Safeguarding – Making sense of ‘gut feelings’

The presentation and behavior of some pupils – and that of their parents – often leads to a “gut feeling” that all is not well. Conversations may take place in the staffroom and referrals may be made to other agencies – and yet still it seems that nothing improves for the child. Perhaps you have been told that there is “insufficient evidence” or that your concerns don’t meet a “threshold” for action.

These are the children & young people you worry about, when school breaks up for Christmas and the summer holidays. These are the pupils who will be the focus of our attention in this training.

Sandstories is a unique model of training and is particularly appealing to visual learners. There is no PowerPoint! Sandstories will explore the impact on children and young people of maltreatment and neglect within their home life – which they bring into school with them every day. Essentially, the training will also address the question of what roles schools can take in response to this. This training will be underpinned with messages from research and lessons from Serious Care Reviews.

Sue Woolmore has been working in child protection since 1986. Sue initially qualified as a nurse and worked in the Leeds teaching hospitals, later training as a social worker. She has held professional roles at local authority, regional and national level, in both the statutory and voluntary sectors. This has included being the independent Chair of two Local Safeguarding Children Boards and national Chair of the Association of Independent LSCB Chairs. Sue delivers multiagency training, across the UK, to front-line staff and strategic managers. She also has extensive experience of speaking to the press and media about child safeguarding.

Who should attend?

This training is suitable for anyone who works in an education setting. This includes senior management, teaching staff, and playground supervisors, learning mentors, drivers and escorts for children with special needs, SENCOs, names safeguarding leads, governors and trustees.

Why attend

During this one day training session, participants can expect to:

- Renew their commitment to keeping the child/young person at the centre of everything, despite compelling distractions from their families and, sometimes, the demands of the system in which we work;
- Have an increased understanding of the impact of maltreatment and neglect on children and young people in education settings;
- Recognise the behaviours of “resistant” families, who seek to keep professionals – and schools – at arm’s length;
- Explore strategies for maintaining a child centred and ‘authoritative’ approach with resistant families, without losing empathy or compassion;
- Connect the insights from Sandstories to other approaches and models such as Place2Be;
- Recognise and promote the need for multiagency working and positive relationships with other local agencies.

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The Ramside Hall Hotel - Durham

Time: 9.30am – 4.30pm
Cost: £85.00 per person

Cancellations: Once you have confirmed your place on this course an invoice will be released immediately and this will secure your place. In the event that you need to cancel this training, a cancellation charge will be incurred: Up to twelve weeks prior to the training, a full refund will be made. Within eight weeks of the training date, a 50% charge will be made. The full cost of the training will be charged should the cancellation be made within five weeks of the first session date.