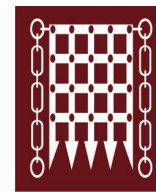


Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar: Child protection reform - multi-agency arrangements and developing the role of social workers in child protection

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 23rd February 2017

Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Tyler of Enfield, Chair, Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Reforms to child protection services: progress so far**
Ashley McDougall, Director, Local Service Delivery Studies, National Audit Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 9.35 **Key points from *The Wood Review***
Professor Claudia Bernard, Professor of Social Work and Head of Postgraduate Research, Goldsmiths, University of London
- 9.35 - 10.30 **Reforming child protection services: implementing *The Wood Review* and joint targeted area inspections**
How effective will the new framework be in further developing multi-agency co-operation between professionals to more successfully identify and tackle all forms of child abuse from the earliest stage; what more can be done to support collaboration? In what ways can the current barriers to effective co-operation mentioned in the Wood Report, such as the cost of arrangements and the time devoted to bureaucracy and meetings, be overcome? What role should schools and other organisations involved in child protection be expected to play in these arrangements? How effective have the new joint area inspections, launched in February 2016, been in assessing multi-agency collaboration and identifying areas for improvement? What will be the impact of abolishing Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) on the process of learning lessons from failures to protect children, and what steps should be taken to ensure that the new Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel is effective? In what ways will these changes affect the social work profession? How best can child protection services be supported to avoid disruption to their work whilst implementing fundamental structural changes? How successful would proposals to introduce mandatory reporting and a 'duty to act' be in tackling child abuse and neglect, in light of a government consultation on the topic, and what would be the effect on social workers, health authorities and schools in particular?
Mark Burns-Williamson, Police and Crime Commissioner, West Yorkshire
Debbie Raymond, Tri-Borough Head of Safeguarding, Review and Quality Assurance, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
Jonathan Williams, Chief Executive Officer, East Coast Community Healthcare CIC
Sarah Leighton, Headteacher, Hughenden Primary School, Buckinghamshire and Primary Representative, Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board
Ruth Pates, Senior Social Worker, London Borough of Bexley
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Claudia Bernard**, Professor of Social Work and Head of Postgraduate Research, Goldsmiths, University of London
- 10.30 - 10.50 **Child sexual abuse: improving prevention, investigations and support for victims**
Graham Ritchie, Head of Policy, Office of the Children's Commissioner
Jon Brown, Head of Development and Impact, NSPCC
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Tyler of Enfield, Chair, Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service
- 10.55 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Ann Coffey MP, Secretary, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Child Protection
- 11.25 - 11.45 **Next steps for raising standards in social work**
Jack Dent, Second Clerk, Education Select Committee, House of Commons
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 - 12.30 **Developing the role of social workers in child protection - training, recruitment and professional development**

The way forward for improving social work training
Dr Damian Spiteri, Lecturer in Social Work, University of York

'Case study: focusing on practice - recruiting and developing outstanding people to be outstanding social workers in child protection'
David Worlock, Programme Director, Frontline

Tackling recruitment and retention issues in child social work
Sukriti Sen, Director of Local Delivery Mid Family Operations, Essex County Council

Raising standards in children's social work - accreditation, regulation and professional development
Dr Ruth Allen, Chief Executive, British Association of Social Workers

Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Policy priorities - driving forward improvements in child protection**
Graham Archer, Director, Children's Services, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Ann Coffey MP, Secretary, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Child Protection
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum