

CommunityCare live24

BDC, London | 8-9 October

Event Guide

- Over 30 free seminars addressing hot topics
- Expert legal learning citing the latest case law
- Take some time out at our wellbeing sessions
- Network with peers & colleagues
- Celebrate 50 years of Community Care

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Come along to STAND 41 to speak with our passionate team of social workers and occupational therapists from Oxfordshire County Council!

Whether you're looking to learn more about career opportunities, or how we're working towards becoming an 'employer, partner, and place shaper of choice', our knowledgeable team will be there to provide insights and answer all your questions.



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SOCIAL CARE DONE DIFFERENTLY

Together in our Children's and Adults' services, we're transforming how we help our frontline colleagues to support our communities. With continuing professional development, manageable caseloads, reflective supervision and excellent management support, you can expect to bring your best self to the people you work with.

In our **Children, Education and Families Service**, we strive to help children, young people, and families thrive. We value relationship building, empowerment, and strengths, which is reflected in our restorative, relational practice approach. We are proud to be consistently rated as "Good" by Ofsted, and our ambition is to do even better.

In **Adult Services**, we're proud to deliver social care differently, helping Oxfordshire's residents stay fit, healthy, and independent in their communities for as long as possible. By listening to people and building on the positives, we provide collaborative support, to help them live the lives they want. This is what we call the "Oxfordshire Way" - join us and play a part in shaping its future.



At Oxfordshire County Council, you'll discover career pathways, learn from our experienced colleagues, and develop your skills. Why not join us to advance your career and help shape our dynamic services?

Welcome

Welcome to **Community Care Live 2024!**

This year's event is a particularly special one as this year is Community Care's 50th anniversary.

Social work and social care have changed dramatically during that time. But the values that bring people into the sector and inspire their work have not.

We will be retelling social work's story since 1974 throughout the two days: in the special edition of Community Care magazine available at the event; in the exhibition depicting key milestones of the past 50 years; and through cartoonist Harry Venning's capturing of those.

Alongside this, the event will be bringing you its usual blend of invaluable learning, networking, the chance to explore new career opportunities and moments to recuperate and take stock.

We are delighted that the chairs of the national children's and adults' principal social workers networks will be kicking off the event.

We have over 30 sessions of free learning this year, with learning from lived experience a key theme.

Bestselling author and care experienced trainer Jenny Molloy will be returning to the event for a session on day two on working better with women who have experienced addiction and domestic abuse, speaking alongside two other experts by experience.

On day one, expert by experience and academic Rebecca Regler will deliver a session on why involving people with lived experience in social work's design and delivery is so important.

To round off day one, Chickenshed Theatre Company will perform 'Inclusion Emergency', a production that shares its members' experiences of social exclusion.

You can also take advantage of free seminars on learning from serious cases, building an anti-racist culture at work, supporting children involved in or at risk of violence, strengths-based practice with adults and understanding the benefits system.

And for occupational therapists, we have a dedicated learning stream on day one, with seminars on anti-oppressive practice, risk enablement and working with social workers.

We also have two sessions on self-care and supporting your own wellbeing, alongside chair yoga, mediation and relaxation in our dedicated wellbeing area.

In our paid-for legal stream this year, you can update your knowledge on areas including hoarding, care and support decisions and the Mental Capacity Act, the legal framework for adult safeguarding, protecting children from exploitation and private law proceedings.

None of this would be possible without the support of our exhibitors and, in particular, our sponsors: Essex County Council, our event partner, learning sponsor Hampshire County Council and our event sponsor, Wiltshire Council.

There are over 30 organisations exhibiting this year including employers from North West to South East England, providers, learning organisations and recruiters. Do take the time to go and talk to them in the exhibition, while catching up with colleagues over a coffee.



And come and visit the Community Care stand, where there will be plenty going on.

We hope you enjoy the two days!

Mithran Samuel,
editor, Community Care

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Opening Times

Registration opens: 09:00

Programme commences: 09:45

Event closes: 17:00 8th October and
16:30 9th October

Acknowledgements

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Welcome to Community Care Live 2024 with Essex County Council

Event partner:



Essex County Council

At Essex, our ethos of being “Serious about Social Work” and “Making the Difference Every Day” drives our practice. Colleagues are at the very heart of everything that we do and have always been our most valuable asset, we have created an environment which gives our social care professionals the freedom to practice, be innovative, be flexible and prioritise their wellbeing.

The scale, expertise and commitment that exists within Essex County Council means we have a wide variety of services to offer the community. We provide ongoing support, celebrate successes, and provide high-quality CPD programmes and resources through our Essex Social Care Academy, to empower our staff to excel in their roles.

As proud event partners, we are committed to continue providing enriching masterclasses alongside Community Care to further support your practice and we hope this will make a real difference to people’s lives.

We are excited to share our four cutting-edge masterclasses for this year will be:

Children & Families Social Care:

- Learning from young people’s experiences of harm outside the home
- Growing the Solution Focused approach in Statutory Social Work Practice.

Adult Social Care:

- What’s Next for Strengths-Based Approach in Social Work?
- Every Interaction is an Intervention: Early Help with Adults in Essex

Join Community Care for a specialist Occupational Therapy workshop led by our Essex colleagues, Alex Laidler (Principal Occupational Therapist) and Tanya Moore (Principal Social Worker).

- Reflections from a principal social worker and a principal occupational therapist on working together to lead practice in adult social care.

We also want to offer you the opportunity to pause and reflect through our Yoga and Meditation sessions led by our Essex colleagues, Paul McGee (Head of Essex Social Care Academy & Principal Social Worker) and Melanie Noel (Adult Social Worker).

Let’s continue to strengthen our community together by supporting each other and delivering exceptional social work practice. We hope you enjoy the event and recognise the positive impact you make as social workers and occupational therapists!

Visit Essex County Council at **Stand 33**.



Helen Lincoln,
Executive Director, Children &
Families Social Care and Education



Nick Presmeg,
Executive Director for Adult
Social Care

WITH US YOU CAN

With us you can develop your career in Adult Social Care! Our social care teams work with adults and their families, helping them to explore effective ways to move forward in their lives.

We take your career just as seriously as you do, with a focus on CPD, training and mentoring opportunities. Whether you are looking for the next step in your career, seeking a better work life balance, wanting to develop your practice in one of the largest county councils in the country or simply want to apply your experience to help us make a difference to the residents of Essex.

The scale, expertise and commitment that exists within Adult Social Care at ECC means we have a wide variety of services to offer the community, and that means a wide variety of career opportunities for professionals like you.



WE SUPPORT PEOPLE TO HAVE CHOICE AND CONTROL OVER THEIR LIVES.

WITH US YOU CAN

**WE ENCOURAGE
CURIOSITY.**

SERIOUS ABOUT SOCIAL WORK



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At Essex Children & Families, we're serious about social work. We're proud of the environment we've created, which gives our social workers the freedom to practice.

We encourage curiosity, enable development through our extensive CPD offer, and have worked hard as a team to build the right frameworks and put the right tools and supervision in place which has been key to Essex receiving an "Outstanding" Ofsted rating for the 2nd time in a row.

Our colleagues are at the very heart of everything that we do and have always been our most valuable asset. We give time to reflect, be innovative and build meaningful relationships with families – putting them at the heart of their practice.

But don't just take our word for it, our June 2023 Ofsted report highlighted "Workers enjoy working for Essex and morale is extremely high. They are rightly proud of their work with children. Their words and actions convey a genuine sense of belonging, safety and trust in managers, leaders and the organisation."



Scan the QR code for more or visit www.workingforessex.com

Hampshire County Council welcomes you to Community Care Live

Learning sponsor:



We are very pleased to be returning to **Community Care Live** as Learning Sponsor for the sixth year, supporting the excellent learning and development opportunity that the event provides. Please drop by and meet our team on **stand 32** to find out more about what it means to live and work in Hampshire.

Here in Hampshire, we are continuing to invest in our social care workforce and innovate our practice, to provide the best possible outcomes for children and families in our community. We have transformed our practice over recent years, leading us to be rated Outstanding by Ofsted for a second consecutive time in 2024. This means children in Hampshire's care are safe and well looked after and that it continues to be a great place to practise as a social worker.

This year we have rolled out our new model of Family Help, which brings together early help and statutory social care. This enables us to deliver services at the earliest point of need, reducing the number of professionals that families need to engage with as their circumstances, needs and risks change.

You can find out more about this transformative change at our session: **Our Family Help Journey – six months of**



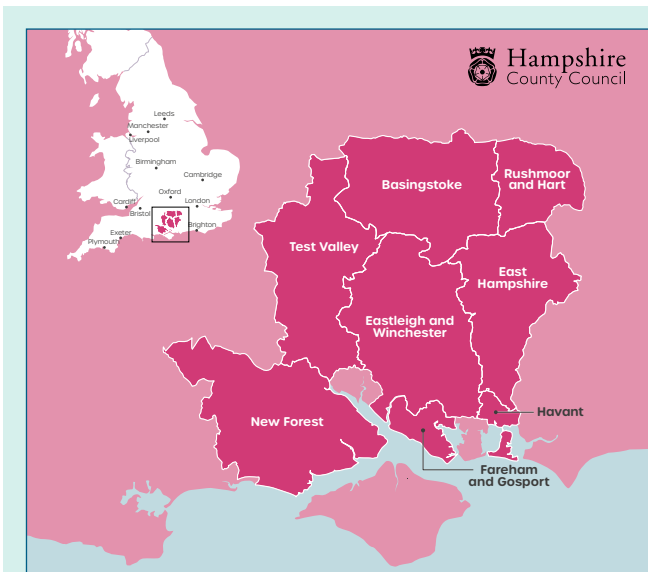
practice, which delves into the reflections, positives, and lessons learnt from the first six months of Family Help being live.

We are also hosting a workshop – **Supporting Children with Disabilities** – where you can discover the innovative work and strategies that Hampshire Children's Services implement, to support disabled children in their own homes.

This is an incredibly exciting time to be a social worker at Hampshire County Council. Come and join us.



Stuart Ashley
Director of Children's Services,
Hampshire County Council



Hampshire is the third largest shire county in England, with a population of over 1.4 million. The county is on the south coast and has excellent transport links, both for local travel and reaching other parts of the country.

Its unique rural beauty is showcased through the region's two national parks, six country parks and many picturesque villages. There are also miles of beautiful coastline, with beaches, nature reserves and attractive seaside towns.

The county is also home to the historic city of Winchester; and many bustling towns including Aldershot, Basingstoke, Eastleigh, Fareham, Gosport, Lymington, Petersfield and Romsey, offering fascinating history and culture, with historic buildings, thriving theatres, award winning museums and modern art galleries.

five great reasons to be a Hampshire County Council children's social worker

Hampshire's qualified children's social workers are guided by a senior management team with combined experience of over 60 years, in an outstanding authority that is taking a transformative approach to its practice.

Stand out.
Be Outstanding.



- 1. Practical support** – you will receive all the practical support you need, including professional development, administrative support (in the form of a personal assistant) and new technology.
- 2. Flexible working** – we have embraced mobile working to make your practice easier and reduce the need to be in an office. We offer part-time and flexible working options to ensure you have the work-life balance you deserve.
- 3. Team support** – our greatest asset is our staff and you'll join a supportive working environment with positive team support and options to develop experience across our varied teams.
- 4. Reduced admin** – social work takes precedence over paperwork, and you'll receive personal assistance with admin tasks, meaning you can devote time to making a difference to communities and families.
- 5. Stand out. Be Outstanding** – you'll have the unique opportunity to shape the future of social care, as part of an Outstanding authority, sharing best practice and expertise with peers and neighbours.



Wiltshire Council welcomes you to Community Care Live

Event sponsor:

Wiltshire Council

Firstly, we'd like to thank you for taking the time to be part of Community Care Live 2024, we know how hard it can feel to take time out for CPD but it really is crucial to achieving best practice. We are delighted to be sponsoring the event and be part of a national collective; all with the same ambitions to support better outcomes for our residents.

Our vision in Wiltshire is to support people to live good lives in thriving communities, with Families, Children and Adult Social Care being key to delivering this. We have strong relationships with partners across our health, care, voluntary and community support system and this integrated approach is delivering benefits for both our residents and our social care staff. Our One Council approach to social care ensures we are able to invest in prevention, early intervention and innovation in order to achieve this.

We are delighted to be offering three innovative masterclasses this year for you to attend:

- **The Legacy and Impact of Life Story from a Parent's Perspective.**

In this thought-provoking session, we will talk about the importance of a parent's journey whilst considering their own child's life story. You will hear firsthand the experiences some parents have had and how we as practitioners can gain a better understanding of the impact positive life stories can have on both parents and children.

- **Interprofessional Approaches: Enhancing outcomes through OT and social work partnerships**

Join us for an engaging and interactive workshop designed to enhance collaboration between occupational therapy (OT) and social work

- **How to Co-Create Inclusive Environments in Adult Social Care: An Immersive Workshop**

Join Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living (Wilts CIL) for a comprehensive

and interactive workshop designed to empower professionals in adult social care with the skills and knowledge to create more inclusive and collaborative environments.

There are exciting transformation programmes underway, informed strongly by the voice of our residents and those with lived experience; working with us to coproduce our services and offers. Much of the work within these programmes is trailblazing activity, leading the way nationally in new approaches to tackle emerging challenges.

Our workforce is our greatest asset, which is why we prioritise them. Our forward thinking workforce strategy ensures our staff are supported, empowered and happy in their roles and have the tools and time to provide the best possible support to service users. Wiltshire Council has developed an exciting offer for staff that includes a generous package of rewards and benefits. We encourage flexible working, and our staff greatly value this approach to maintain their well-being and work life balance. Wiltshire is a beautiful county and a lovely place to live, and we hope you will consider joining us to take advantage of all the benefits working for Wiltshire Council can offer. This really is an exciting time to join our council, with award winning benefits and a culture where talented people thrive.



Emma Legg,
Director, Adults Services,
Wiltshire Council



Jen Salter,
Director, Families and Children's
Services, Wiltshire Council



WE ARE PROUD

to be an event sponsor at
Community Care Live!



Join us on stand 22

Come and meet a range of social care and OT professionals from our Adults' and Families and Children's Services and find out more about working at Wiltshire Council.

Attend three of our informative workshops and hear from our experts and adults with lived experience.

- Learn about how we are transforming social care
- Find out about our innovative social care provisions



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Frequently asked questions

Is there a fee to attend?

Community Care Live is offered free of charge to all registered social workers, local authority social care senior managers, commissioners or workforce leads, government ministers or senior civil servants, police officers, youth offending service staff, probation officers and final-year social work students.

Individuals who do not meet this criteria but would still like to attend will be required to pay the event delegate fee of £395 + VAT, during the online registration process or on site (payable by credit or debit card only).

In addition to our free seminar programme, our legal learning sessions carry a fee of £35+ VAT if booked in advance online or £40+VAT if you pay at the registration desk during the event days.

Can I pay by invoice for legal learning sessions?

No, payment is strictly by debit or credit card only.

I am a student; can I visit the event?

Free attendance is available for ALL social work and occupational therapy degree students and those in higher levels of education. Students in any other area of study will be required to pay the conference delegate fee.

Can I pre-book to attend sessions from the seminar programme?

All of our free-to-attend seminar sessions are available on a first-come, first-served basis only.

Don't forget that the legal learning sessions are paid for and should be booked online in advance, guaranteeing you entry into your selected sessions.

Are certificates for CPD records available?

Community Care Live is CPD Accredited and a link to download personal certificates will be sent to all attendees after the event. These will be sent to the email used for registration.

Can I join the event virtually this year? Or will sessions be recorded for me to listen to after the event?

Event attendance is in person only at the venue. We are unable to offer the option to join sessions virtually, and sessions will not be recorded to listen back to after the event.

Can I get a copy of the speaker presentations from the event?

Yes. All of the speaker presentations from the free sessions, that we have been given permission to share, will be provided within two weeks of the event of the event. **Please note, we will contact you as soon as possible after the event regarding the availability of these.**

If you attended a paid for legal session, you will also be sent a link to any presentations for that specific session, provided we have been given permission by the speaker to share it. **Please note, we will contact you as soon as possible after the event regarding the availability of these.**

What are the accessibility arrangements?

The Business Design Centre has disabled access throughout the venue. For full details please visit <https://www.businessdesigncentre.co.uk/visitors/accessibility/>

Hearing loop systems will be operational in all of our seminar rooms.

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**Just starting your career journey,
looking for the next step
in your adult social care career,
or wanting to improve your
work-life balance?**

Working for Hampshire County Council Adults' Health and Care Services could be the best move you ever make.

Why join us

- Career and pay progression
- Work life balance and flexible working — location and working patterns
- Outstanding learning and development opportunities
- Supportive working environment
- Up to 30 days annual leave
- Local Government Pension Scheme

Visit us on stand 32

Department colleagues will be available to answer your questions.
Come and find out about working in Adults' Health and Care for
Hampshire County Council.

**If you'd like to know more about a career with us,
please email your CV to care.careers@hants.gov.uk**

DAY 1 SCHEDULE Tuesday 8 October

C Children and families **A** Adult services **W** Workforce **O** Occupational therapists

09:00	REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION			
09:30	<p>Open and welcome 09:30 - 09:40 Shungu Chigocha, Kate Concannon, Tapiwa Julius and Louise Sragg, Principal social workers network Exhibition Floor</p>	<p>Lived experience involvement in social work: why it matters and how to increase participation 09:45 - 10:45 Rebecca Regler, Oxford Brookes University Room: Community Care Inform Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A</p>	<p>Hoarding, covert medication and capacity law 09:45 - 10:45 Rt Hon Mike O'Brien KC, senior barrister practising in the Court of Protection Room: Legal Learning Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A </p>	<p>Trauma-informed practice – separated refugee and asylum seeking immigrant children and young people 09:45 - 10:45 Dr Wuraola Bolaji, University of Hertfordshire Room: Essex Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C</p>
11:00	<p>Anti-oppressive practice in occupational therapy 11:00 – 11:45 Dr Musharrat Ahmed-Landeryou, London South Bank University Room: Executive centre (lower ground floor)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A O</p>			<p>Chair Yoga 11:00 – 11:20 Room: Wellbeing area</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> </p>
11:30	<p>Our family help journey - six months of practice 11:30 – 12:30 Nicky Cooper, Paul Child and Hannah Leat, Hampshire County Council Room: Community Care Inform Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> C</p>	<p>Problems in protection - working with the courts to protect young people from exploitation 11:30 – 12:30 Colin Morgan, Pallant Chambers Room: Legal Learning Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C </p>	<p>Learning from young people's experiences of harm outside the home 11:30 – 12:30 Sally-Ann Millar, Sheila Woodward and Dan Lassey, Essex County Council Room: Essex Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> C</p>	<p>Safe haven – a guide for social workers supporting refugee and migrant children in England 11:30 – 12:30 Stewart MacLachlan, Narmada Thiranagama, Kerie Anne Thiram Room: Insights Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> C</p>
12:00	<p>Reflections from a principal social worker and a principal occupational therapist on working together to lead practice in adult social care 12:00 – 12:45 Dr Tanya Moore and Alex Laidler, Essex County Council Room: Executive centre (lower ground floor)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> A W O</p>			
13:00	<p>Relentlessly restorative relationships: how we are working together with children and families 13:00 – 14:00 Mark Finnis, Dawn Goodwin, Barry Tilzey, Sharon Batchelor and John Traynor, Cafcass Room: Insights Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> C</p>	<p>How occupational therapists can engage with risk to achieve their goals 13:30 – 14:15 Louise Straughan, University of East Anglia Room: Executive centre (lower ground floor)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A O</p>		<p>Chair yoga Wellbeing area (exhibition floor) 13:30 – 13:50</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> </p>
14:15	<p>A rough guide to welfare benefits 14:15 – 15:15 Gary Vaux, Hertfordshire County Council Room: Community Care Inform Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C A W</p>	<p>The Care Act 2024, Mental Health Act 1983 and asylum seekers with additional support 14:15 – 15:15 Tim Baldwin, Garden Court Chambers Room: Legal Learning Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A </p>	<p>What's next for a strengths-based approach in social work? 14:15 – 15:15 Dr Tanya Moore, Essex County Council Room: Essex theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> A</p>	<p>The legacy and impact of life story from a parent's perspective 14:15 – 15:15 Ceri Evans, Rachel Thomas and Julia Williams, Wiltshire Council Room: Insights Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> C</p>
14:30	<p>Ask the experts: your career dilemmas answered 14:30 – 15:30 Dame Lorna Boreland-Kelly, Kayleigh Rose Evans and Claire Barcham Room: Executive Centre (lower ground floor)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>		<p>Meditation & relaxation 15:15 – 15:30 Wellbeing area (exhibition floor)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> </p>	
15:30	<p>Riding the waves of change in social work: wellbeing in times of flux 15:30 – 16:30 Sass Boucher and Kate Collier, SelfCare Psychology Room: Community Care Inform Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">W</p>	<p>Competence, capacity or parental responsibility? A guide to all three for those working with young people 15:30 – 16:30 Kellie Salter, 3PB Barristers Room: Legal Learning Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C </p>	<p>Supporting adults with learning difficulties in online participation 15:30 – 16:30 Dr Paraskevi Triantafyllopoulou Room: Essex Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A</p>	<p>Interprofessional approaches: enhancing outcomes through OT and social work partnerships 15:30 – 16:30 Mary Harvey and Kaylie Chapman Room: Insights Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> A O</p>
17:00	<p>Inclusion emergency 17:00 – 18:00 Chickenshed Theatre Company Room: Community Care Inform Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CLOSE OF DAY ONE</p>		

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DAY 2 SCHEDULE Wednesday 9 October

C Children and families **A** Adult services **W** Workforce **O** Occupational therapists

09:00	REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION			
09:45	<p>Living a careless life – a journey through care from care leaver to care leader 09:45 – 10:45 Luke Rodgers BEM, The Care Leaders Room: Community Care Inform Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C</p>	<p>The Mental Capacity Act and care and support decisions 09:45 – 10:45 Tim Spencer-Lane, lawyer Room: Legal Learning Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A</p>	<p>Creating and sustaining an anti-racist culture in social work 09:45 – 10:45 Chaired by Millie Kerr, Brighton & Hove City Council Room: Essex Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C A W</p>	<p>Engaging children in decision-making: making young people's voices the loudest ones we hear 09:45 – 10:45 Danielle Roberts-Wareing, Steven Anderson and Members of the Family Justice Young People's Board, Cafcass Room: Insights Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C</p>
11:00	<p>What practitioners and leaders can learn from serious case reviews in children's and adults services 11:00 – 12:00 Donna Ohdedar, Review Consulting Room: Executive centre (lower ground floor)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">REVIEW CONSULTING C A</p>			<p>Chair Yoga 11:00 – 11:20 Room: Wellbeing area</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Essex County Council</p>
11:30	<p>Working with mothers who have successfully found recovery from addiction and domestic abuse 11:30 – 12:30 Helen, Vicki and Jenny Molloy, author Room: Community Care Inform Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C A</p>	<p>The legal framework for safeguarding adults 11:30 – 12:30 Tim Spencer-Lane, lawyer Room: Legal Learning Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C</p>	<p>Every interaction is an intervention: early help for adults in Essex 11:30 – 12:30 Guy Montague-Smith, Sarah Bowling, Kelly Hierons and Danni Ashman, Essex County Council Room: Essex Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Essex County Council A</p>	<p>Supporting children with disabilities 11:30 – 12:30 Mark Hewer and Sharon Clark, Hampshire County Council Room: Insights Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Hampshire County Council C</p>
12:45	<p>Learning landscapes with Community Care Inform 12:45 – 14:00 Heather McLeod, Aisling Philip, Kasey Senior, Gemma Durrant and Sophie Gilbert Room: Executive centre (lower ground floor)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">W</p>		<p>Self compassion for social workers: How to look after yourself as much as everyone else! 12:45 – 13:10 Kathryn Swinney, Cafcass Room: Wellbeing area</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cafcass W</p>	
13:00	<p>Social Work across the Globe – How British Consulates and local and global partners work together to support vulnerable British Nationals 13:00 – 14:00 Derryck Ayebele, Sarah Erlacher, Chris Heywood and Anoop Kataria Room: Insights Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Heathrow Travel Core</p>			<p>Meditation & relaxation Wellbeing area (exhibition floor) 13:30 – 13:50</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Essex County Council</p>
14:15	<p>Neuroinclusive social work 14:15 – 15:15 Florence Smith and Jenni Guthrie, Neuro Inclusive Solutions Room: Community Care Inform Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">W</p>	<p>Section 117 aftercare - including ordinary residence 14:15 – 15:15 Tim Spencer-Lane, lawyer Room: Legal Learning Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A</p>	<p>Growing the solution-focused approach in statutory social work practice 14:15 – 15:15 Greg Oberbeck, Gaye Cole, Anne Manning and Madison Martineau Room: Essex theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Essex County Council C</p>	<p>How to co-create inclusive environments in adult social care: an immersive workshop 14:15 – 15:15 Kaylie Chapman, Leila Dickinson and Daniel Wilkins, Wiltshire Council Room: Insights Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Wiltshire Council A</p>
15:30	<p>What works – supporting children involved in or at risk of serious youth violence 15:30 – 16:30 Gail Gibbons, Youth Endowment Fund Room: Community Care Inform Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C</p>	<p>Understanding why a child does not want to see a parent in the context of private family law proceedings 15:30 – 16:30 Sarah Parsons, Cafcass Room: Legal Learning Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C</p>	<p>Assistive technologies for working with people with dementia 15:30 – 16:30 Stephen Wey, York St John University Room: Insights Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A O</p>	
16:30	CLOSE			

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Day one sessions



Children and families



Adult services



Workforce



Occupational therapists

09:30 – 09:40

OPEN AND WELCOME

Welcome to Community Care Live 2024 where we celebrate not only the next edition of the event but 50 years since the launch of Community Care.

We are delighted to support the social work and occupational therapist community.

Please join the chairs of the national children and families and adults principal social worker networks who will officially open the event.

Shungu Chigocha, principal social worker, Achieving for Children (Windsor & Maidenhead)

Kate Concannon, principal social worker for adult social care and head of quality, governance and professional development, Southampton City Council

Tapiwa Julius, principal social worker, Children Education and Families Directorate, Cambridgeshire County Council

Louise Sragg, principal social worker, Telford and Wrekin Council Children's Services

9:45 – 10:45



LIVED EXPERIENCE INVOLVEMENT IN SOCIAL WORK: WHY IT MATTERS AND HOW TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION

Room: Community Care Inform Theatre

Co-production as a process is gaining popularity within strategic projects and service development. However, its principles and values can also be useful for increasing involvement within an individual's care and support. By reflecting on her lived experience and academic knowledge of co-production, Rebecca Regler will share why participation from people with lived experience is so important and how it can be increased at a strategic and individual level. People with lived experience are experts in their own lives and that expertise - combined with professional expertise - can lead to better outcomes.

Attend this session to:

- Increase your knowledge of co-production principles and practice
- Understand why increasing participation is so important
- Get a lived experience perspective on improving social work practice

SPEAKER:

Rebecca Regler, associate lecturer in social work, Oxford Brookes University

9:45 – 10:45



HOARDING, COVERT MEDICATION AND CAPACITY LAW

Room: Legal Learning Theatre

This session will look at difficult challenges for professionals working with adults with

mental capacity issues who have become hoarders or where they refuse to take essential medication and judges order they must be secretly medicated. Senior lawyer Mike O'Brien KC will look at some recent cases, including ones where he was involved, where the courts have intervened - in sometimes draconian ways - to force people to change the way they live.

SPEAKER:

Rt Hon Mike O'Brien KC, senior barrister practising in the Court of Protection

9:45 – 10:45



TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICE – SEPARATED REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKING IMMIGRANT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Room: Essex Theatre

This session will explore research on the trauma of refugee and asylum seeking children and young people as they transition into adulthood and resettle in the UK. It will look at trauma-informed practice and provide practical tips for social workers on how to work effectively with this population.

Attend this session to:

- Explore trauma and trauma experiences
- Understand how trauma impacts the transition into adulthood of refuge and asylum seeking children and young people
- Gain practical tips on applying trauma-informed practice to improve your practice

SPEAKER:

Dr Wuraola Bolaji, senior lecturer in social work, University of Hertfordshire

11:00 – 11:45



ANTI-OPPRESSIVE PRACTICE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Room: Executive centre (lower ground floor)

This presentation hopes to inspire and empower occupational therapists to be critically reflexive and conscious to deliver anti-oppressive practice. The session will explore the component features of anti-oppressive practice, look at why it is necessary and the challenges in integrating it in services as well as what it means and the values and beliefs of occupational therapy and therapists in a professional context.

Attend this session to:

- Explore the form, function and meanings of anti-oppressive practice
- Understand why and how an anti-oppressive approach improves practice

SPEAKER:

Dr Musharrat Ahmed-Landeryou, associate professor in occupational health, London South Bank University

11:00 – 11:20



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11.30 – 12.30



OUR FAMILY HELP JOURNEY - SIX MONTHS OF PRACTICE

Room: Community Care Inform Theatre

Find out how Hampshire turned theory into action to transform child and family outcomes:

- Reflections, positives, and lessons learnt from the first six months of family help being live. What went well, but what could be even better?
- Understanding the journey of transformation - how you can build and develop a culture of transformation and continuous improvement in your team.
- Turning recommendations into practice - reflections of how the concept of family help translates into the delivery of frontline social care.

SPEAKERS:

Nicky Cooper, district manager, Hampshire County Council

Paul Child, district service manager, Hampshire County Council

Hannah Leat, district manager, Hampshire County Council



11:30 – 12:30



PROBLEMS IN PROTECTION - WORKING WITH THE COURTS TO PROTECT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM EXPLOITATION

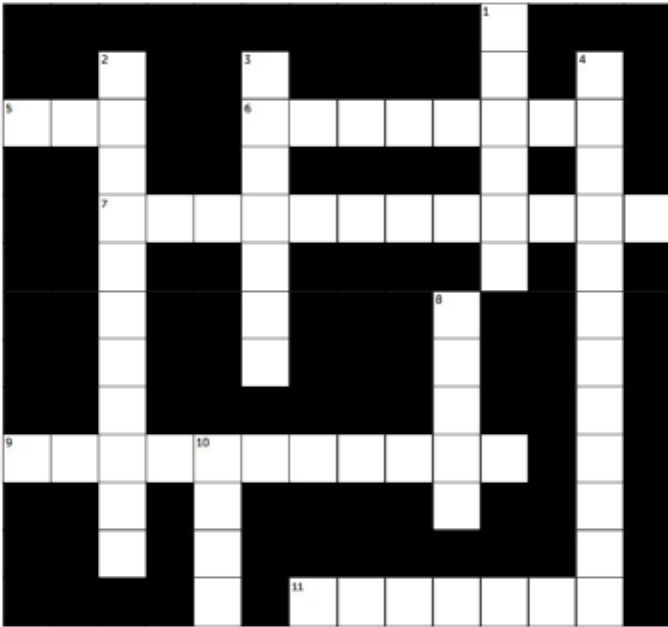
Room: Legal Learning Theatre

This session will examine some of the issues that arise in attempting to protect children from the consequences of their own decisions when they are approaching adulthood. It will look at legal options and case law in relation to the protection of older children where the child may be at risk of exploitation but disagrees with attempts to impose restrictions on their choices over their own lives.

Learning outcomes:

- An understanding of the legal framework in the family courts for protecting children at risk of exploitation

Complete our crossword to be entered in to our prize draw!! For help with your answers, come and visit us on stand 33.



Across

- 5** - "With us ___ Can" (3)
What is the missing word?
(*Hint - Read our Essex County Council Advert)
- 6** - On our stand you can get involved in an activity where the colours reflect your ____ (8)
- 7** - What does the Wheel of Discussion support conversations about? (6)
(*Hint - Come & ask on of our team on the Essex stand)
- 9** - What is our stand number? (3) (5)
- 11** - "Seeking a better work life ____ (7)
What is the missing word?
(*Hint - Read our Essex County Council Advert)

Down

- 1** - On our stand you can get involved and place a note on our ___ (3) (3)
- 2** - Essex Children & Families have received an ___ Ofsted rating for the 2nd time in a row (11)
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- 3** - At Essex we are "___ about Social Work" (7)
What is the missing word?
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- 4** - What is the name of the room our masterclasses are held in? (5) (7)
- 8** - "We support people to have choice & control over their ___" (5)
What is the missing word?
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- 10** - What is the name of our tec pet? (4)
(*Hint - Come & ask on of our team on the Essex stand)

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- An understanding of the factors likely to affect court's decision-making in this area of the law using the case of EBY as an example
- An understanding of the contrast between interventions to protect younger children and those to protect older children in the family justice system

SPEAKER:

Colin Morgan, specialist family barrister, Pallant Chambers

11:30 – 12:30



LEARNING FROM YOUNG PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES OF HARM OUTSIDE THE HOME

Room: Essex Theatre

In Essex we have a framework for tackling exploitation called 'Risk in the Community' which is a partnership approach supported by a dedicated social care team of professionals.

In this workshop, we will share how you can learn from the voices of young people and families about how exploitation affects them and their communities, and use this learning to develop your approaches.

We will share how we work alongside young people and their families to build trust, recognising families as secondary victims and supporting our partnership to intervene with timely, robust and effective interventions.

We also regularly challenge systemic issues our young people and their families face, including professional perceptions of exploitation and their responses, recognising exploitation as significant harm outside the home.

SPEAKERS:

Sally-Ann Millar, child exploitation manager, Essex County Council

Sheila Woodward, service manager, Essex County Council

Dan Lassey, Risk in the Community senior practitioner, Essex County Council



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11:30 – 12:30



SAFE HAVEN – A GUIDE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS SUPPORTING REFUGEE AND MIGRANT CHILDREN IN ENGLAND

Room: Insights Theatre

Social workers have been in the frontline of the government's attempts to create a hostile environment for asylum seekers and refugees. This workshop will help social workers in promoting the interests of refugee and migrant children and their

families. It will outline the law in England, give an overview of the issues affecting refugee and migrant children in the UK and identify common themes related to providing support to them from a social work context.

SPEAKERS:

Stewart MacLachlan, legal and policy manager, Coram Children's Legal Centre

Narmada Thiranagama, policy officer, UNISON

Kerie Anne, UNISON Social Care Forum



12:00 – 12:45



REFLECTIONS FROM A PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WORKER AND A PRINCIPAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ON WORKING TOGETHER TO LEAD PRACTICE IN ADULT SOCIAL CARE

Room: Executive centre (lower ground floor)

This session will describe how the principal social worker (PSW) and principal occupational therapist (POT) lead practice together in Essex to create the conditions for both social workers and occupational therapists to do their best work.

Attend this session to:

- Understand how the PSW and POT in Essex have created governance, learning, and engagement opportunities to oversee and nurture practice in adult social care
- Gain insight into how both social work and occupational therapy professions are strengthened by recognising what's shared and what's different about each of the roles and disciplines
- Hear stories from practitioners about where social work and occupational therapy have come together to help people regain control and independence in their lives

SPEAKERS:

Dr Tanya Moore, principal social worker, Essex County Council

Alex Laidler, principal occupational therapist, Essex County Council

13:00 – 14:00



RELENTLESSLY RESTORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS: HOW WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Room: Insights Theatre

Cafcass welcome you to a learning event on relationship-based practice, exploring how we are working with children and families to

build relationships and work collaboratively to provide all children with an exceptional experience of their engagement with us.

The session will be facilitated by our principal social worker, Dawn Goodwin. Our keynote speaker, Mark Finnis, expert in restorative practice, will share why the building of relationships and working in a relentlessly restorative way is key in achieving the best outcomes for children.

You will hear directly from social workers about how they are using restorative, relationship and strengths-based practice to engage with children and their parents in both public and private law proceedings. They will share examples of how they have supported children during their proceedings which highlights the value and impact of this approach for children.

You will also hear from Barry Tilzey, assistant director for Cafcass' National Improvement Service, about the difference our practice framework, Together with Children and Families, is making in the work we do, contributing to Cafcass' ambition of giving every child an exceptional experience of Cafcass, everywhere, every time.

Objectives:

- Consider how relationship and strengths-based practice can support engagement with children and young people.
- Understand what it means to work restoratively with children and families, and to hear examples of what this looks like in practice.

SPEAKERS:

Mark Finnis, director, L30 Relational Systems

Dawn Goodwin, assistant director - principal social worker, Cafcass

Barry Tilzey, assistant director for performance and quality assurance, Cafcass

Sharon Batchelor, family court advisor, Cafcass

John Traynor, family court advisor, Cafcass



13:30 – 14:15



HOW OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS CAN ENGAGE WITH RISK TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS

Room: Executive centre (lower ground floor)

Occupational therapy supports individuals to reach their chosen goals and achieve their full potential. Taking risks can be intrinsic to someone's progress which means occupational therapists should not see risk as a barrier. Instead they need to embrace and engage with risk, while not ignoring it. Even when an individual is assessed as not having the mental capacity to make certain choices, risk should not necessarily limit best interest

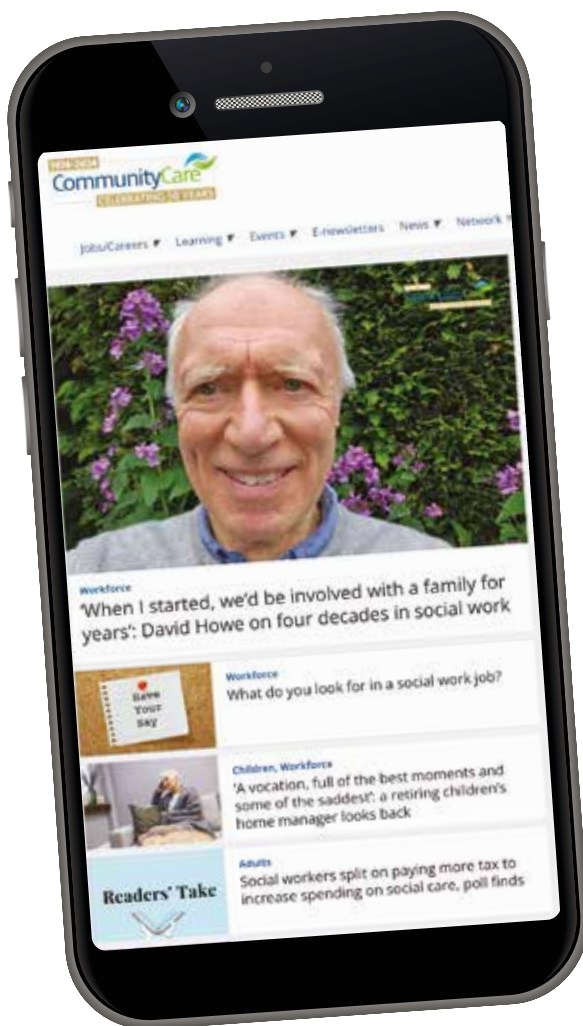
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decisions, especially when these take into account the individual's stated preferences and wishes. This session will look at the principles and process of risk management.

Learning outcomes:

- When and how to carry out a risk assessment and enablement plan, and what should be included in both
- How to strike the right balance between risk and choice
- How to incorporate risk enablement into everyday practice
- What to do when risk becomes a reality

SPEAKER:

Louise Straughan, lecturer in occupational therapy, University of East Anglia

13:30 – 13:50



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14:15 – 15:15



A ROUGH GUIDE TO WELFARE BENEFITS

Room: Community Care Inform Theatre

Why does knowing at least something about benefits matter? Because it matters to most of the people we work with, especially in times of austerity. In an hour, you won't become experts on the UK benefit system – but you will be brought up to date with all significant recent and planned changes and guided to where you can find out more.

This session will consider:

- The links between social care and social security and why they matter
- Important developments in Universal Credit, disability and carers' benefits, pensions and family benefits
- Where to get the support you need so some of the people you work with and for are not slipping deeper into debt and poverty

SPEAKER:

Gary Vaux, head of the Money Advice Unit, Hertfordshire County Council

14:15 – 15:15



THE CARE ACT 2024, MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1983 AND ASYLUM SEEKERS WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Room: Legal Learning Theatre

This session is designed to identify the legal framework for the provision of care and support to adult asylum seekers and their families, and those in immigration detention and on bail, in the UK. It will identify the duties owed by the Secretary of State for the Home Office and precisely identify the legal framework when other public bodies are responsible for the care of asylum seekers beyond that which the Home Office can provide. This session will briefly consider the impact of the Illegal Migration Act and Rwanda Safety Act on asylum support. It will also identify pathways and problems for asylum seekers when status is granted.

Attend this session to:

- Get an update on present law
- Have a clear understanding of the interaction of community law for asylum seekers
- Identify future legal issue and challenges for care and support for asylum seekers

SPEAKER:

Tim Baldwin, barrister, Garden Court Chambers

14:15 – 15:15



WHAT'S NEXT FOR A STRENGTHS-BASED APPROACH IN SOCIAL WORK?

Room: Essex theatre

Strengths-based social work is a deceptively simple approach that's been conflated with community strengths-based models, causing confusion for practice. This has led to the reductionist question 'what are your strengths' now being seen as an acceptable basis for assessment.

It may be that in our determination to avoid a deficit approach, we're ignoring the realities of living with care and support needs. But it may also be that in the face of overwhelming need, a simplistic approach to assessment serves the unconscious need to contain anxiety for social workers and wider system.

This masterclass uses a local authority case study to explore the meaning of a strengths approach for social work. An approach of relationships and reciprocity is proposed to build upon the affirming principles of strengths and contributions whilst recognising the centrality of the relationship in forming authentic collaboration and containment.

SPEAKER:

Dr Tanya Moore, principal social worker, Essex County Council



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14:15 – 15:15



THE LEGACY AND IMPACT OF LIFE STORY FROM A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Room: Insights Theatre

In this thought-provoking session, we will talk about the importance of a parent's journey whilst considering their own child's life story. You will hear firsthand the experiences some parents have had and how we as practitioners can gain a better understanding of the impact positive life stories can have on both parents and children.

This session will focus on the key aspects of participation and relationship-based practice in family and children's services. Attendees will gain valuable insights from the experiences of social workers and parents to develop best practice in approaches and direct work with children and parents in relation to life story.

Through presentations and interactive discussions, participants will understand the importance of involving people with lived experience in life story work and the positive outcomes that can be achieved through seeing parents as the experts, along with relationship-based approaches to this area of practice.

Learning outcomes:

- Recognise the transformative power of relationship-based intensive work
- Gain insights into the challenges faced by parents in being proactive with their child's life story and the role of a relationship-based approach in supporting them
- Learn from those with lived experience of receiving support and the impact this has for life story work
- Understand how we empower parents to participate and be actively involved in life story work

SPEAKERS:

Ceri Evans, senior family keyworker, Wiltshire Council

Rachel Thomas, assistant team manager, Wiltshire Council

Julia Williams, PAUSE practitioner, Wiltshire Council

Please note: This session will be recorded and later released as a podcast episode.

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14.30 – 15.30



ASK THE EXPERTS: YOUR CAREER DILEMMA ANSWERED

Room: Executive Centre (Lower ground floor)

This workshop will be based around the format of Community Care's popular 'ask the expert' column. Three expert panellists with

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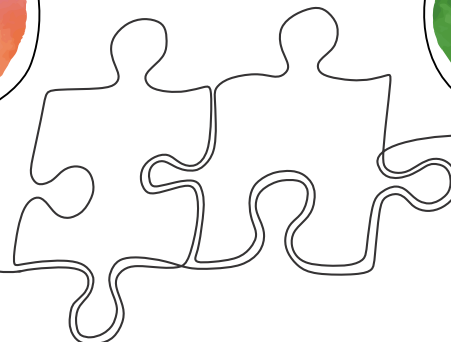
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PANELISTS:

Dame Lorna Boreland-Kelly, managing director, Bokell Associates Ltd

Kayleigh Rose Evans, social worker, practice educator and best interests assessor

Claire Barcham, social work consultant

15:15 – 15:30



MEDITATION & RELAXATION

Wellbeing area (exhibition floor)

Take a moment to participate in our guided meditation session designed to regulate emotions, improve concentration and productivity, reduce stress and help you to feel energised. This session is open to all.



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15:30 – 16.30



RIDING THE WAVES OF CHANGE IN SOCIAL WORK: WELLBEING IN TIMES OF FLUX

Room: Community Care Inform Theatre

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus once said that the only constant in life is change and this is particularly true in the field of social care and health. However, navigating this change can be challenging for social workers and can feed into professional trauma and fatigue. How can we maintain a stable centre when the sand beneath us constantly shifts? Although there are no certainties, we invite you to join us in exploring suggestions to help you protect your passion and stay grounded.

Attend this session to:

- Explore why change can be so hard
- Learn what can make a difference to us personally and support healthy responses to change
- Reflect on how this knowledge and the five pillars of protection can be applied in your own practice

SPEAKERS:

Sass Boucher, counsellor psychotherapist and co-founder of SelfCare Psychology

Kate Collier, head of learning and development, Black Country Women's Aid and co-founder of SelfCare Psychology

15:30 – 16:30



COMPETENCE, CAPACITY OR PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY? A GUIDE TO ALL THREE FOR THOSE WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Room: Legal Learning Theatre

This session aims to assist those working with dilemmas of practice with young people

when voices need to be heard, parents have a view and the law might sound confusing. It will re-visit basic principles alongside helpful case law and is designed to provide explanations and give confidence to practitioners when the three concepts appear to collide.

Attend this session to:

- Be clearer on the three concepts of competence, capacity and parental responsibility
- Explore relevant definitions and case law
- Understand how to apply the concepts within your day-to-day practice and explain them to others

SPEAKER:

Kellie Salter, family law barrister, 3PB Barristers

15:30 – 16:30



SUPPORTING ADULTS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES IN ONLINE PARTICIPATION

Room: Essex Theatre

This session will explore issues around online participation and online harms, drawing on research conducted over a number of years with stakeholders around adults with learning disabilities. It will explore the balance of ensuring people are safe without unnecessarily eroding their rights or excessively controlling access and how best to create a disclosure first environment.

Attend this session to:

- Understand the nature of online harms and how to support those who might be exposed
- Learn how to make evidence-based responses to concerns and disclosures
- Understand the law and its application in this area

SPEAKER:

Dr Paraskevi Triantafyllopoulou

15:30 – 16:30



INTERPROFESSIONAL APPROACHES: ENHANCING OUTCOMES THROUGH OT AND SOCIAL WORK PARTNERSHIPS

Room: Insights Theatre

Join us for an engaging and interactive workshop designed to enhance collaboration between occupational therapy (OT) and social work. This workshop aims to equip participants with the skills and knowledge on the importance of bridging the gap between these two disciplines, ultimately leading to improved client outcomes.

By the end of this workshop, participants will have a deeper understanding of how to work collaboratively across disciplines, leading to more holistic and effective assessments and support. This workshop is ideal for

professionals looking to enhance their interdisciplinary skills and improve outcomes for their clients.

Attend this session to:

- Learn effective communication skills and how to successfully bridge the gap between occupational therapy (OT) and social work, leading to improved client outcomes.
- Gain insights into coordinating care across disciplines, including joint assessment techniques, shared goal-setting, and collaborative intervention planning.
- Take part in case discussions, exploring ethical dilemmas specific to OT and social work partnerships. Learn how to navigate complex situations while prioritising client needs.

SPEAKERS:

Mary Harvey, principal occupational therapist, Wiltshire Council

Kaylie Chapman, principal social worker, adult social care, Wiltshire Council

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17:00 – 18:00



INCLUSION EMERGENCY

Room: Community Care Inform Theatre

What happens when a Climate Emergency is declared by countries and organisations like the UN? Everyone sits up and takes notice. So could the same principles be applied to inclusion? Why can't we declare an Inclusion Emergency?

This performance by Chickenshed highlights the different ways individuals experience exclusion from society and the barriers to inclusion young people face every day.

Every individual in this presentation has an exclusion story that they would like to make an inclusion story. When their collective voice, their collective vision and their collective experience are recognised we will have declared an Inclusion Emergency and can finally move forward.

The show was devised by Ash Driver, Paul Morrall and the cast sharing their lived experiences.

Attend this session to:

- Widen your knowledge and understanding of young people's lived experiences and their views on society

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9:45 – 10:45

**LIVING A CARELESS LIFE – A JOURNEY THROUGH CARE FROM CARE LEAVER TO CARE LEADER****Room: Community Care Inform Theatre**

This presentation bridges the gap between real-life experiences and theoretical knowledge within the care system. It charts a remarkable journey from care leaver to care leader, offering attendees deep insights from both personal and professional perspectives. Attendees will gain understanding of the complexities and nuances of care, illuminating how challenges can transform into triumphs. It is intended to be an inspirational guide, crafted to empower and enlighten all those connected to the vital field of social care.

Attend this session to:

- Delve into first-hand experiences of life in care, gaining insights into overcoming personal challenges
- Explore essential theories about attachment, behaviour and development
- Acquire practical tools to effectively support and enhance the wellbeing of children in care

SPEAKER:

Luke Rodgers BEM, chief executive, The Care Leaders

Please note filming and photography will take place during this session.

9:45 – 10:45

**THE MENTAL CAPACITY ACT AND CARE AND SUPPORT DECISIONS****Room: Legal Learning Theatre**

This session will consider the relationship between, on the one hand, the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and, on the other hand, the Care Act 2014 and Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. These are both separate and overlapping areas of law and it is important that social workers are confident in applying the Mental Capacity Act to care and support decisions where relevant. The session will explore the relevant legislative framework and key case law on matters such as assessing capacity and best interests decision-making in the context of care and support.

Learning outcomes:

- How to assess capacity for care and support decisions
- Making best interests decisions in the context of limited public funding
- The process of care planning when the person lacks capacity

SPEAKER:

Tim Spencer-Lane, lawyer specialising in mental capacity, mental health and social care law

9:45 – 10:45

**CREATING AND SUSTAINING AN ANTI-RACIST CULTURE IN SOCIAL WORK****Room: Essex Theatre**

Local authorities, social care providers and academics across the country are exploring ways to first create an anti-racist culture in social work organisations, and then to sustain this culture. How do we promote equality and diversity and tackle discrimination and racism in all aspects of social work? Leading experts in anti-racist practice will discuss the keys to success and how anti-racist culture can be embedded into day-to-day social work.

CHAIR:

Millie Kerr, strategic anti-racist lead – business improvement, Brighton & Hove City Council

SPEAKERS:

Professor Kish Bhatti-Sinclair, professor of social work and social policy, University of Chichester

Vivian Okeze-Tirado, head of social work and equality, diversity and inclusion training, VOT Training and Consultancy

Pam Shodeinde, advanced social work practitioner and founding member of the BASW BPS (Black Professional Symposium)

9:45 – 10:45

**ENGAGING CHILDREN IN DECISION-MAKING: MAKING YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOICES THE LOUDEST ONES WE HEAR****Room: Insights Theatre**

Cafcass and the Family Justice Young People's Board (FJYPB) are excited to welcome you to explore some of the ways social workers at Cafcass strive for children and young people's voices to be the loudest of all voices heard in the family courts.

Danielle Roberts-Wareing is a service manager and Cafcass' Together Champion in the Greater Manchester region and Steven Anderson is the assistant lead to Cafcass' Social Work Academy. Danielle and Steven have different styles, but both make sure that children's uniqueness and differences are embraced and reflected in their approaches.

Together, they will share with you their wealth of knowledge, skills and experience in finding ways to provide children and young people with the best chance of feeling able to develop trust, allowing them to express their truth, experiences, hopes, thoughts and wishes.

Young people from the FJYPB, along with Danielle and Steven, will be collaborating with you to focus on what you must do to create a relationship with children and young people that allows them to experience social work and social work

process in a restorative way. Bring your best thinking and be prepared to take part! Steven and Danielle are big advocates for shared learning so bring your best ideas to share, as no social worker's toolbox is ever too full!

Attend this session to:

- Build knowledge around how best to engage children through trusting relationships
- Highlight the importance of keeping children informed during decision making processes
- Hear directly from young people who have experienced court proceedings about why engagement matters

SPEAKERS:

Danielle Roberts-Wareing, service manager and Together Champion in the Greater Manchester region, Cafcass

Steven Anderson, assistant lead, Cafcass' Social Work Academy

Members of the Family Justice Young People's Board, Cafcass



11:00 – 11:20

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**WHAT PRACTITIONERS AND LEADERS CAN LEARN FROM SERIOUS CASE REVIEWS IN CHILDREN'S AND ADULTS SERVICES****Room: Executive Centre (lower ground floor)**

Donna Ohdedar is an ex-local authority Head of Law, now an independent reviewer, consultant and specialist in safeguarding and domestic abuse cases. She is involved in three types of serious case review: Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews, Safeguarding Adults Reviews and Domestic Homicide Reviews.

In this insightful session, aimed at both practitioners and leaders, Donna will share what she has learnt from many years of conducting independent reviews and working with practitioners and senior leaders in children's and adults' services.

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For any safeguarding system to be able to learn about how well it's doing, it needs good feedback about the processes and the outcomes of the services provided. However, reviews often adopt a deficit focus, and practitioners are often the focus for blame when a tragedy occurs. Where this leads to more compliance measures and defensiveness, we're not creating the conditions for workers to do what they do best.

Donna will explore how this can be different and how the review process can adopt a strengths-focused analysis, geared around learning from what went well, encouraging openness and ownership rather than leading to more compliance measures and defensiveness.

The workshop will also touch on how to prepare to be involved in a review, and why it is crucial to have the buy in of practitioners, managers and leaders at every level of a service.

SPEAKER:

Donna Ohdedar, CEO, Review Consulting



11:30 – 12:30

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WORKING WITH MOTHERS WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY FOUND RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION AND DOMESTIC ABUSE

Room: Community Care Inform Theatre

This session will explore the challenges social workers face when working with women who are living with active addiction and domestic abuse whilst being parents and needing to be safe. It will help professionals recognise the unique challenges, including how women are often blamed for not seeking refuge when social workers want them to, the complex relationships victims have with perpetrators and what would help keep them safe in the child protection process.

Attend this session to:

- Understand the challenges of working with complex relationships within the child protection process
- Gain insight into how conditioning and fear impact the options mothers have when faced with these challenges
- Learn how to improve your practice in working with this group

SPEAKERS:

Helen, Freedom programme facilitator and expert by experience

Vicki, expert by experience

Jenny Molloy, Trevi patron and author of Hackney Child, Tainted Love and Neglected

11:30 – 12:30

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THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR SAFEGUARDING ADULTS

Room: Legal Learning Theatre

The legal framework for adult safeguarding begins but does not end with the Care Act 2014 and Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. It is made up of a complex array of legal provisions which fall within mental capacity and mental health law, criminal law, civil powers, the common law, regulatory law and environmental and public health. This session will explore some of the complex relationships between the various legal provisions and how social workers can use the law to help frame their responses to adult safeguarding concerns.

Learning outcomes:

- Key adult safeguarding duties
- The role of the European Convention of Human Rights in adult safeguarding
- Limits of adult safeguarding law

SPEAKER:

Tim Spencer-Lane, lawyer specialising in mental capacity, mental health and social care law

11:30 – 12:30

A

EVERY INTERACTION IS AN INTERVENTION: EARLY HELP FOR ADULTS IN ESSEX

Room: Essex Theatre

In this workshop, two early help teams in Essex adult social care will talk about practice approaches which place the relationship at the heart of the intervention. We will share real case studies and examples of creative, innovative direct work in practice with people with mild learning disabilities and adults who present with needs relating to mental health and autism.

Learning objectives:

- Gain a greater understanding of how relational direct work supports adults into recovery, and how a trauma-informed lens supports compassionate work with adults
- Show how meeting the adult at the place they want to meet - both metaphorically and physically - supports person-centred, individualised support
- Raise awareness of how a multi-disciplinary approach in early intervention support for autistic people and their carers can improve outcomes and quality of life, and reduce dependency on adult social care services
- Increase understanding of how solution-focused interventions can enable autistic people and their carers to build confidence in identifying and using their strengths and abilities

SPEAKERS:

Guy Montague-Smith, team manager, Essex County Council

Sarah Bowling, senior social worker, Essex County Council

Kelly Hierons, operational mental health team manager, Essex County Council

Danni Ashman, acting senior social worker, Essex County Council



Essex County Council

11:30 – 12:30

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SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Room: Insights Theatre

Find out some of the innovative ways Hampshire children's services are supporting disabled children within their own homes.

Explore:

- The benefits of providing sleep support
- Enhancing communication using technology
- How direct payment workers can make a significant impact to families with disabled children

SPEAKERS:

Mark Hewer, district manager, Hampshire County Council

Sharon Clark, district manager, Hampshire County Council



12:45 – 2:00pm

W

LEARNING LANDSCAPES WITH COMMUNITY CARE INFORM

Room: Executive centre (lower ground floor)

At Community Care Inform we have a robust research stream which continually analyses and describes the current learning landscape for those engaged in social work and wider social care. Join the Community Care Inform team at this exclusive, invitation only workshop to get early access to our latest research project. We have surveyed thousands of social work professionals over the summer to understand current attitudes to learning.

We'll bring together our research lead and a panel of sector experts to consider our latest research into learning cultures to explore how it feels to learn in 2024. This insightful session will allow you to reflect on the role learning plays in your own organisation and reflect on the challenges and opportunities that exist for those who are responsible for learning programmes in local authorities, universities and other settings alongside an invited audience of your peers.

Day two sessions

C Children and families **A** Adult services **W** Workforce **O** Occupational therapists

An invited panel of local authority learning leaders will lead the conversation, commenting on our findings and will invite discussion and debate. We've designed the session with workforce leaders, PSWs, course leaders and those charged with learning improvement in mind.

RESEARCH LEAD:

Heather McLeod, independent research consultant, McLeod Research

CHAIR:

Aisling Philip, senior client partner, Community Care Inform

PANEL:

Kasey Senior, principal social worker, Surrey County Council

Gemma Durrant, head of learning & development – Children's Services, Hampshire County Council

Sophie Gilbert, head of the learning academy, Birmingham Children's Trust

Please note this event is by invitation only.

12:45 – 13:10

W

SELF COMPASSION FOR SOCIAL WORKERS: HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOURSELF AS MUCH AS EVERYONE ELSE!

Room: Wellbeing area (exhibition floor)

Self-care is important for us all, but especially for social workers as we recognise the emotional demands of our work. Join Kathryn Swinney, Health and Wellbeing Manager at Cafcass, as we review the importance and impact practising self-compassion can have on our health and wellbeing on those days when the idea of finding time for self-care can feel daunting.

Attendees will learn the 3 components of self-compassion, tips for how to incorporate into busy lives, and follow along to a guided 'self-compassion break'.

Attend this session to:

- Learn the importance and impact of practising self-compassion for our health and wellbeing in the context of the emotional demands of social work
- Identify the 3 components of self-compassion, and discuss practical ways to incorporate self-care and self-compassion into our routines more
- Practise and identify self-compassion exercises to implement into your routines

SPEAKER:

Kathryn Swinney, health and wellbeing manager, Cafcass



13:00 – 14.00

SOCIAL WORK ACROSS THE GLOBE – HOW BRITISH CONSULATES AND LOCAL AND GLOBAL PARTNERS WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE BRITISH NATIONALS

Room: Insights Theatre

This workshop will explore how specialist teams, partner agencies, consulates and local authorities work together to support vulnerable British nationals at home and abroad. We will delve into the global role of consular assistance, focusing on partnerships that provide critical support in cases involving health crises, mental health challenges, safeguarding issues, and exploitation, and how we work with UK local authorities. Through real-world examples, we will demonstrate the importance of multi-agency collaboration in safeguarding British nationals in diverse international setting.

Learning outcomes:

- Find out how Consulates worldwide work with vulnerable British Nationals
- Understand how specialist advisers, dedicated sub-teams and partner agencies work together to achieve the best possible outcomes
- Consider how you and your colleagues can foster partnership working in a global context

SPEAKERS:

Derryck Ayebale, consular child policy officer, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

Sarah Erlacher, social work adviser, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

Chris Heywood, social work adviser, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

Anoop Kataria, social worker, Heathrow Travel Care



13:30 – 13:50

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MEDITATION & RELAXATION Wellbeing area (exhibition floor)

Take a moment to participate in our guided mediation session designed to regulate emotions, improve concentration and productivity, reduce stress and help you to feel energised. This session is open to all.



Essex County Council

14:15 – 15:15

W

NEUROINCLUSIVE SOCIAL WORK

Room: Community Care Inform Theatre

This session will introduce neurodiversity and its vital role in the social work workforce and explore different neurotypes, their strength and challenges. It will look at how as a profession we can work towards a culture change embedded in psychological safety to ensure we create inclusive spaces for neurodivergent social workers and, importantly, the people we work with.

Attend this session to:

- Be able to recognise a range of different neurotypes
- Understand the challenges faced by neurodivergent social workers
- Learn what changes you can make within your practice/organisation to create inclusive spaces for neurodivergent colleagues

SPEAKERS:

Florence Smith, social worker and director of Neuro Inclusive Solutions

Jenni Guthrie, social worker, principal curriculum lead, Frontline and director of Neuro Inclusive Solutions

14:15 – 15:15

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SECTION 117 AFTERCARE - INCLUDING ORDINARY RESIDENCE

Room: Legal Learning Theatre

Section 117 of the Mental Health Act 1983 is a unique and important legal duty. It establishes a strong legal requirement on local authorities and the NHS to provide free after-care services to certain former mental health patients. It has also been the subject of case law and survived various attempts by governments to abolish it. This session will explore the implications of section 117 for social workers and will consider the implications of the Supreme Court decision in the "Worcestershire case" on the meaning of ordinary residence for the purposes of section 117.

Learning outcomes:

- Eligibility for section 117 after-care and who is responsible
- When does section 117 after-care end
- Future plans for reform of section 117

SPEAKER:

Tim Spencer-Lane, lawyer specialising in mental capacity, mental health and social care law

Day two sessions

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14:15 – 15:15

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GROWING THE SOLUTION-FOCUSED APPROACH IN STATUTORY SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

Room: Essex Theatre

We love to pilot something different in Essex County Council's children and families service. Following the successful use of solution-focused practice in our edge of care services, the South Essex quadrant embarked on a programme of solution-focused practice training for all workers in all children's services, to test and learn how it will enhance our current strengths-based, systemic and relationship-based model.

Let us tell you the story of how we have been doing that and the impact it is having so far.

SPEAKERS:

Greg Oberbeck, practice supervisor, Essex County Council

Gayle Cole, director of local delivery, Essex County Council

Anne Manning, team manager, Essex County Council

Madison Martineau, senior practitioner, Essex County Council



Essex County Council

14:15 – 15:15

A

HOW TO CO-CREATE INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS IN ADULT SOCIAL CARE: AN IMMERSIVE WORKSHOP

Room: Insights Theatre

Join us for a comprehensive and interactive workshop designed to empower professionals in adult social care with the skills and knowledge to create more inclusive and collaborative environments. Run by people with lived experience from Wiltshire CIL and Social Workers from Wiltshire Council; This workshop will provide participants with practical strategies and first-hand insights on how to enhance their practice and improve outcomes for service users.

By the end of this workshop, attendees will be equipped with practical strategies to promote inclusivity, collaborate effectively through co-production, and navigate the multifaceted landscape of adult social care. This workshop is ideal for professionals seeking to enhance their skills, promote positive change, and make a meaningful impact in their field. Participants will leave with a toolkit of resources and techniques to apply in their daily practice, ensuring they can provide high-quality, person-centered care.

Attend this session to:

- Become equipped with strategies to create inclusive environments, ensuring

that all voices are heard and valued in the context of adult social care

- Gain insight into the principles and practices of co-production, exploring how collaboration between professionals, service users and communities enhances social care outcomes
- Learn about the diverse facets of adult social care, including legal frameworks, service provision, and the role of social workers

SPEAKERS:

Kaylie Chapman, principal social worker, adult social care, Wiltshire Council

Leila Dickinson, assistant team manager, advice and contact team, Wiltshire Council

Daniel Wilkins, head of transformation and quality assurance, Wiltshire Council

Please note, this session will be recorded and later released as a podcast episode.



15:30 - 16:30

C

WHAT WORKS – SUPPORTING CHILDREN INVOLVED IN OR AT RISK OF SERIOUS YOUTH VIOLENCE

Room: Community Care Inform Theatre

Nearly half of children and young people in England and Wales have been a victim or witness of violence in the past year, suggests a recent large-scale survey by the Youth Endowment Foundation. This session will look at children and young people's experiences of violence and explore the types of interventions social workers and others can provide to reduce the risk of violence.

Attend this session to:

- Find out more about the prevalence of youth violence
- Explore what the research says about interventions that really work
- Learn how social workers can help reduce the risk of violence through their day-to-day practice

SPEAKER:

Gail Gibbons, head of change for children's services and health, Youth Endowment Fund

15:30 – 16:30

C



UNDERSTANDING WHY A CHILD DOES NOT WANT TO SEE A PARENT IN THE CONTEXT OF PRIVATE FAMILY LAW PROCEEDINGS

Room: Legal Learning Theatre

This session will explore the challenges social workers face in assessing a child's best interests when they are reluctant or

are refusing to see a parent. This can occur in the context of polarised accounts of domestic abuse and alienating behaviour. It will include reference to research and case law. A practical framework for supporting social workers making assessments in these circumstances will be shared. The focus of the session is supporting social workers to understand the child's unique characteristics and needs and the impact on the child of harmful parental behaviour.

Attend this session to:

- Explore the full range of reasons why a child does not want to spend time with a parent following separation and how to assess this in the context of conflicting parental views
- Gain insight into how children are harmed in the context of parental separation when parents cannot agree arrangements
- Consider the options for improving outcomes for children in these circumstances.

SPEAKER:

Sarah Parsons, principal social worker and deputy director of improvement, Cafcass



15:30 – 16:30

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ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR WORKING WITH PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

Room: Insights Theatre

This session will explore a person-centred and capabilities-based approach to assistive technology and telecare for older adults with dementia. It will help professionals navigate some of the practical and ethical challenges around this area of practice and argue that assistive technology needs to be seen within a wider context of enabling practice with people with dementia rather than as a "quick fix" for risks and challenges.

Attend this session to:

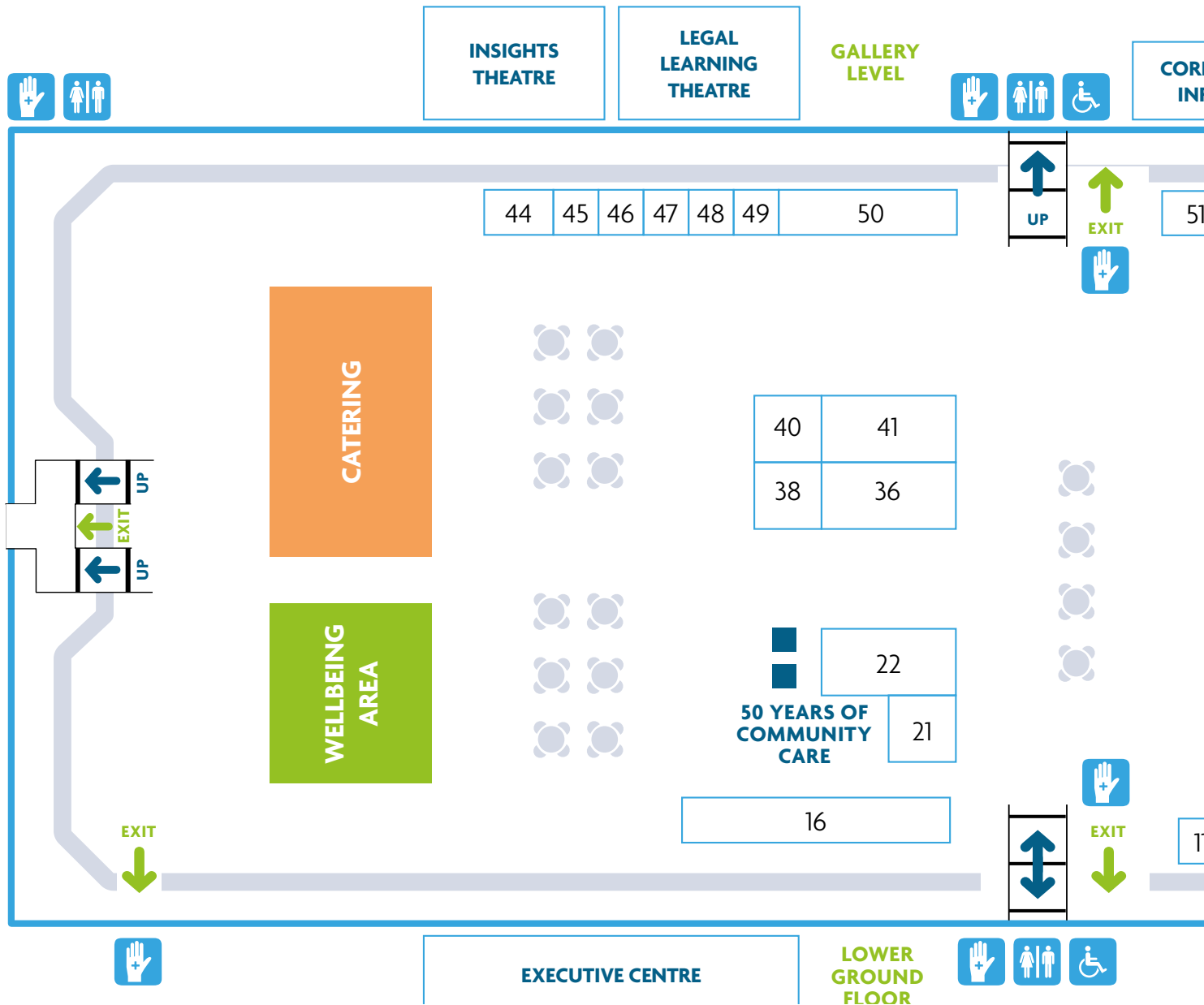
- Explore a person-centred approach to assistive technology
- Consider practical and ethical challenges around its use

SPEAKER:

Stephen Wey, senior lecturer, occupational therapy, York St John University

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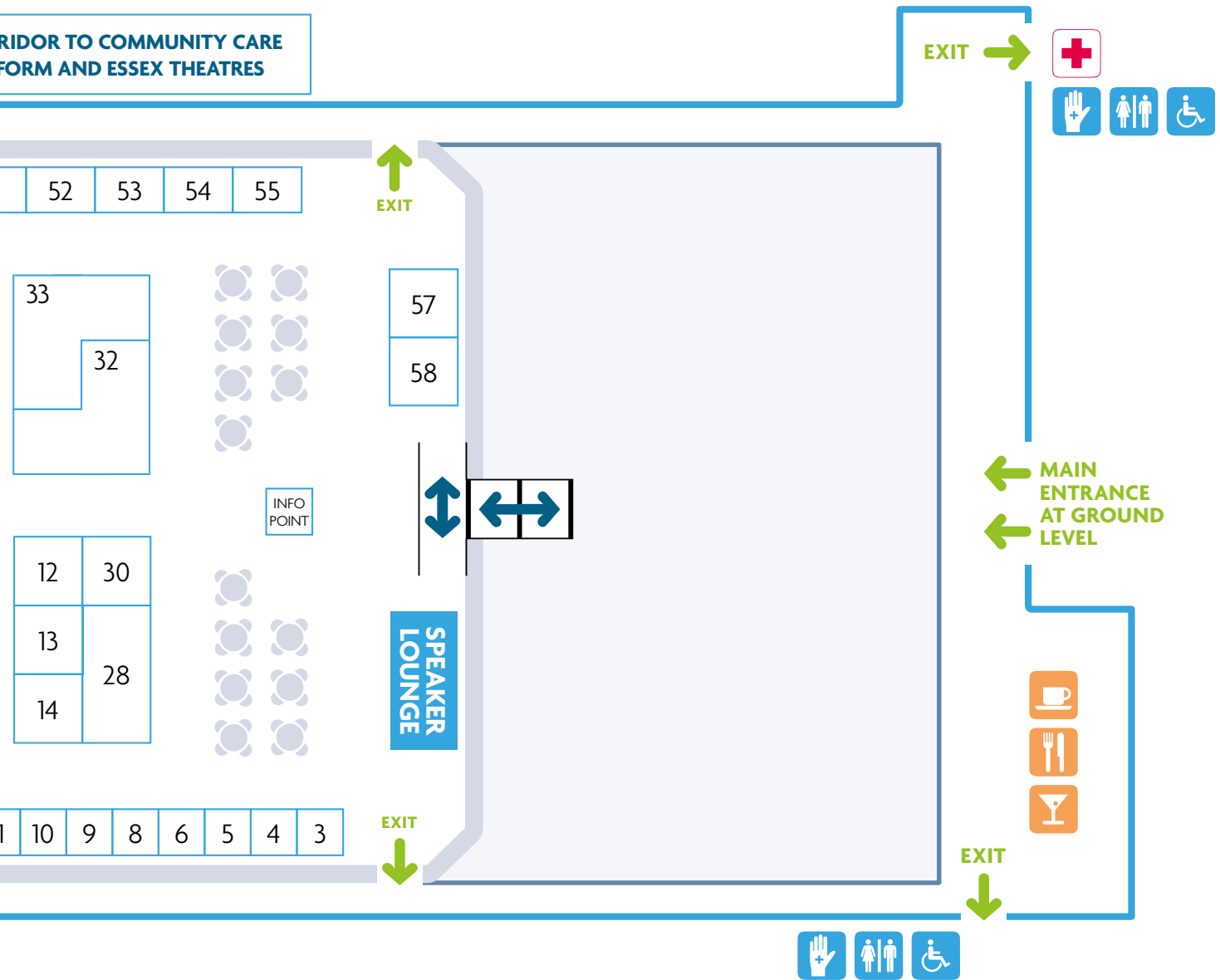


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**CAFCASS****STAND 36**

At Cafcass, we are united by our purpose - ensuring the unique voices of children and young people are heard in the family court. We put their needs, wishes and feelings first when big decisions are being made about their futures. When you join one of our social work teams, you will help improve the lives of children, families and carers for years to come. No other organisation does the kind of work we do. And in 2024, we were rated by Ofsted following a full inspection as 'outstanding' both overall and across all judgement categories including the quality and effectiveness of our private and public law social work practice. However, we haven't come this far only to come this far and this outcome has energised us to just keep getting better at what we do for children and families. Please see the full programme for details of our workshops.

www.cafcass.gov.uk/working-for-us

CELLMARK DNA DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING**STAND 6**

Cellmark provides court approved DNA testing and forensic quality hair drug and alcohol testing services to the legal profession, local authority children's services teams, government departments and members of the public. Established in 1987, we are the UK's most experienced DNA testing service and were the world's first private DNA fingerprinting company.

www.cellmark.co.uk

Children & Young People Now**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE NOW****STAND 57**

Children & Young People Now provides practitioners working across children's services with vital insight, expert guidance and examples of good practice through a monthly magazine and website resource at CYPnow.co.uk. The publication also runs a number of conferences as well as a coveted annual awards scheme highlighting innovation and excellence across the sector.

www.cypnow.co.uk

**COMMUNITY CARE****STAND 16**

Community Care helps social workers stay up-to-date with the latest and most significant developments in practice, law and policy to help them to change lives for the better and flourish in their careers. We also support social work employers and leaders to recruit and retain high-quality practitioners and develop their staff to the best of their abilities.

Communitycare.co.uk

Our main website provides practitioners and leaders with critical news and information. The social work community can visit at any time for the most up-to-date news, and also sign up to our e-newsletters to have the latest information mailed direct to their inbox.

Community Care Inform

Our online subscription-based service delivers expert-produced practice guidance in a quick and accessible format to help social work professionals make and evidence their decisions. More information can be found by contacting ccinformhelpdesk@markallengroup.com

Community Care Jobs

Our recruitment site helps support employers to recruit the right staff and practitioners to find the right opportunities. In addition to a jobs listing platform, the Jobs team develop bespoke partnerships with organisations to help senior leaders understand and overcome the issues surrounding social worker retention. You can find out more by contacting commcarerecruitment@markallengroup.com

www.communitycare.co.uk

CORAMBAAF**STAND 51**

CoramBAAF is the UK's leading membership organisation for professionals working across adoption, fostering and kinship care. We provide information, best practice guidance, advice, training and resources to support our members and influence policy to improve outcomes for children and young people.

www.corambaaf.org.uk

CUMBERLAND COUNCIL**STAND 9**

Cumberland Council is set within a picturesque location with beautiful coastal areas, stunning mountain ranges and glistening lakes. Not only is our landscape attractive but so are our employment opportunities! Come and hear more about our journey as a new council and how we are building services in collaboration with our workforce and community.

www.cumberland.gov.uk/your-council/council-job-vacancies

**ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL****STAND 33**

Essex County Council are excited to be back for another year and are proud to be the ongoing Event Partner with Community Care. In Essex, we are serious about social work and give you time to reflect. We encourage our staff to work creatively, try new things and find new ways to improve lives. There's no magic to it. With us you can make your career work for you, find flexibility, wellbeing and see your skills brought to life, making a difference every day. In Essex we recognise the whole system needs to work together to meet the needs of the most vulnerable people in our community, that system includes our Occupational Therapy service who are a crucial part of this approach. Therefore, we are very excited to be extending our offer this year, alongside our four masterclasses, we are offering a new Occupational Therapy workshop. We hope through attendance at our workshops, visits to our stand and our wellbeing zone you will get a flavour of why so many of our staff have worked for us for more than 20 years. Supporting our community begins with supporting our workforce.

www.workingforessex.com



Foreign, Commonwealth
& Development Office

Heathrow Travel Care
Crisis Social Work Services

FOREIGN, COMMONWEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND HEATHROW TRAVEL CARE**STAND 50**

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) Social Work Advisers (SWAs) support and empower the consular network to assist vulnerable British nationals overseas. We provide internal advice and guidance to consular staff, based on our social work knowledge and expertise. We provide training to consular staff, partners and local authorities. We are all UK qualified and registered social workers, seconded to the Consular Directorate from Heathrow Travel Care. The SWAs are also joined by colleagues from the Child Policy Unit and Forced Marriage Units.

www.gov.uk/government/collections/support-for-british-nationals-abroad

Heathrow Travel Care (HTC) is a crisis social work team who assess, advise and assist people who are using, or planning to use Heathrow Airport. We take referrals from around the airport, the UK and the world, working in partnership with other agencies to assist anyone who may have a difficulty using Heathrow Airport.

www.heathrowtravelcare.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/HTC-ARTICLE.pdf

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STAND 32

Children's Services

We continue to invest in our social care workforce and innovate in our practice to provide the best possible outcomes for children and families. We have recently been rated as Outstanding by Ofsted for a second consecutive time, meaning children in Hampshire's care are safe and well looked after and that it continues to be a great place to practice as a social worker. We have developed and launched a new model of Family Help to bring together Early Help and statutory social care, welcoming the opportunities that this will bring. If you are interested in learning more about how we have transformed various areas of our children's social care provision, come and join our two workshops on each day of the event. Our Family Help Journey – 6 months of practice, delves into the reflections, positives, and lessons learnt from the first 6 months of Family Help being live. You will learn how you can build and develop a culture of transformation and continuous improvement in your team. Our other workshop, Supporting Children with Disabilities will enable you to find out some of the innovative ways Hampshire Children's Services are supporting disabled children within their own homes.

www.hants.gov.uk/childrensocialworkercareers

Adults' Health and Care

We're a high-performing County Council with a vision in Adults' Health and Care to help people live long, healthy and happy lives, with the maximum possible independence. We invest in creating the right conditions so our Social Workers can work flexibly and are given the capacity to provide the excellent level of support and attention needed, to make a difference to the lives of the people in our community.

www.hants.gov.uk/ahccareers

ISTAC BY YOUTH UNTROUBLED

STAND 8

Intensive Systemic Therapy Around the Child (ISTAC) is a community-based treatment programme, developed in accordance with NICE guidelines, to treat antisocial behaviour, chronic conduct disorders, and complex emotional and behavioural difficulties in children and young people. It is the cost-effective, evidence-based alternative to local authority care, custody and psychiatric hospital admission.

www.istac.co.uk

JAMMA UMOJA (RESIDENTIAL SERVICES) LTD

STAND 47

Jamma Umoja is a court-recognised organisation. We provide bespoke assessments, interventions and individually tailored recommendations for children and families. Jamma Umoja understands that each family has their own set of needs and provides a bespoke service which offers targeted intervention. We ensure our families are treated with dignity and respect.

www.jamma-umoja.org

JESSICA KINGSLEY PUBLISHERS

STAND 12

Jessica Kingsley Publishers is the leading publisher of books on autism, social work, gender diversity, mental health and related subjects. Authors include Karen Treisman, Sarah Naish, Sally Donovan and many more.

www.jkp.com

KEELE UNIVERSITY

STAND 10

Keele University was established in 1949 by the former Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University. Founded to meet the demands of a new kind of society, economy and world, our principles resonate now more than ever. We offer postgraduate courses across a wide range of subject areas. Whether you are looking to advance your career or develop your knowledge, our campus community provides an environment that is focused, relevant and mature. You will benefit from a reputation for excellence in teaching and research. Our next Postgraduate Open Event will take place on Wednesday 4th December 2024. Book your place: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/study/opensdays/postgraduateopenevents/>

www.keele.ac.uk



LEADERS IN CARE

STAND 49

Leaders in Care specialise in direct supply of agency and permanent social care staff within both local authorities, and the private sector. We provide an alternative and refreshing approach to recruitment, offering support and a peace of mind when traditional methods are not getting the results. Our unique approach involves supplying staff directly to teams, meaning we do not operate through vendors or third parties, but directly with the hiring managers. This ensures your recruitment process is completely transparent - no more waiting for feedback to be trickled back or unnecessary delays in hiring, just clear, honest and straight-forward recruitment.

www.leadersincare.co.uk

LUTON COUNCIL**STAND 28**

At Luton Council, we deeply appreciate the dedication and hard work of our social workers. We understand that the role comes with its challenges, but we are committed to demonstrating just how much that means to us. Our recruitment process is guided by our values, which reflect our commitment to excellence and collaboration. We seek individuals who are ambitious for our children and families and share our vision for Luton's future.

www.luton.gov.uk

NATIONAL CARE GROUP**STAND 21**

National Care Group is one of the UK's leading adult social care providers for people with health and social care needs. Its purpose is to empower people to achieve their full potential and live as independently as possible within their community through careful planning processes focused on each individual's needs.

www.nationalcaregroup.com

NEW GENERATION SOCIAL WORK**STAND 13**

New Generation Social Work is a productivity-based project launched in January 2023 which seeks to provide social workers, students and professionals with modern day tool kits and resources to support and enhance the quality of professional practice and learning experience. The project aims to explore the practice needs of professionals given the complex nature of social work, whilst acknowledging the experiences of professionals who spend their lives advocating for, and supporting the most vulnerable in society.

www.newgensocialwork.co.uk/shop

**NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL****STAND 30**

Who cares about social workers? We do. At Norfolk County Council we support our teams to thrive in their essential work. We're a large county with an innovative approach and a focus on wellbeing, to help you get the best out of your work and home life.

www.norfolk.gov.uk/socialworkerjobs

NSSL GROUP**STAND 44**

Our philosophy of care is focused on the person and their choices. We believe in helping our clients to make informed decisions about their health and wellbeing, so they can make the best choices for themselves. Our goal is to help them feel empowered, so they can live a fulfilling life.

www.nsslgroup.co.uk

OCTOPUS ENERGY**STAND 5**

Our social workers work holistically with customers and direct with local authority social workers in order to provide the best level of support with the families who struggled to afford their bills even before the energy crisis, and those whose health and safety relies on heat and power. We have a £30m Octo assist fund to support those in greatest need.

www.octopus.energy/blog/bill-support

**OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****STAND 41**

Come along to STAND 41 to speak with our passionate team of social workers and occupational therapists from Oxfordshire County Council in our Children and Adults' service! Whether you're looking to learn more about career opportunities, or how we're working towards becoming an 'employer, partner, and place shaper of choice', our knowledgeable team will be there to provide insights and answer all your questions. At Oxfordshire County Council, you'll discover career pathways, learn from our experienced colleagues, and develop your skills. Why not join us to advance your career and help shape our dynamic services?

www.jobs.oxfordshire.gov.uk/careers-us

REVIEW CONSULTING LTD**STAND 48**

Review Consulting provides training and development for individuals and organisations relating to independent reviews. We offer a tried and tested approach to reviewing cases, whether in the context of Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews, Safeguarding Adults Reviews or Domestic Homicide Reviews. We also have an experienced team of accredited reviewers available.

www.reviewconsulting.co.uk

RICHARDSON CARE**STAND 45**

Richardson Care provides residential and respite care for adults with severe learning disabilities and a person-centred approach to rehabilitation for those with an acquired brain injury, with the help of our specialist MDT. Our unique, homely environment encourages social integration, individual choice and respect for service users.

www.richardsoncares.co.uk

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**SETTLE****STAND 4**

Settle is an award-winning registered charity breaking the cycle of youth homelessness in the UK. We support care-experienced young people as they move into their first home so they can confidently transition into independent living and thrive. The Settle Programme provides intensive 1:1 support addressing practical life skills, sustaining a tenancy and managing emotional wellbeing. In partnership with local authorities, housing associations and charities we have supported more than 600 young people to avoid homelessness since our foundation in 2015. Of Settle Programme graduates who reached their 12-month check-in between 2023 and 2024, 100% sustained their tenancies.

www.wearesettle.org

**SHELDON PHILLIPS****STAND 54**

Sheldon Phillips are a Social Work Recruitment Agency founded in 2012. With almost 20 years' experience in recruitment, we provide Qualified Social Workers to Local Authorities, IFA's, Charities and Private organisations across the United Kingdom. With a focus on you, we create a personalised search to ensure that our expert team of consultants are looking out for YOUR best interests, not their own. Led by Jamie Trick, founder and Director who also advocates for Social Workers and agencies in his role as UK Social Work Chair at APSCo – Sheldon Phillips really do care about you and your career.

www.sheldon-phillips.com

SOCIAL WORK ENGLAND**STAND 11**

Social Work England is the specialist regulator of all social workers and qualifying social work education and training courses in England. Our purpose is to protect the public and raise standards across social work, so that people receive the best possible support whenever they might need it in life.

We aim to drive positive change across the profession and better understand the complex landscape of social work practice. To do this, we work closely with the social work sector and people with lived experience of social work.

www.socialworkengland.org.uk

ST CHRISTOPHERS FELLOWSHIP**STAND 46**

Our vision is for every child and young person to be safe, loved and happy, to achieve their potential and have a bright future. St Christopher's is a leading charity for children and young people. We are proud of our history of providing fostering, children's homes and innovative leaving care services across the UK & Isle of Man. We have a passionate commitment to our young people, placing them at the centre of everything we do. We provide positive life experiences for young people who are unable to sustain a placement in their parental or foster home.

www.stchris.org.uk/

THE CALDECOTT FOUNDATION**STAND 53**

The Caldecott Foundation is a not-for-profit charity delivering specialist therapeutic residential care, education, and foster care to traumatised children or those with specific educational needs. Our Relational Model of Care and Education ensures that we support children and young people to feel safe by developing nurturing, nourishing and safe relationships.

www.thecaldecottfoundation.co.uk

THE CARE LEADERS**STAND 38**

The Care Leaders offers transformative training, drawing from the real-life experiences of care, empowering professionals working with children in care, care leavers & those with a social worker. Our approach transcends theory, fostering deep understanding of the unique challenges care experienced young people face, inspiring impactful change in their lives.

www.thecareleadersonline.com

THE TAVISTOCK AND PORTMAN NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**STAND 52**

We have been at the forefront of exploring mental health and wellbeing for over a century. Today, we offer a wide range of training opportunities for health and social care professionals – delivered by our expert clinician-tutors, in the only NHS Trust registered with the Office for Students.

www.tavistockandportman.nhs.uk

UNISON**STAND 58**

UNISON is the UK's leading social care union with more than 350,000 members across the sector. We provide workplace representation, a helpline open until midnight, legal help for work problems and accidents, and exclusive membership discounts. With the impact of the pandemic, cuts, redundancies and outsourcing, now is the time to join UNISON.

www.unison.org.uk

Wiltshire Council

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

STAND 22

Whether your aspirations lie in children's services or adult social care, Wiltshire Council will enable you to build a life that has real balance. Wiltshire Council is a positive and innovative place to work, we bring a genuine can-do approach to everything we do.

We continue to prioritise and invest in innovation and transformation; this ultimately supports the people and families across our communities that we work with. We work closely with our partners and support each other within the Council.

Our workforce is our most valued asset. We recognise that our staff are central to enabling our success and help us to deliver the best we can for everyone who accesses our services. We have simplified our services to meet the changing needs of our residents, focusing on building

stronger communities and listening to what is important to them; this enables them to live their best lives.

As a service we genuinely listen to staff; we want your ideas so we can find new solutions to old problems. We maximise the time spent with people and families, provide early support and preventative services so that families and individuals can maximise their independence. We use technology and hybrid ways of working and we prioritise children, young people, adults, and their carers to be able to thrive in their own communities.

Our practitioners regularly win national awards, and our best practice is mentioned in the Care Review. We are extremely proud to have been rated Outstanding in our most recent Ofsted inspection (October 2023) 'Children living in Wiltshire benefit from high-quality services that make a positive difference to their lives' Ofsted 2023.

Visit the programme to find out more about our interactive workshops.

www.jobs.wiltshire.gov.uk/social-care/

ZOOMDEK

STAND 14

Zoomdek Publishing creates and publishes interactive direct work tools for the purpose of risk assessing and safeguarding vulnerable children, young people and adults. Providing resources to help understand one's lived experiences, allowing the service users voice to be heard. Also Wiblow's Worries™ stories available as both hard copy and eBooks.

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Stand 12

Jessica Kingsley Publishers



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Stand 13

New Generation Social Work Ltd



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Stand 14

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for joining
us this year.

We look forward to seeing you next year, back at the Business Design Centre on 7-8 October 2025 for more essential learning and networking.

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- WHEN THEY ARE
READY TO TALK

- SHARE THEIR
WORDS

Be their voice

Stand 36

cafcass.gov.uk



We're Cafcass, the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service. Cafcass is a national employer of social workers in the role of family court advisers and children's guardians. We work with over 140,000 children going through the family justice system every year.

We put their safety and welfare first when we speak on their behalf in the family courts, and our ambition is to make sure every child in family law proceedings has an exceptional experience, everywhere in the country and every time.

Cafcass social workers, as court appointed experts, are highly regarded and influential in the court setting. We are supported by a dedicated practice framework, committed managers and a comprehensive programme of continuing professional development.

Working with children and families, we support the courts to make decisions that are in the child's best interests. When critical decisions need to be made, we ensure the child's needs, wishes and feelings aren't just understood – they're heard.

While we are proud Ofsted judged us to be 'outstanding' earlier this year, there is always more to do to serve the best interests of children in public and private law proceedings across England. Our inspection outcome has energised us to keep getting better at what we do for children and families and the feedback from them tells us we are doing just that.

We are always looking for passionate, experienced social workers that share our values. Why not come and speak to one of us at **Stand 36** to find out more about an exciting career with Cafcass?

We are also hosting two free learning events this year that we hope you might like to join:

Tuesday 8 October, 1-2pm

"Relentlessly restorative relationships: how we are working together with children and families"

Wednesday 9 October, 9.45-10.45am

"Engaging children in decision-making: making young people's voices the loudest ones we hear".