



**Solihull Local Safeguarding Children Board**

**Annual Conference 2010**

**KEEPING CHILDREN & YOUNG  
PEOPLE SAFE FROM SEXUAL HARM**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010  
9am to 4.30pm**

**The Bridge, Stratford Road, Shirley B90  
3AG**



## **Introduction**

The Solihull Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) has the lead responsibility for meeting one of the Government's key objectives for children and young people as set out in the Children Act 2004; that of staying safe. This includes managing the risk of significant harm, as well as the wider remit of ensuring that every child and young person's welfare is safeguarded. One of our core functions is to involve and inform the professional and wider community of what they can do to safeguard and promote the welfare of children/young people.

This conference seeks to address that core function with specific regard to child sexual harm.

## **Conference Aim**

To promote a deeper understanding of contemporary issues in protecting children and young people from sexual harm.

## **Objectives**

- To facilitate the transfer of useful models and techniques from research into frontline practice.
- To provide access to specialist knowledge
- To highlight local issues related to sexual harm

## **Who should attend?**

The conference is for front-line practitioners or those who manage services for children and young people, including Health Trusts, GPs, Children's Social Care, the Police, Connexions staff, Youth Workers, Youth Offending Service, all sectors of Education, Early Years, Probation, CAFCASS and all voluntary and independent organisations working with children, young people and families.



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### Conference Timetable

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
9.00	Registration	Safeguarding team
9.30	Opening remarks	LSBC chair
9.35	The Masks that offenders wear	Geese Theatre
10.20	Overview of Child Sexual Abuse	Jo Sullivan - Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre
<b>11.00</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
11.20	Young People who display sexually harmful behaviour	Julie Henniker- Assessment Intervention Moving on project
11.50	Questions to the panel	
<b>12.00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
13.00	Workshop 1	See below
14.00	Workshop 2	
<b>15.00</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
15.20	Masks revisited	Geese Theatre
15.45	Closing Remarks, Evaluations	
16.15	<b>CLOSE</b>	

WORKSHOP TOPICS	FACILITATORS
1. Engaging Non-Abusing parents	Diana Robertson
2. Sexual exploitation	Representative from Barnados/ Cornelia Heaney
3. Sexual Abuse and Counselling	Representative from Barnados
4. Young People who display sexually harmful behaviour	Julie Henniker
5. E-Safety	Steve Martin



## ***Workshop synopsis***

### **Workshop 1**

**Engaging Non-Abusing parents - *Diana Robertson - NSPCC South Birmingham Team***

Understanding the perspective of the non-offending parent of a sexually abused child (and what they knew) is often key in making child protection decisions. This workshop considers the impact of abuse on partners, mothers and carers and how offender knowledge can form a framework for assessing risk and empowering parents to protect in the future

### **Workshop 2**

**Sexual exploitation - *Name to be confirmed - Barnardos***

The sexual exploitation of children and young people takes different forms and this workshop will investigate the underlying factors as to how and some of the reasons why it takes place. Use of a risk indicator model to identify children and young people vulnerable to sexual exploitation and an introduction to a variety of practical tools for direct work provide an excellent opportunity to develop additional skills.

### **Workshop 3**

**Sexual Abuse and Counselling - *Name to be confirmed - Barnardos***

This workshop will initially provide a context to sexual abuse by defining and identifying the impact of sexual abuse on children, young people and families. Participants then move on to explore ways of working with children, young people and families as the expert of their own story.

The use of Emotional Resilience and Counselling models of work will shape the workshop conclusion.



### **Workshop 4**

**Working with families of children and young people who display sexually harmful behaviour - *Julie Henniker - AIM Project***

Working with the parents of children and young people who display sexually harmful behaviour is an integral part of our work. Understanding the initial impact of disclosure and the longer term issues for families is essential and not an add on luxury.

This workshop will explore how to work effectively with the parents of this group of children and young people, drawing on the AIM family assessment model.

### **Workshop 5**

**E-Safety - *Steve Martin supported by students of Solihull Sixth Form College.***

A workshop to examine the benefits for young people of information technology supported communication systems including social networking sites and consider the risks associated with them for both young people and professionals. The workshop will use drama (performed by the students) to aid learning.