

SAFEGUARDING IN TREATMENT SERVICES; EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

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Child safeguarding will always be a priority for everyone coming into contact with families facing substance misuse problems. This one-day event explores ways to improve multi-agency working, and combines practical advice and examples of best practice alongside policy updates.

THE PROGRAMME

9.00 - 10.00am: Registration, tea and coffee

Welcome: **Vivienne Evans**, Adfam

10.00 - 11.00am: **Rosanna O'Connor**, Health and Wellbeing Director, PHE: update on national policy. Emphasising that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and the importance of multi-agency working.

Joy Barlow, former head of STRADA: 'healthy scepticism', what signs to look out for – aimed at general drugs workers and recovery workers. Defensible decision making, looking at how to keep both clients and their families safe.

11.00 - 11.20am: tea and coffee

11.20 - 1.00pm: Workshops of 45 mins, to be run twice, allowing everyone the opportunity to attend two of the four.

OPIOID SUBSTITUTE MEDICATIONS IN DRUG TREATMENT: TACKLING THE RISKS TO CHILDREN – **Adfam** and **Martin Smith**, Derbyshire Safeguarding Team. Alongside Martin Smith,

Adfam will update the data from their April report, *Medications in drug treatment: tackling the risks to children*, as part of a workshop offering advice on training, strategy development and practice improvement for local authorities.

HOME VISITS/ASSESSMENTS – **Sue Smith**, National Safeguarding Lead, CRI. Working with families dynamically: tools for assessments and improving outcomes for both clients and their children.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – **Carole Sharma**, Chief Executive, FDAP. The need for a well trained workforce, and ongoing assessment.

MULTI-AGENCY WORKING: the challenges and opportunities – **Howard Woolfenden**, Assistant Director, Integrated Services Birmingham, and **Micky Brown**, Safeguarding Lead, Birmingham CRI. Provider and local authority giving their perspectives on partnership working, and looking at developing protocols and building pathways.

1.00 - 2.00pm: Lunch

2.00 - 3.30pm: Panel and closing session

A REAL-LIFE PERSPECTIVE – A personal story, highlighting why safeguarding is important and emphasising that, with the correct support, an individual can turn their life around.

THE PANEL – Using a 'question time' format the panel will address key issues from questions submitted through DDN magazine. There will also be the opportunity for comment and supplementary questions from delegates.

Panel participants: **Sue Smith**, CRI; **Judith Yates**, GP; **Max Vaughan**, Birmingham Commissioner; **Martin Smith**, Derbyshire Safeguarding Team; **Joy Barlow**, formerly STRADA.

CLOSE AND THANKS: **Vivienne Evans**, Adfam