

Safeguarding and child protection for BME children and young people

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children relies on effective joint working between a range of professionals and agencies that have different roles and expertise. Keeping children and young people safe is a top priority and is the responsibility of us all.

Delivered in partnership with the Victoria Climbié Foundation, this unique one day conference will give delegates the opportunity to hear from senior speakers who have made outstanding contributions to the protection of BME children and young people. Delegates will be able to learn from examples of best practice in the format of informative presentations, lively discussions and in depth workshops which will address a number of critical issues.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- > **Mor Dioum**, Director and Co-founder, Victoria Climbié Foundation
- > **Don Flynn**, Chief Executive, Migrants Rights Network
- > **Savita De Sousa**, Policy Consultant - Private Fostering and BME Issues, BAAF
- > **Joy Collins**, Team Leader, Ethnic Minority Achievement Service, London Borough of Hounslow
- > **Dr Sheila Fish**, Senior Research Analyst, Social Care Institute for Excellence
- > **Jon Brownlow**, SAFE Network, NSPCC
- > **Jo Loughran**, Head of Learning and Young People, Rethink

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Key Benefits of Attending:

- Network and learn from like minded professionals responsible for the protection of BME children and young people
- Have all your safeguarding and policy related questions answered by the experts
- Discover ways to improve and develop your own services
- Learn how to implement efficient, cost effective and high quality services

Different communities, same protection

There is a need to understand varying cultural perceptions that underpin the way that children are brought up. There is still reluctance amongst many BME groups to engage with services for a variety of reasons. These can include a simple desire to keep family life private; a fear prevalent in many communities that social workers will 'take your children away'; a poor view of the state arising from initial contact through the immigration system; and, from some communities - particularly those with a high proportion of refugees and asylum seekers - an instinctive distrust of the state arising from experiences in their country of origin. In addition, these anxieties are increased among communities who perceive the norms of parenting and family life in Britain to be different from those of their own culture. Many BME communities also face unique challenges that stem from their eligibility for services and in these circumstances children and young people are at risk of neglect or abuse.

Research has shown that practitioners find that there are many barriers affecting the ability to effectively safeguard children due to misinterpretation of cultural practices, inability to engage effectively with parents and other factors such as language barriers.

This conference will seek to examine the myths, realities and practicalities of working with BME children and their families. It will also share best practice in engaging with and safeguarding young people, as well exploring the issues that professionals face when working with families and young people from different cultures.

Key learning points:

- explore where and how discrimination can occur when dealing with families and young people
- identify the differing needs of diverse communities
- assess how a stronger cross-agency approach can help in safeguarding
- explore best practice from across the country in increasing engagement with local communities
- understand how lifting barriers to health services can lead to better safeguarding
- understand and identify the unique problems of children of illegal immigrants and failed asylum seekers and how to engage with them
- understanding the lessons from SCRs

Target audience:

- Safeguarding leads
- Social workers
- Local authority outreach/ engagement teams
- NHS staff
- GPs
- Social care providers
- Teachers
- Voluntary organisations and charities – local refugee/migrant or community groups
- Public health professionals
- Church/religious/faith group workers
- Advice sector workers

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08:30 Registration

09:30 Chair's Opening Remarks
Mor Dioum, Director and Co-founder, Victoria Climbié Foundation

09:45 Keynote Address: Identifying and combating discriminatory practice in safeguarding and child protection in BME Communities
Speaker Invited

10:10 The Unique Needs and Challenges of Diverse Communities
Speaker Invited

10:35 BEST PRACTICE EXAMPLE: Understanding the lessons from SCRs: Emphasising a cross agency approach to safeguarding within BME communities
Dr Sheila Fish, Senior Research Analyst, Social Care Institute for Excellence

11:00 Break

11:20 Engaging effectively with community groups and voluntary organizations
Christine Christie, Strategy, Policy & Research, London Councils and Emma Aiyere, Project Coordinator, Pan London Culture & Faith Project

11:45 Raising Standards and Expectations for BME Children in Education
Joy Collins, Team Leader, Ethnic Minority Achievement Service, Harrow Council

12:10 Safeguarding Gypsies and Travellers' Children
Surrey Community Action (invited)

12:30 Panel Debate- Upholding Safe Values for All: Why is there a disproportionate number of BME children in care? And why and when does the system fail BME children and families?
-Mor Dioum, Chief Executive, Victoria Climbié Foundation
-Jon Brownlow, SAFE Network, NSPCC
-Savita de Sousa, Policy Consultant- Private Fostering & Black Minority Ethnic Issues, BAAF

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Barriers to Health Access in BME Communities and Differences in Outcomes in Diverse Communities
Aneela Asim, Director of Health and Housing, Race Equality Foundation

14:30 Workshops

1. Domestic Violence and Excessive Chastisement
2. Private fostering in BME Communities
Savita de Sousa, Policy Consultant- Private Fostering & Black Minority Ethnic Issues, BAAF
3. Forced Marriages: Identifying vulnerable young people
Mandy Sanghera, Forced Marriage Advisor to Foreign and Commonwealth Office
4. Identifying and managing mental health problems
Jo Loughran, Head of Learning and Young People, Rethink

15:30 Break

15:45 Safeguarding Children of Irregular Migrants and Refused Asylum Seekers
Don Flynn, Director, Migrants Rights Network

16:15 Young Person's Perspective

16:30 Chair's Closing Remarks
Mor Dioum, Director and Co-Founder, Victoria Climbié Foundation