**AD Safeguarding Newsletter 20h May 2022**

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I am on leave for the next two weeks, so the next AD Newsletters will be on the 10th June

**1. AD Safeguarding Meetings 10th June 2022 10.00-12.00** – please let me have any agenda items that you would like to include in our next meeting. Please send to [Mark@markevansconsulting.co.uk](mailto:Mark@markevansconsulting.co.uk)

So far we have:

* MoC Update
* National Transfer Scheme Manager – Martin Tuck (attending 10.15-10.30)

**2. Aspiring directors of children’s services programme (Upon Programme) -** The latest round of applications for the *upon* programme for aspiring directors went live this week and closes Monday 13th June 2022.

Upon is the programme for aspiring and new Directors of children’s services, supported by the DfE and has been designed by a consortium led by The Staff College and including GatenbySanderson – are handling recruitment to the programme; Institute for Public Care – research and design; and, Skills for Care – evaluation and wider networks.

Details on how to apply and further information can be found at [www.uponleaders.co.uk](http://www.uponleaders.co.uk)

or sign up for the free webinar 7 June: [upon Webinars -](https://www.gatenbysanderson.com/blog/2022/04/upon-webinars)  <https://www.gatenbysanderson.com/blog/2022/04/upon-webinars>

Please email [upon@thestaffcollege.uk](mailto:upon@thestaffcollege.uk) if you have any queries.

**3. National Transfer Scheme** – Hampshire have appoint Martin Tuck as the SE Regional Manager for the National Transfer Team and Emily Evans to the Placement Officer role. Martin started in role on the 3rd May and Emily is scheduled to start on the 6th June. Work is now underway to develop their plan of work over the next year and they will be in contact with other authorities and stakeholders to gather views to help inform this work. Martin is attending the AD network on the 10th June to talk about his work and the scheme.

**4. Unregulated placements -**The Association of Child Protection Professionals (AoCPP) have released a podcast which focuses on children and young people in care or who are care experienced. Rebekah Pierre, a care-experienced social worker, talks about her lived experienced of unregulated placements and what needs to change.

Listen to the podcast: <https://www.childprotectionprofessionals.org.uk/unregulated-placements-lived-experience-and-what-needs-to-change-with-rebekah-pierre>

**5. Looked after children achieving stability** - Barnardo’s has published a report which looks at achieving stability for children and young people in care in the UK. The report looks at data on children’s experiences of instability in care and highlights the potential impacts of instability on children in care. It also looks at examples of good practice and sets out recommendations for change, including: ensure all children have access to placements in their local communities which meet their needs and improve mental health support for children in and leaving care.

Read/Download the report:

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/towards-a-better-childrens-social-care-system/from-pillar-to-post>

**6. Missing children and young people -** The NWG Network and Missing People charity, along with the National Police Chief’s Council (NPCC), have launched a survey to find out what the transition to adulthood for young people who regularly go missing looks like in different local areas.

Read the press release: <https://nwgnetwork.org/nwg-missing-people-and-npcc-survey-2022/>

**7. Asylum seekers** - The Home Office has released a framework which outlines procedures and processes expected to be in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of asylum seekers. The framework includes recommendations for the Home Office’s commissioned providers such as: a clear safeguarding policy or strategy document to demonstrate what is required in relation to the protection and safeguarding of children and adults in their care; and unambiguous procedures in place in respect to adult and child protection.

Read the guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/asylum-support-contracts-safeguarding-framework/asylum-support-contracts-safeguarding-framework>

**8. Panorama Documentary Protecting Our Children: A Balancing Act** - The programme brief states : *With more children in care in England than ever before, and the government about to publish a report on the deaths of two toddlers at the hands of their parents' new partners, Panorama investigates how social workers make critical decisions about children’s lives.*

*Granted rare, exclusive permission from the family courts, reporter Louise Tickle hears from families who have been damaged by decisions made by one local authority. With the government pushing social workers to step in earlier than ever, what happens if they go too far, too fast?*

To view the documentary: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0017g7d>

**9. Dates for future AD Safeguarding Meetings 10.00-12.00 noon on:**

* + 10th June 2022
  + 9th September 2022
  + 9th December 2022
  + 10th March 2023

Kind Regards

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