



**The annual conference of the
LONDON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD**

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Monday 5th December 2011

**Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre
Broad Sanctuary, Westminster
London, SW1P 3EE**

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**SAFEGUARDING
LONDON'S CHILDREN
CONFERENCE 2011**

09:30 – 16:30

This year's conference will be followed by the
ceremony for the inaugural...

**LONDON SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN AWARDS 2011**

17:00 – 18:00

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**£150 (+ VAT)
including lunch, refreshments and entry to BOTH events**

**£100 (+ VAT)
for voluntary organisations only**

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Deadline for bookings: Wednesday 30th November 2011

Safeguarding London's Children Conference 2011

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.

The morning will begin with a Ministerial address on government plans for safeguarding children in light of the Munro Review of Child Protection, and an update from Barnardo's on their ongoing work to tackle child sexual exploitation in London. This will be followed with a chance for delegates to hear from the NHS Confederation on the opportunities and challenges arising from the wide ranging reforms to the health service, and the morning will conclude with the launch of new tools and guidance to help safeguard children in minority ethnic families, groups and communities – with the final word coming from Merton's team of young advisers.

The afternoon will be dedicated to a series of interactive workshop sessions that will look in depth at some of the issues raised during the morning plenaries, highlighting the innovative practice already underway in London on issues such as safeguarding across cultural divides, ensuring strong child protection arrangements in health services and building strong multi-agency information sharing arrangements.

London Safeguarding Children Awards 2011

The conference will be followed by the ceremony for the inaugural London Safeguarding Children Award, the first ever multi-agency award for best practice in the capital. Judged by a panel of experts including Professor Eileen Munro, Julie Jones CBE (Chief Executive of the Social Care Institute for Excellence), Cheryl Coppell (Chair of the London SCB) and Kay Bell (London Regional Safeguarding Adviser), the award aims to highlight the excellent work that takes place in local practice every day.

The London SCB has now completed the short listing for the Award, and have whittled the entries down to four contenders for the main prize - a pilot initiative to tackle parental substance misuse through care proceedings, an early intervention domestic violence project, an innovative approach to improving joint working between children's social care and adult mental health services and a multi-parenting group approach to preventing family breakdown due to violence.

The judges were keen to ensure that shortlisted entries demonstrated strong evidence of improved outcomes for children and young people, but number of submission also demonstrated innovative practice yet to be fully evaluated but already demonstrating strong potential to make a real difference locally.

Four of these entries have been shortlisted for an additional "Emerging Practice" award, and include innovative approaches to stronger engagement with local community and faith groups, a project to improve child safeguarding in adult mental health services and an excellent example of youth involvement in the work of an LSCB.

- 8.45 **Coffee and registration**
- 9.30 **Welcome and introduction**
Cllr Steve Reed (*Executive Member for Children's Services, London Councils & Leader, Lambeth Council*)
- 9.40 **Ministerial address - safeguarding children after the Munro Review (invited)**
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- 10.20 **Cutting children free from sexual exploitation – a local and national concern**
Anne Marie Carrie (*Chief Executive, Barnardo's*)
- 11.10 Tea / coffee**
- 11.25 **Introduction to second plenary session**
Cheryl Coppel (*Chair, London Safeguarding Children Board*)
- 11.30 **Keeping it together; the impact of the government reforms on safeguarding children**
Jo Webber (*Director, Ambulance Services Network and Deputy Policy Director, NHS Confederation*)
- 12.10 **Safeguarding children across culture and faith: new tools for London practitioners**
Andrew Fraser (*Chair, London SCB Culture & Faith subgroup and Director of Children's Services, Enfield Council*)
- 12.30 **Faith, culture and safeguarding: young people's perspectives**
Merton Young Advisers
- 13.00 Lunch**
- 14.00 **Seminars - first seminar choice (see overleaf for details)**
1. **The SCIE 'systems' model for case reviews and SCRs: findings and reflections from the London pilots**
 2. **Implementing Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hubs in London**
 3. **NHS Reform: The challenges and opportunities for safeguarding children in London's health services**
 4. **The Metropolitan Police perspective on child trafficking and faith related child abuse**
 5. **Out of Mind, Out of Sight: Breaking down the barriers to understanding sexual exploitation**
 - 6a. **Engaging young people in the work of the LSCB (14.00-15.00 only)**
 - 6b. **Safeguarding children across cultural divides (15.30-16.30 only)**
- 15.00 Tea / coffee**
- 15.30 **Seminars - second seminar choice (see above)**
- 16.30 Conference close**
- 17.00 London Safeguarding Children Awards**
- 18.00 Close**

1. The SCIE 'systems' model for case reviews and SCRs: findings and reflections from the London pilots

Dr Sheila Fish (*Senior Research Analyst, Social Care Institute for Excellence*)

Kay Bell (*London Regional Safeguarding Adviser*)

Sally Trench (*Independent Chair, Barnet SCR subgroup*) – morning session

Helen Elliott (*Barnet LSCB Development Manager*) – afternoon session

Eileen Munro's final report to the Government published in June 2011 recommends an alternative method such as the SCIE model to conducting serious case reviews and since early 2011, the London Safeguarding Children Board has supported seven LSCB's to work with SCIE to pilot it's Learning Together system of case reviews.

Today's seminar will give participants an opportunity to briefly explore the SCIE model as an alternative framework for reviewing serious cases. The emphasis on a systemic approach to understanding how failures can occur provides a fresh perspective in examining the extent to which the local multi-agency safeguarding system is robust. This seminar will be led by experienced professionals from the Barnet SCB Review Team, which has first hand experience of piloting the approach.

2. Implementing Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hubs in London

Kathy Bundred (*London Regional Safeguarding Adviser*)

Inspector Nick Collins (*MASH Project Manager, Met Police*)

This seminar will provide an overview of the MASH project, a multi-agency initiative which aims to develop better information sharing arrangements between the range of agencies working with children and young people. Led by the London Safeguarding Children Board and the Association of London Directors of Children's Services, the project has a particular focus on the quality of partnership work when child protection referrals are initially received. This work was inspired by the successful implementation of the Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) in Exeter, which is being considered alongside a range of options as a possible model to be adapted for London. Partners from Hackney and Devon will be on hand to demonstrate the benefits of their respective approaches, and the session will also update delegates on current progress across London - fourteen boroughs have now signed up as pilot sites for the MASH project, and are implementing a range of options to tackle this issue locally.

3. NHS Reform: The challenges and opportunities for safeguarding children in London's health services

Briony Ladbury (*Senior Strategic Safeguarding Children Advisor, NHS London*)

Maggie Rogers (*Senior Strategic Advisor on Children, Health Visiting and Family Nurse Partnerships, NHS London*)

This session will outline the changes affecting all NHS organisations as modernisation takes place, with a particular focus on the current situation across London. Participants will be able to understand the challenges ahead with regards to safeguarding children and the opportunities that could and should arise as a result of the major reform. The session will be interactive and aims to enable a solution focussed approach to identified challenges, whilst identifying opportunities to work differently to safeguard children.

4. The Metropolitan Police perspective on child trafficking and faith related child abuse

DS Vicky Washington (*Child Abuse Investigation Command, Met Police*)

DC Sarah Wood (*Child Abuse Investigation Command, Met Police*)

This seminar will focus on real life case studies and explore areas to improve initial assessments and maximise joint investigative opportunities when dealing with issues of child trafficking and faith related abuse. It is relevant to any professional working to safeguard children.

5. Out of Mind, Out of Sight: Breaking down the barriers to understanding sexual exploitation

Zoe Hilton (*Head of Safeguarding and Child Protection, CEOP*)

In January 2011, the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre announced it would carry out a thematic assessment of the phenomenon known as 'localised grooming'. 'Localised grooming' has been the subject of considerable media attention, following the prosecutions of adult males for the grooming and sexual exploitation of children and young people in various towns and cities in the UK.

The purpose of the assessment was to establish whether it was possible to identify any patterns of offending, victimisation, or vulnerability and draw lessons for future action.

This seminar will summarise the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the assessment, providing an outline of trends, themes and patterns based on an intensive six month period of research into child sexual exploitation, highlighting some of the gaps identified and sharing examples of existing good practice in tackling this particularly complex issue.

6a. Engaging young people in the work of the LSCB

Tim Beach (*Independent Chair, Barnet LSCB*)

Members of Barnet Youth Shield

In their own words... "Youth Shield is a panel of young people aged 14-25 years that meets every month. We focus on safeguarding young people in Barnet and are preparing a report for the Safeguarding Children Board on what makes young people from different lifestyles and backgrounds (e.g young people in care, young offenders, LGBT young people and young people who are part of faith groups) feel safe and unsafe in the areas they live or go to school in. Our vision is that all organisations, agencies and services that affect children and young people will have structures and systems in place to respond to their ideas and priorities and to work with them to bring about positive change".

This seminar will provide an opportunity to hear first hand from the Chair of the LSCB together with representatives from Youth Shield about how the Safeguarding Children Board engages with young people to enable them to have a platform where they can raise safeguarding issues and concerns.

6b. Safeguarding children across cultural divides

Anne Stoker (*Enfield Council*)

Cllr Barry Rawlings (*Safeguarding Adviser, CommUNITY Barnet*)

Helen Elliott (*Barnet LSCB Development Manager*)

This seminar will explore diverse approaches to building stronger relationships between statutory services and faith and cultural groups, with a specific focus on work currently underway in Barnet and Enfield – both of which have been shortlisted in the Emerging Practice category for the inaugural London Safeguarding Children Award.

A diverse London borough, Barnet has the largest Jewish community in the UK and by 2020, 37% of the population will be from minority ethnic communities. The LSCB, in partnership with CommUNITY Barnet, a voluntary umbrella organisation, is developing a model of engagement to help support communities in safeguarding through access to training, resources and advice. The wider aim is to strengthen safeguarding arrangements for children in these communities through increased awareness, knowledge and understanding of what helps to keep children safe and what might be a concern, and a parallel strand of work has been to train parents from BME communities to deliver parenting programmes

Enfield began their journey with a specific focus upon the Congolese community, working in partnership with a small voluntary group - CAYE (Central African Youth of Enfield). This vision is now widespread, with Parent Engagement Panels developing across all of Enfield with Parent Champions emerging from all walks of life. Community Parent Engagement Panels have local parents central to the decision-making, shaping, driving and delivering services to improve outcomes for children and young people and their families. The overall aim of the project is to keep children and young people safe by increasing access and engagement with early intervention services to reduce the need for specialist services, with particular emphasis upon promoting community cohesion.