



The summer conference of the
LONDON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

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**SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN AT RISK OF
SEXUAL ABUSE**

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WEDNESDAY 18th JUNE 2008
The British Library
St Pancras, 96 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DP

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What's it about

This conference will give delegates a unique opportunity to consider both the broader issues of how we can protect our London's children from Child Sexual Abuse; and the specific issues relating to services already being provided or planned for London and abroad.

Who should come

This conference is for all local authority social care and education professionals, health professionals, police child protection borough and Safer Neighbourhoods Team officers, voluntary agencies and community representatives who work with children, as well as those who have a specific interest in child sexual abuse.

£150 (+ £26.25 vat) including lunch and refreshments
£100 (+ £17.50 vat) for voluntary organisations only

Deadline for bookings: Friday 6th June 2008

Please contact Ian Dean on ian.dean@londoncouncils.gov.uk or 020 7934 9714 for more information.

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Morning

- 9.00** **Coffee and registration**
- 9.30 **Welcome and introduction** *Conference Chair, Tink Palmer, Director Stop it Now! UK & Ireland*
- 9.40 **Sexually Coercive Adolescents** *Dr Cecilia Kjellgren, Department of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Lund University, Sweden*
- 10.40** **Tea / coffee**
- 11.00 **London Child Sexual Exploitation Preventative Education Programme** *Libby Fry, Assistant Director, Barnardos London, East & South East*
- 11.30 **School Responses to Children with Sexually Harmful Behaviours** *Julie Henniker, Project Manager, AIM (Assessment, Intervention and Moving-on) Project*
- 12.00** **Lunch**

Afternoon

- 13.00 **Child Sexual Abuse Prevention – Whose Responsibility Is It?** *Tink Palmer, Director Stop it Now!*
- 13.30 **Training Adults How to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse** *Jeff Chasen, Chief Operating Officer, AGOS Group, USA*
- 14.30** **Tea / Coffee**
- 14.50 **The De-sensitization of Children to Sexual Abuse** *Sharon Cooper, Chief Operating Officer, Developmental and Forensic Paediatrics and Professor of Paediatrics, University of North Carolina, USA*
- 15.50 **The Way Forward for London** – discussion forum with a panel comprising the Conference Chair, the speakers, NSPCC and a London LSCB Chair
- 16.30 **Chair's Conference Summary and Next Steps**
- 16.40 Close



Child sexual abuse conference briefing note

1. Sexually Coercive Adolescents and Disclosure of Sexual Abuse

Dr Cecilia Kjellgren, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Lund University, Sweden

In addition to leading research, Dr Kjellgren is very engaged in the clinical assessment practice of sexually abusive adolescents. This presentation reports the findings of three Swedish child sexual abuse studies, and the practice implications from them:

- a) The first study examined the sexual behaviour of 4,000+ 18 year olds, with the respondents divided into three groups – sexually coercive, non-sex conduct problem and controls.
- b) The second study was a national survey of all adolescent sexual offenders (12 - 17 years) referred to children's social services. The study looked at group versus individual offending and whether victims were peers or younger children. Conclusions were also drawn about good professional practice in responding to sexually abusive adolescents.
- c) The third and current study is a follow up study b) is looking at the efficacy of children's social care interventions in terms of the children's social adjustment, health and re-offending.

2. London Child Sexual Exploitation Preventative Education Programme

Libby Fry, Assistant Director, Barnardos London, East & South East

This presentation describes the planned roll out to all 32 London LSCB areas, over a 4 year period, of training for professionals on child sexual exploitation and direct work with groups of children in each area who are most at risk. It also describes a complimentary service which is being scoped to provide treatment services for the children identified in the Preventative Education Programme.

3. School Responses to Children with Sexually Harmful Behaviours

Julie Henniker, Project Manager, AIM (Assessment, Intervention and Moving-on) Project

This presentation describes a user-friendly identification and assessment model which promotes teachers (and other frontline universal services practitioners)' confidence in responding to sexualized/sexually harmful behaviour in schools. The model provides a framework for making single and multi-agency care-planning decisions, based on individual and familial strengths, needs and concerns. The process has been shown to assist open a dialogue between professions, young people and their families/carers.

4. Child Sexual Abuse Prevention – Whose Responsibility Is It?

Tink Palmer, Director Stop it Now!

This presentation considers the potential points of intervention for preventing or responding to child sexual abuse, and who is most likely to be in a position to take responsibility. The presentation provides an introduction to presentation 5.



5. Training Adults How to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse

Jeff Chasen, Chief Operating Officer, AGOS Group, USA

This presentation starts with the fact that historically child sexual abuse prevention programmes have focused on educating children how to resist overtures from adults, and describes a programme which refocuses the responsibility of prevention from children to adults.

6. The De-sensitization of Children to Sexual Abuse

Sharon Cooper, Developmental & Forensic Paediatrics, University of North Carolina

This presentation looks at how children are exposed to sexualized imagery and the objectification of sex in our society – and questions whether this de-sensitizes children and renders them more vulnerable to sexual abuse.

7. The Way Forward for London

Discussion forum with a panel comprising the Conference Chair, the speakers, NSPCC and a London LSCB Chair

The Panel members could be:

- Tink Palmer (Chair)
- Cecilia Kjellgren
- Libby Fry
- Jeff Chasen
- Sharon Cooper
- Nasima Patel, NSPCC
- London LSCB Chair