

West of Berkshire Joint Safeguarding Adults and Children Annual Conference for Practitioners

Challenging Cultural Assumptions in Safeguarding

FRIDAY 9th October 2015

09:30 – 16:15

Easthampstead Park Conference Centre

off Peacock Lane, Wokingham, RG40 3DF

DELEGATE RATE £60

The focus of this year's conference is *Challenging Cultural Assumptions in Safeguarding*.

Topics will include: cultural sensitivity in safeguarding, radicalisation, forced marriage, working with interpreters, witchcraft and possession, supporting traveller communities, anti-trafficking, and providing culturally sensitive care.

Keynote speakers and workshop facilitators will include representatives from University College London, Thames Valley Police, Karma Nirvana, Mothertongue, West Berkshire Council, Evadney UK, AFRUCA and Migrant Help.

Target audience:

Practitioners from adults' and children's services within the statutory, private and voluntary sector including police, schools, children's centres, social care, health staff and anyone working or volunteering with vulnerable adults, children, young people and their families in the Reading, West Berkshire and Wokingham areas.

Please note that whilst efforts will be made to avoid it, the programme, workshops and speakers may be subject to change.

Closing date for applications: 18th September 2015



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PROGRAMME

09:00 Registration and refreshments

09:30 *Welcome and introduction to the day* - Fran Gosling-Thomas, Independent Chair Local Safeguarding Children's Boards in Reading, West Berkshire, Wokingham

09:45 Keynote Speaker - Rosemary Campbell-Stephens: Visiting Fellow, Institute of Education, University College London

Cultural sensitivity in safeguarding

Rosemary is an independent consultant trainer in leadership and succession planning and an international speaker in the field of education. In a career spanning 3 decades she has combined public speaking and community activism with a professional life supporting organisations to address issues of equity, diversity and social justice. Within the broad field of leadership, diversity, race equality, equity and social justice, her particular interests lie in diversifying the face of leadership and also enabling a new generation of leaders to lead authentically and radically differently.

11:15 Refreshment break and networking

11:45 Keynote Speaker - Pete Oliphant, DI Prevent, South East Counter Terrorism Unit, Thames Valley Police

Radicalisation and safeguarding

Pete Oliphant is the Police Channel Safeguarding Lead. His work involves close links with Local Authorities, Education, Police, Health, and Probation across the South East of England to ensure that minimum standards and consistency is maintained in line with Home Office national policy and requirements. This year he has been working with statutory agencies to ensure that the 'Duty' provisions of the new legislation in relation to safeguarding is both understood and developed.

12:30 Buffet Lunch

13:30 *Workshop 1*

14:30 Refreshment break and networking

14:45 *Workshop 2*

15:45 *Plenary and close of conference* -Independent Chair West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Board

16:15 Close

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WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1 – Forced marriage

Facilitated by Jasvinder Sanghera, Karma Nirvana

Jasvinder is a survivor of a forced marriage and founder of Karma Nirvana, a leading national charity hosting the only national dedicated Helpline supporting victims and professionals in the UK. She is author of 2 best-selling books, Shame and Daughters of Shame. Speaking at hundreds of national and international platforms, Jasvinder is received as an outstanding inspirational presenter. In 2013, Jasvinder was honoured with a CBE for her services to victims of forced marriages and honour based abuse.

This workshop will include a first-hand account from a forced marriage survivor speaking with conviction about her personal story. The workshop aims to move a complex subject into one which is clearly understood, raise awareness of the realities of the issues and give guidance to help practitioners identify and support those at risk of forced marriage.

Workshop 2 – Working effectively with interpreters in a safeguarding context

Facilitated by Beverley Costa, Mothertongue

Dr Beverley Costa, Psychotherapist, is the Chief Executive Officer and Clinical Director of Mothertongue. Mothertongue is a culturally sensitive counselling and support service in Reading.

This workshop is aimed at practitioners who need to work effectively with interpreters in a safeguarding context. It will provide ideas and reflective space to think about the best way in which a collaborative relationship can be formed between the interpreter and the practitioner for the best outcome possible for clients. It will cover ways of working collaboratively with an interpreter, including the extent, limitations and professional boundaries of the roles; techniques for the professional to stay in control of a session where an interpreter is needed; and communicating with interpreters about the nature of the work.

Workshop 3 – Working with traveller communities

Facilitated by: Ethnic Minority & Traveller Achievement Service, West Berkshire Council

The workshop will cover how professionals can support traveller communities and be culturally sensitive when working with families around safeguarding issues for both adults and children; how traveller communities integrate with the local community and what life is like in traveller community. The aim is that after attending the workshop, delegates will feel more confident about undertaking safeguarding work with traveller communities and increasing engagement.

Workshop 4 – Witchcraft and possession

Facilitated by Justin Bahunga, AFRUCA

Justin Bahunga is a Training Consultant at AFRUCA, Africans Unite against Child Abuse. He leads on policy to tackle child abuse linked to faith or belief and trains professionals on various safeguarding issues relating to culture, faith and belief. Justin has delivered over 100 training sessions to practitioners to raise their level of understanding of African cultural and religious values and practices, as well as their confidence in working with Black/African children and families.

This workshop is designed for both practitioners in child protection and family support and other agencies. It has been developed based on direct learning and outcomes from ongoing project working with Families affected by Witchcraft Abuse across London and our work on the National Working Group.

Workshop 5 – Providing culturally sensitive care

Facilitated by Polly Falconer, Director, Evadney UK

Polly Falconer is an experienced trainer and facilitator with over 25 years' experience of working in the third sector including advising government ministers and other key decision makers nationally, with a particular expertise in mental health advocacy. Evadney UK is an independent training and consultancy company focusing on culturally sensitive services within health and social care.

This workshop seeks to provide a safe environment for delegates to gain an understanding of and explore the challenges of meeting the cultural needs of an adult who is being cared for. By the end of the workshop, delegates should feel more confidence in addressing cultural needs whilst ensuring that all other requirements are met. The workshop aims to: increase awareness of how the issue of care is handled by different cultures in our community; explore perceptions and attitudes that can and often does impact on the delivery and receipt of care; enable delegates to share and increase their knowledge of how to work effectively with different cultural groups to ensure that both the carer and those cared for are supported.

Workshop 6 – Anti-trafficking awareness

Facilitated by Roger McVicker, Migrant Help

Migrant Help is a UK charity that delivers support and advice services to migrants in the UK to support them to find safety and to access appropriate services and information. Migrant Help has been at the forefront of anti-trafficking awareness raising and victim support since 2009.

The workshop will provide delegates with a general comprehensive insight into human trafficking and slavery in the UK as seen through the eyes of Migrant Help victim support service. The workshop will provide information on key definitions, its scale and scope, what to be aware of and will provide advice on referral and access support services.

Indicate choice of two workshops on the application form below and return to:

**Abigail Freemantle, West Berkshire Council, Shaw House,
Church Road, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 2DR.
afreemantle@westberks.gov.uk**

Closing date 18th September.

LEARNING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
JOINT SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE 2015 APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM IN FULL - INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT

NAME		JOB TITLE	
ORGANISATION			
EMPLOYMENT STATUS (please indicate)	Full- time	Part-time	Self-employed
	Unpaid carer	Other (please state)	
ORGANISATION TYPE	Local authority	Health Trust	Education
	Police	Other (please state)	
CONTACT ADDRESS		INVOICE ADDRESS (if different)	
EMAIL		TELEPHONE	
LINE MANAGER NAME		EMAIL	
COURSE TITLE	Joint Safeguarding Conference - Challenging Cultural Assumptions in Safeguarding		
VENUE	Easthampstead Park Conference Centre, Wokingham		
COURSE DATE	9 October 2015	COURSE FEE	£60.00
PURCHASE ORDER NO. (if you need stated on invoice)		West Berks Cost Centre <i>in case of cancellation</i>	
WORKSHOPS <i>Please select TWO workshops to attend</i>			
1 - Forced Marriage: a survivor's story		4 - Witchcraft and Possession	
2 - Working effectively with interpreters in a Safeguarding context		5 - Providing Culturally Sensitive Care	
3 - Working with Traveller Communities		6 - Anti-trafficking Awareness	
DO YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL NEEDS?	YES		NO
	Hearing	Visual	Learning
	Dietary	Other	Mobility
Please state how we can support you:			
<i>In signing this application I confirm:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have kept a record of the course date requested. • I have read the course outline and I am aware of the learning outcomes. • I have read and understand the course charging and cancellation policy. 			
MANAGER SIGNATURE			
APPLICANT SIGNATURE			
Please return fully completed form to:	Abigail Freemantle West Berkshire Council, Shaw House, Church Road, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 2DR Email: afreemantle@westberks.gov.uk		

Cancellation less than 7 days before the conference date or un-notified non-attendance will incur a £75 fine.