

ONE-DAY SEMINAR

Neglect: responding effectively to safeguard children and young people

Wednesday 11th March 2009

Newcastle upon Tyne

Chair

To be confirmed

Speakers

His Honour Judge D Hamilton, *Birmingham Civil Justice Centre*

Barbara Hutchinson, *Executive Director, BAAF*

Ruth Gardner, *NSPCC Senior Research Fellow at University of East Anglia*

Viv Hogg, *Referral & Assessment Team Manager and Independent Trainer & Consultant in the Signs of Safety, Gateshead MBC*

Helen Brumwell and Ailsa Johnson, managers Sure Start Children's Centres, *Action for Children Care Leaver, to be confirmed*

Theme

Neglect features in the lives of a large number of children and young people who come into contact with different services and professionals as they grow up. Many families where children are neglected have been known to services for a long time, sometimes for generations. Despite high levels of scrutiny, many children are left in situations of chronic neglect for too long, with major consequences for their development, future well-being and life chances.

Neglect presents huge challenges to services and professionals who have to make sense of it from the perspectives of the child, the parents, the legal system and the different professional contexts in which they work. Families may be ambivalent or hostile to intervention. Workers feel helpless and overwhelmed by the complexity of factors and difficulties. The lack of a shared understanding of what we mean by neglect and of thresholds for intervention can lead to confusion and delay in taking action.

Aims

- Neglect in the context of legal thresholds for care proceedings;
- Understanding the impact of neglect on children's development;
- Recent research on responding effectively to neglect and emotional harm;
- The assessment of neglect using the signs of safety assessment tool;
- Current work in family centres working with neglectful parents;
- How the care system can sometimes neglect the needs of young people.

Who Should Attend Social workers, children's services managers, children's guardians, legal advisors to local authorities, health visitors, school personnel, other health and education workers, family centre staff, adoption and permanence panel members.

Venue

The Vermont Hotel

Castle Garth
 Newcastle
 NE1 1RQ

Times

Registration	9.30 am
Start	10.00 am
Close	4.00 pm

Refreshments / Lunch provided

Substitutions and cancellations

Substitutions are welcome at any time. BAAF reserves the right to levy a fee in the event of cancellation. More than six weeks prior to the event 25% of the fee; between two and six weeks 50%; less than two weeks 100%

Registration Form

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Please book me _____ place(s) on the above workshop

Fee

- BAAF Members £125 (+ VAT £21.88) £146.88**
- Nurses rate: £100 + (£17.50 VAT) £117.50
- Small Registered Charities £100 + (£17.50 VAT) £117.50
- Non-member rate £150 (+VAT £26.25) £176.25**
- Remittance enclosed – Cheque (including VAT) payable to 'BAAF Registered Charity '
- Please invoice
- In the event of a cancellation, I agree to pay a cancellation fee as detailed above.

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Agency name & address

Position

Ethnicity

Special diet/disability

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Closing date for booking: Friday 30th January 2009

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