

Leading Effective Multi-Agency Partnerships for Supporting Children at Risk of Violence

Thursday 20 March 2025

Aim

An opportunity for senior leaders and policy makers to hear from experts across the sector about effective multi-agency work in the children's services sector for children at risk of involvement in violence.

Objectives

- To promote what we know about effective multi agency work in support for children at risk of involvement in violence
- To understand opportunities and challenges of multi-agency working for children at risk of violence across the sector.
- To provide an opportunity for attendees to share good practice and build contacts with peers.

Agenda

Time	Item	Speaker
09:30 – 10:00	Registration & refreshments	
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome and housekeeping	Jon Yates, Executive Director, YEF
10.15- 10.35	Keynote	Minister Daby
10.35 – 11.00	Keynote: what are we learning about multi-agency working from recent innovations?	Professor Carlene Firmin Professor of Social Work, Durham University
11.00 – 11.30	Q&A Group discussion on tables – what enables effective multi-agency working in your local area?	
11.30 – 12.15	Presentations & sofa interview: What does good multi-agency work look like	Wendy Ghaffar, Specialist Advisor, Cross Remit Safeguarding, Ofsted Jenny Coles, Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel Jimmy Belmar, Senior Investigating Officer, Project Medusa Chair – Dez Holmes, Research in Practice, NCB

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12.15 - 13.00	LUNCH & NETWORKING	
13.00 – 13.40	Race equity considerations for multi-agency partnerships supporting at risk children	Antonia Ogundayisi, YEF Race Equity Associate – Children’s Services Sector Debbie Ariyo, Founder & CEO of AFRUCA (invite sent)
13.40- 14.20	In conversation: Reflective, relational leadership under pressure	Hannah Woodhouse – Executive Director Children’s Services, Bristol City Council Florence Kroll CBE - Director of Children's Services, Royal Borough of Greenwich Chair – Dez Holmes, Research in Practice, NCB
14.20- 14.40	COFFEE BREAK	
14.40 – 15.00	Children’s experiences of violence & what the evidence tells us helps keep them safe	Gail Gibbons, Head of Change – Children’s Services & Health, Youth Endowment Fund
15.00 – 16.00	WORKSHOPS Learning from multi-agency delivery projects	Effective Multi-Agency Working in Alternative Provision & Mainstream School Settings – Learning from Bradford’s SAFE Taskforce and Alternative Provision Specialist Taskforce – Richard Bottomley Focused Deterrence: Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Partnership – Steve Harrison Tackling Child Exploitation: taking a principled approach – Dez Holmes, Research in Practice, NCB
16.05 – 16:20	Sum up and close of conference	Jon Yates, Executive Director, YEF

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