

Capita's 6th National Conference

Improving the Life Chances of Children in Care

Wednesday 17th March 2010 – Central London

Chair: Hugh Thornbery, Strategic Director South
Action For Children

Speakers Include:

Helen Jones
Professional Advisor, Children in
Care Team
Department for Children,
Schools and Families

Jonathan Stanley
Manager
National Centre for Excellence
in Residential Child Care

Chris Hoddy
Director of Care
Break

Sandra Campbell
Designated Nurse, Looked After
Children
Halton and St Helens Primary
Care Trust

Debbie Haith
Head of Safeguarding
London Borough of Hillingdon

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Capita's 6th National Improving the Life Chances of Children in Care Conference addresses the key challenges faced by organisations and individuals in supporting young people in care and during the transition to adulthood.

By bringing together a range of expert speakers to highlight good practice and initiatives with proven records of success, this conference will provide you with practical ideas you can tailor to your own work to provide the best possible support for children and young people in care.

With the **Children and Young Persons Bill** strengthening the legislative framework underpinning the care system, the Government's commitment to delivering the *Care Matters: Time for Change* agenda is clear. However, ensuring that the outcomes for children and young people in care are delivered requires that local authorities and key stakeholders work in partnership and share best practice to prioritise the needs of young people.

This conference will address current key issues, including:

- Progress made following the **social pedagogy pilots**
- **Health and wellbeing** of looked after children
- Maximising **educational attainment**
- **Managing the transition** out of care
- Successful **corporate parenting strategies**
- **Social work practice pilots**

Attend this event to benefit from practical guidance and to help improve results for children and young people in care.

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We offer a range of flexible packages which offer your organisation a platform to network and communicate with key organisations in the public sector.

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Benefits of Attending

- Hear the latest on the **implementation of the Care Matters agenda**
- Learn how you can **measure positive outcomes for children and young people in care** and the progress made since the **social pedagogy pilots**
- Take away good practice ideas on **integrated health and wellbeing support** from a successful partnership between health and social care providers
- Listen to a series of case studies about meeting **the post-care needs of young care leavers**
- Consider how you can **improve existing corporate parenting strategies** to deliver a truly co-ordinated approach
- Hear from one of the **new Social Work Practice Pilots** about how they will be delivering targeted improvements in social care
- Find out how the role of the designated teacher can be best utilised to help **raise educational attainment for children in care**



Who Should Attend

- Children and Young People Teams
- Youth Services
- Looked After Children/Children in Care Teams
- Children Leaving Care Teams
- Children and Families Teams
- Corporate Parenting Teams
- Strategy and Planning Teams
- Partnership Development Teams
- LSCBs
- Fostering and Adoption Teams
- Child Protection Teams
- Children's Care Homes
- Residential Care Teams
- Social Inclusion Teams
- Social Workers and Outreach Teams
- Connexions
- Youth Offending Teams
- Asylum and Immigration Officers
- Integrated Children's Services
- Child Health Teams
- Designated Nurses and Health Advisors for Children in Care
- CAMHS Teams
- Schools, FE Institutes and PRUs
- Education and Achievement Teams
- Heads of Virtual Schools and Teams
- Designated Children in Care Teachers
- Education Welfare Officers
- Behaviour and Attendance Teams
- Supporting People Teams
- Educational Psychologists
- SENCOs
- Voluntary Sector Fostering Agencies

Forthcoming Events for 2009

Early Years Foundation Stage – 22nd February – Manchester

Reforming Youth Justice – 24th February – Central London

Child Health – 26th February – Central London

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Programme

09.20 Registration, Tea and Coffee

09.50 Chair's Opening Remarks

Hugh Thornbery, Strategic Director South
Action For Children

10.00 Welfare and Support for Children in Care: Developments in Policy and Implementing the Care Matters Agenda

Helen Jones, Professional Advisor, Children in Care Team
Department for Children, Schools and Families

10.30 Questions and Discussion

10.40 Multi-Agency Support to Overcome Barriers Between Carers and Care Homes

- Bridging the gaps between education and social care
- The role of the lead professional and effective working across organisational boundaries
- Ensuring and measuring positive outcomes for young people in residential care
- Engaging all stakeholders in education to develop a culture of support
- Progress since the 2007 social pedagogy pilot projects

Jonathan Stanley, Manager, National Centre for Excellence in Residential Child Care & Children's Residential Network
National Children's Bureau

11.10 Questions and Discussion

11.20 Tea and Coffee

11.40 Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Looked After Children

- Taking forward the recommendations of the revised Department of Health guidance on health services for looked after children
- Co-ordinating support across CAMHS, educational welfare, social work and other stakeholders
- Reducing multiple referrals and delivering targeted support

Sandra Campbell, Designated Nurse, Looked After Children Halton and St Helens Primary Care Trust and
Caroline Crosswood, Senior Social Work Practitioner, Looked After Children's Team
St Helen's Children and Young People's Service

12.10 Questions and Discussion

12.15 Transition Support and Services for Young Care Leavers

- The rationale for appointing a Transition Worker
- The process of tracing young adults who have left care over the last 10 years and offering them support
- Case studies – analysing the impact one year on
- A young person's perspective of transition – care leaver Sarah Woodrow presents a DVD of her experience

Chris Hoddy, Director of Care, Break and
Sarah Woodrow, Care Leaver

12.55 Questions and Discussion

13.00 Lunch

Effective Corporate Parenting Case Study

14.00 Targeted Support for Looked After Children

- Working with education professionals to maximise educational attainment
- Supporting health and wellbeing and the transition out of care
- Effective cross departmental working to support vulnerable look after children

Richa Grover

Social Worker, Looked After Children
London Borough of Enfield

Social Work Practice Pilots

14.25 Improving the Consistency and Stability of Social Work for Children in Care

- Helping social workers to get closer to the children and families they work with
- Developing professional partnerships of social workers, third sector and private sector organisations

Debbie Haith

Head of Safeguarding
London Borough of Hillingdon

14.50 Session Questions and Discussion

15.00 Afternoon Break

Educational Achievement and Access to Training

15.15 Education Provision and Support for Young People in Care

- Effectively managing the education of children in care
- Success factors in improving levels of achievement and involvement in further education
- Partnership working between schools and designated teachers
- Developing an attainment strategy and ensuring a high profile for the educational needs of children in care

Peter McNamara

Headteacher, Virtual School for Looked After Children
Salford City Council

15.40 Questions and Discussion

15.45 Supporting Looked After Children in Education, Employment and Training

This presentation will be led by young people in care and is based on peer-led research focusing on education, training, support and counselling which identified seven key themes being used to deliver improved services

Norrina Rashid

Voice and Influence Team Leader, Bradford Youth Service
Bradford City Council

16.10 Questions and Discussion


16.15 Chair's Closing Remarks and Close of Conference

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