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CARE MATTERS: HOLDING CHILDREN IN MIND

Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 February 2008

Clifford Chance (Canary Wharf), Upper Bank Street, London E14 5JJ

Fee*: £250 (Non members)
£180 (BAAF members and NHS employees)
£145 (Charity and voluntary sector workers)

* all excluding VAT

PROGRAMME

The newly published White Paper 'Care Matters: Time for Change' proposes a radical transformation of the care system. Following the government's lead on taking children and young people's views seriously, local authorities and others will in the future be held to account by young people, both individually and corporately, for the quality of what they do. The services are expected to provide security and stability as well as opportunity and advantage. The child and young person is seen as a consumer of services when family life breaks down.

Simultaneously, there has been a growth of interest in the impact and long term consequences of abuse and neglect. Research into neurological development and brain function, and concepts of attachment and trauma, have shown that early experience creates powerful developmental pathways from which many children cannot escape.

Opportunity for these children is not the main issue. Their behaviour often makes those who care for them the target for rage and distress. Attempting to 'hold children in mind' through close and meaningful relationships can confront adults with an experience which re-evokes some of the terror, confusion and anxiety.

Reconciling these two different perspectives is a challenge. Empowerment and advocacy, opportunity and rights, are important and must inform practice. But sensitive and insightful practice that fully acknowledges the struggles that many children have inside themselves and which affects their relationships with others is vital. Also vital is an acknowledgement of the powerful impact on organisations and systems. The radical intent behind the White Paper will not be realised unless these two perspectives are brought together. Political imperatives must be allied to an appreciation of the powerful and disturbing forces at work when families break down and children and young people are abused and neglected. The challenge is to understand the destructive cycle of repetition which both social and psychological factors have tended to bring about.

With thanks to Clifford Chance.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY

11.30 Registration and coffee

12.00 Opening address

Jacky Tiotto, *Deputy Director, Local Implementation Government Office and Intelligence Division, Department for Children, Schools and Families*
Chair: Margaret Rustin, *Consultant Child Psychotherapist, Head of Child Psychotherapy, Tavistock Clinic*

12.30 Children, Love and Systems: Can 'Care Matters' make a link between them?

Dr John Simmonds, *Director of Policy, Research and Development, BAAF*
Chair: Dr Caroline Lindsey, *Honorary Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Tavistock Clinic*
Respondent: Barry Luckock, *Senior Lecturer in Social Work, University of Sussex*

1.45 Lunch

2.45 Dislocated and Disconnected: Linking young people's experience of their past with the present and future

Amanda Austin, *Systemic Psychotherapist, Multi-Agency Support Team Coordinator, Well Being Project, Hillingdon*
Chair: Paula Conway, *Head of Haringey's Mental Health Service for Looked After Children*
Respondent: to be confirmed

4.00 Tea break

4.30 What the Research Studies Tell Us

David Quinton, *Emeritus Professor of Psychosocial Development, University of Bristol*
Chair: Baroness Molly Meacher, *Chair, East London and the City Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust*
Respondent: Dr Caroline Lindsey

5.45 Close

THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY

9.30 The Power of the Ordinary: Building resilience in vulnerable children and young people

Sally Wassell, *Independent Consultant and Trainer in Child Care*
Chair: Frank Lowe, *Consultant Social Worker and Psychotherapist, Tavistock Clinic*
Respondent: Andrew Cooper, *Director, Centre for Social Work Practice and Professor of Social Work, Tavistock Clinic*

10.45 Coffee break

11.15 Child Psychotherapy Contributions: Research and community practice perspectives on the inner world of looked after children

Dr Jill Hodges, *Consultant Child Psychotherapist, GOSH, Institute of Child Health*
Tavistock Outreach in Primary Schools Project Team
Chair: Jeanne Kaniuk, *Head of Adoption and Permanent Families Service, Coram Family*

12.45 Lunch

2.00 Holding Children in Mind: The perspective of carers

Sara Barratt, *Chair of the Fostering, Adoption and Kinship Care Team and Consultant Systemic Psychotherapist, Tavistock Clinic*
Graham Music, *Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist, Tavistock Clinic*
and Carers in discussion on film
Chair: Laverne Antrobus, *Consultant Educational Psychologist, Tavistock Clinic and Mulberry Bush Day Unit*

3.15 Tea break

3.45 The Care System in 2008: Professional and policy perspectives

Dr Danya Glaser, *Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, GOSH*
Paula Conway, *Head of Haringey's Mental Health Service for Looked After Children*
Chair: Margaret Rustin

5.00 Closing Remarks

Dr John Simmonds
Michael Rustin, *Professor of Sociology, University of East London and Tavistock Clinic*
Chair: Dr Caroline Lindsey

5.30 Close

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