could achieve that were too low
- if doctors, lawyers, police officers and social workers had adopted a more urgent, thorough and challenging approach the case would have been stopped in its tracks at the first serious incident
- every member of staff in every agency involved with Baby Peter was appropriately qualified, well motivated and wanted to do their best to safeguard him

[http://www.haringeylscb.org/index/news/baby\\_peter\\_scr.htm](http://www.haringeylscb.org/index/news/baby_peter_scr.htm)

[http://www.haringeylscb.org/executive\\_summary\\_peter\\_final.pdf](http://www.haringeylscb.org/executive_summary_peter_final.pdf)

### **Report on NHS care of Baby P (13/05/09)**

This new report highlights failings in the trusts that provided NHS care. They have taken measures to improve child protection procedures, but more needs to be done to:

- ensure sufficient staffing levels
- improve attendance of healthcare staff at child protection case conferences
- address communication problems when making referrals

A second report this summer will look at safeguarding arrangements across the NHS.

[http://www.cqc.org.uk/newsandevents/newstories.cfm?cit\\_id=34877&FAArea1=customWidgets.content\\_view\\_1&usecache=false](http://www.cqc.org.uk/newsandevents/newstories.cfm?cit_id=34877&FAArea1=customWidgets.content_view_1&usecache=false)  
[http://www.cqc.org.uk/db/documents/Baby\\_Peter\\_report\\_FINAL\\_12\\_May\\_09\\_\(2\).pdf](http://www.cqc.org.uk/db/documents/Baby_Peter_report_FINAL_12_May_09_(2).pdf)

### **Child protection - a tool kit for doctors**

(06/05/09)

The aim of this tool kit is to provide a brief and accessible guide to doctors' responsibilities in child protection cases in England and Wales.

It does not aim to be comprehensive, rather to act as a prompt for doctors where they believe that a child may be at risk of neglect or abuse. Although all health professionals have a role to play in promoting the wellbeing of children, the focus of this tool kit is on safeguarding, particularly in relation to children who are at risk of significant harm.

It is designed more for a general audience of health professionals than those with specific management responsibilities or child protection expertise.

This tool kit contains a series of separate cards that highlight different aspects of the child protection process such as basic principles, definitions of abuse and neglect, responding to initial concerns and participation in statutory child protection procedures.

<http://www.bma.org.uk/ethics/childprotectiontoolkit.jsp?page=1>

### **C4EO Themes (21/05/09)**

C4EO has announced the priorities for its Schools and Communities, and Youth themes through which the Centre will collect and share 'what works' evidence with the children's sector.

The Schools and Communities theme priorities will be:

- Narrowing the gap in educational achievement and improving emotional resilience (social skills and self-esteem) for children and young people with additional needs.
- All children and young people making sustained progress and remaining fully engaged through all transitions between key stages and services, 11-19 years (25 for care leavers).
- Strengthening family well-being and community cohesion through the role of schools and extended services.

The Youth theme priorities will be:

- Increasing the engagement of young people in positive activities so as to achieve the ECM outcomes (and contribute to the achievement of Youth PSA 14).
- Delivering better outcomes for young people by increasing the impact of targeted youth support and development.
- Children and young people making healthy lifestyle choices by reducing their alcohol consumption and so improve their health, safety and well-being.

<http://www.c4eo.org.uk/news/files/mediareleases/release210509.pdf>

### **CEMACH Becomes CMACE**

CEMACH will become an independent charity on 1 July 2009 with the new name "Centre for Maternal and Child Enquiries"(CMACE).



CMACE will continue to be committed to work for mothers and babies but also aims to develop and expand its work on child health. The organisation has also broadened its range of activities beyond its core national confidential enquiry activity. Local review, clinical audits and research collaborations represent increasingly important parts of its work. These all support its wider mission to improve the health of mothers, babies and children.

CEMACH has worked closely with a wide range of clinicians, including midwives, paediatricians, obstetricians and, increasingly, general practitioners in carrying out its reviews. It is committed to continuing and further strengthening these relationships once it becomes CMACE. Links with the RCOG as the legal host have been particularly strong. Although CMACE will not be part of the RCOG in the same way as CEMACH, both parties are committed to retaining close ties in the future.

<http://www.cemach.org.uk/>

### **New Medicines for Children Information Leaflets (21/05/09)**

The RCPCH has launched new information leaflets as part of an ongoing project to provide appropriate and accurate information about dosages, side-effects and general advice to those giving medicines to infants, children and young people in their care.

Some leaflets on conditions such as pain and epilepsy have also been produced. There are currently leaflets for 25 medicines, including medicines for pain and medicines used most frequently in children with epilepsy.

<http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/Media/News>  
[http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/doc.aspx?id\\_Resource=4681](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/doc.aspx?id_Resource=4681)  
<http://www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/>

**Transport Guidance: supporting access to positive activities**

The Aiming High Transport guidance is the result of collaborative work between the DCSF, the DT, the NYA and stakeholders from LAs and the third sector.

It is aimed primarily at Children's Trusts and transport planners (although it will be a useful tool for a range of decision makers and providers at local level) to help them address barriers to participation in positive activities by coherent planning of transport and service provision.

This guidance showcases a range of innovative solutions developed by LAs and their partners from around the country and highlights potential linkages with emerging policies, with a transport focus. To deliver against the requirements of existing and new policies these have found it useful to address the needs of young people in a holistic way.

A central theme of the examples featured in the guidance is the involvement of young people working with their LAs to develop local solutions to transport as a barrier.

<http://www.nya.org.uk/information/100582/141457/transport/>

<http://www.nya.org.uk/files/141456/FileName/8259-DCSF-TransportGuidance.pdf>

## News Articles

### **Councils have a duty of care to youngsters** (27/05/09)

Vulnerable young people will be entitled to accommodation until they are 18 and support until the age of 21, or 24 if they remain in education, after a landmark ruling last week by the law lords.

Solicitors successfully argued that Southwark children's services had failed in its duty of care towards a 17-year-old young man under the terms of the 1989 Children Act. The teenager had been evicted from his mother's home and was effectively homeless, sofa surfing and sleeping in cars. As a result, he was unable to continue his education.

The inner London council did refer him to its housing department, which provided emergency B&B accommodation. This was deemed insufficient. As a result of the House of Lords judgment, the teenager is entitled to a full assessment of his needs, which will produce a support plan continuing until he is at least 21. It will assist him with finance, education, employment, health and the other skills to help him live independently, in addition to suitable housing.

Councils will now have to review their support to thousands of young people. In 2007/08, more than 4,000 people aged 16 and 17 were found somewhere to live under the Housing Act, often in unsuitable hostels and B&Bs, where there is no supervision at night, and children report having found needles in bathrooms and being attacked.  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/may/27/homeless-young-people>  
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld/200809/ldjudgmt/jd090520/appg-1.htm>

### **Autism affects 1 in 100 5-9 yr olds** (29/05/09)

This is the finding of research by Cambridge University due to be published in the *British Journal of Psychiatry*. The research used 3 different methods to estimate the prevalence of autism-spectrum conditions (including previously undiagnosed cases). It included a survey of cases of autism and Asperger syndrome using the SEN registers in schools, a survey of thousands of parents in the Cambridgeshire region and screening tests.  
<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/bulletins/Daily-Bulletin/news/908840/?DCMP=EMC-DailyBulletin>

### **Knives 'arms race' warning** (02/06/09)

The Home Affairs Committee said knife carrying was driven by teenagers lacking faith in police and parents. It said knife crime plans should target complex root causes in deprived inner cities. It also called on the govt to ban violent video games from secure units and young offender institutions.

Fatal stabbings comprise a tiny minority of all knife offences and over the last decade they have accounted for roughly a third of all homicides. But there was a significant rise in deaths in 2007 and 2008 - leading to more high profile media reporting of knife crime.

The Committee said that the vast majority of those who were carrying a weapon were doing so for their own protection. In some deprived areas knife carrying was almost becoming normal, said the report.  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/-/1/hi/uk/8078066.stm>  
<http://www.parliament.uk/homeaffairscom/>

## Consultations

### **A Safer Way: Consultation on Making Britain's Roads the Safest in the World**

The Department for Transport is asking for views on how to improve road safety in Great Britain.

“Protecting children, especially in deprived areas, and young people” is one of the key challenges identified in the consultation document. Encouraging local councils to introduce more 20mph zones in residential areas is one of the suggestions under discussion and one the DfT encourages.

Many drivers still break the speed limit. If hit by a car travelling at 40mph, 80 out of 100 child pedestrians will die - If hit by a car travelling at 30mph, 80 out of 100 will survive - This rises to 95 out of 100 at 20mph.

Closing Date: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roadsafety/roadsafetyconsultation/>

### **London thresholds guide - consultation**

This draft document is the result of work carried out by the London SCB back in late 2007 / early 2008 to produce a guide to help explain children's social care's application of thresholds to referrals made to its service. This was put on hold when work began on producing a CAF Protocol for London, but as that project nears completion a number of requests have been received to make the original guide available for LAs to use if they wish.

Closing Date: Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>

<http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/>  
[http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/files/meetings/thresholds/london\\_thresholds\\_draft\\_may\\_2009.doc](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/files/meetings/thresholds/london_thresholds_draft_may_2009.doc)

### **Inquiry into the placement of children into care in Wales (27/05/09 W)**

The National Assembly for Wales is calling for evidence for its inquiry on the placement of children into care in Wales.

The terms of reference are to inquire into the effectiveness of systems for placing children and young people in foster care, including:

- The process of planning, identifying and reviewing individual foster placements and accountability for the management of placements and the wellbeing of looked after children.
- The operation of the commissioning system for placing children with fostering agencies and its impact on the choice of placements and on the sharing of information about looked after children.
- The involvement of children and young people in decisions about their placements.
- The effectiveness of the Children's Commissioning Support Resource and the systems for sharing information between agencies
- The provision of timely and relevant information to foster carers and foster agencies on the background and history of the child or young person being placed and the reasons for the placement.
- The sharing of information on looked after children that is personal, confidential or that may be unsubstantiated or unproven
- The placement of disabled children, those from BME families and unaccompanied asylum seeking children
- The effectiveness of Welsh Assembly Government policy and guidance on the placement of looked after children with foster carers

Closing Date: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009

<http://www.childreninwales.org.uk/policy/consultations/consultations/11708.html>

## Consultations (continued)

**Preventing children's unintentional injuries outside the home: consultation on the draft scope (28/05/09)**

NICE is developing public health intervention guidance preventing unintentional injuries outside the home among children and young people aged under 15.

All registered stakeholders are invited to comment on the draft scope.

Closing Date: 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?action=folder&o=44329>

## Conferences

### **Bridging the Gap - Addressing the needs of children and young people from a patient safety perspective**

17<sup>th</sup> June 2008 London

Children and young people have different patient safety needs to adults. This one day conference is a chance to look at where and why they come to harm as patients, what we can do to keep them safer and how children's services can work together to give them the best possible care.

Discussions, workshops and presentations will include:

- Evaluating the use of care bundles in promoting safer neonatal practice
- Recognising serious illness in children
- Using an early warning system to help recognise deterioration.
- Patient safety issues for children with disabilities
- Engaging with primary care to improve incident reporting
- Providing safe and appropriate care for young people admitted to adult mental health wards
- Using patient held records for children with complex healthcare needs
- The impact of service reconfiguration and workforce planning on health service delivery for children.

The day is aimed at all healthcare staff who work with children and young people.

<http://www.npsa.nhs.uk/corporate/events/bridging-the-gap-addressing-the-needs-of-children-and-young-people-from-a-patient-safety-perspective/>

### **Social Work: Finding A Voice**

4<sup>th</sup> July 2009 London Metropolitan University £10 - £25

The London Social Work Action Network (SWAN) is hosting a regional social work conference to provide a forum for discussion and debate on issues facing social work.

The focus of this conference is to provide an opportunity for social workers, students and educators in London to restore confidence and re establish the profession in the face of cumulative obstacles. Service users are also invited to attend.

Booking deadline: Friday 19th June 2009

Tel: Suzanne Cooper on 020 7133 5242

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<http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/depts/dass/events/swan-conference.cfm>

[www.socialworkfuture.org/](http://www.socialworkfuture.org/)

### **ADCS Annual Conference**

8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009 Manchester

Lord Laming's recommendations are wide-reaching and represent a significant challenge to central and local government and to local strategic partner agencies. His recommendations, together with transfer of funding and responsibility for 16-19 learning provision, the impact of economic recession on services and the development of a Leadership Programme for DCSs mean that 2009/10 could be the most challenging, and exciting year yet for LA children's services.

This conference will examine a range of these issues with contributions from DCSF, ADCS, SOLACE, CIPFA and LGA.

The conference is open to ADCS members only.

<http://www.adcs.org.uk/AC09/index.htm>

## Conferences (continued)

### **Breaking the wall of silence - Practitioner's responses to trafficked children and young people**

17<sup>th</sup> June 2009 London £150

This conference will launch findings from research into practitioner's responses to trafficked children and young people. The research argues that trafficking is a process, not a one off event. It is often hidden behind a wall of silence with children and young people on one side, afraid or unable to talk, and practitioners on the other, finding it hard to identify the child or young person, respond to their needs or prosecute abusers. It gives insight into the different ways that practitioners have worked with, and sometimes overcome, these problems whilst maintaining the child's best interest in mind.

[http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/CPConferences/Breaking\\_wda64158.htm](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/CPConferences/Breaking_wda64158.htm)

[http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/CPConferences/BreakingPDF\\_wdf64156.pdf](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/CPConferences/BreakingPDF_wdf64156.pdf)

### **How do we identify non-accidental head and spinal injuries in children?**

25<sup>th</sup> June 2009 London £115

This conference will share the findings from the work of the Welsh Child Protection Systematic Review Group.

The conference aims to help professionals to identify children who are at risk or who have sustained non-accidental head or spinal injury. The conference will include interactive vignettes played out by actors, to present some of the dilemmas of assessing nonaccidental head and spinal injury.

[http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/CPConferences/HeadAndSpinalInjuries\\_wda64207.html](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/CPConferences/HeadAndSpinalInjuries_wda64207.html)

### **New CEMACH Interactive Workshops**

15<sup>th</sup> July 2009 Cambridge

E-mail: [carol.hay@cemach.org.uk](mailto:carol.hay@cemach.org.uk)

Tel. 01223 330356

1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 Sheffield

E-mail: [clare.wade@cemach.org.uk](mailto:clare.wade@cemach.org.uk)

Tel. 0114 292 2491

£125 + VAT

Following the launch of *Why Children Die: A pilot study* in May 2007, a programme of 1 day interactive workshops has been launched for professionals with responsibility for the care of children, to consider health outcomes including issues relevant to safeguarding.

The workshops are open to 45 participants and are facilitated by experienced practitioners. They begin with presentations that provide an overview of the *Why Children Die* report, the clinical findings of the study and how this work relates to *Working Together to Safeguard Children*.

Participants then go to multi disciplinary breakout groups where they review anonymised case studies taken from the *Why Children Die* enquiry. Guided by key questions, participants are asked to assess the possible implications for clinical and/or safeguarding practice in their areas. There is an opportunity for delegates to consider the recommendations made in the report and share examples of good practice.

The day culminates in a feedback session. Following the workshop an anonymised report on the day's conclusions will be provided to all delegates.

<http://www.cemach.org.uk/>

## Conferences (continued)

### **Children's social services in the spotlight - where to?**

15<sup>th</sup> September 2009 London  
£219 - £345 + VAT

The safety and protection of children is never far from the minds of those leading local services, in councils as well as police and health. Much has been said about organisational structures and accountability lines since the death of Baby Peter became public. But, Lord Laming's report, the DCSF Action Plan and, in due course, the final report of the Social Work Task Force and conclusions of a Select Committee Inquiry in social work, all talk of a shared ambition; how can we support the people at the front line to provide the best protection of child and make communities safe places for children to live and thrive.

This conference will explore developments in safeguarding and children's social work, looking at the challenges, the responses and where we go now to make it a profession that is respected and which attracts the brightest and best to do this invaluable work. It will look at ways in which local government can continue to effectively deliver the service jointly with the NHS and the Police as well as the role of the Lead Member.

The conference will also hear from Media experts as to how LAs can increase confidence in social services and how to deal with the press when under the spotlight.

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/events/display-event.do?id=1911719>

### **2nd Injury Prevention Conference for the UK and Ireland**

24th and 25th September 2009 Cardiff  
£150 for both days £90 for 1 day (Some subsidised places available)

This 2-day conference will focus on the prevention of injuries to children and young adults including those from accidents, violence and self harm. It will highlight evidence of good practice and successful implementation of programmes, and will focus on how the knowledge, policy or intervention in the presentation is, or will be useful for injury prevention practitioners and policy makers.

The event will be of interest to injury prevention practitioners, researchers, policy makers, public health practitioners and voluntary organisations. It will provide an opportunity for people from a mix of disciplines, to come together and share evidence of current and future challenges and impact of injuries in today's society. There will be sessions on topics including evaluation of local initiatives, prevention of home and road injuries, prevention of self harm and violence, injury data and research methods and how to engage policy makers.  
[http://www.injuryobservatory.net/2nd\\_injury\\_conference.html](http://www.injuryobservatory.net/2nd_injury_conference.html)

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