



BSCB Masterclasses on Neglect Tuesday 26 September 2017

In line with the BSCB Training and Development Plan for 2017/18 we are running a series of masterclasses on specialist topics, the first of which are on neglect.

Dates and venues:

- Tuesday 26 September 09.30-12.00, Marriott Hotel, Bexleyheath
- Tuesday 26 September 13.30-16.00, Marriott Hotel, Bexleyheath

Learning aims:

- Best practice with vulnerable children: what do we know? what do audits and inspections look for and why?
- Working with child neglect: how it presents, its impact in the short and longer term, and the challenges it presents to best practice
- The Graded Care Profile approach in Bexley.

Participants will use short case studies to consider together how they can draw on this evidence to build both an individual and joint response to child neglect.

Facilitation:

This masterclass will be delivered by **Ruth Gardner**, current Advisor Children's Services at the NSPCC. Her masterclass will consider what the research says works best, in terms of earlier identification of childhood neglect and successful/promising approaches.

Ruth has combined practice, research and writing throughout her career. From 2010-13 Ruth was Head of Strategy & Development for neglect at the NSPCC and with colleagues scoped and developed a programme of preventive and treatment services for children and families that has been implemented and evaluated. She recently edited *Tackling Child Neglect: Research, Policy and Evidence-Based Practice* with contributions from internationally recognised experts, this publication presents original thinking on the theory, research and practice surrounding child neglect.

Target audience:

- Level 3 - Staff who spend a substantial amount of time working vulnerable and at risk children and young people in Bexley.
- Agency representation to include the following:
 - Children's social care (especially assessment and family support and child protection) and to include social workers and managers/conference chairs (15 places)
 - Family wellbeing (5 places)

- Early years and children's centres (10 places)
- Schools (10 places)
- Health (10 places)
- Police (5 places)
- Voluntary sector (4 places)
- Adult services (2 places)
- Targeted youth/YOS (3 places)
- **In order to ensure that the masterclasses are multi-agency, agencies will be allocated a target number of places across the 2 masterclasses as noted above (participants will be assigned a place on a first come, first serve basis until their agency's quota of places is reached and the BSCB team will manage a waiting list where required).**
- Attendees will already be expected to have received basic safeguarding training in their own agency (or to have completed the BSCB online basic safeguarding training).

Registering interest:

To register interest for one of the neglect masterclasses, please use one of following links:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BSCBMASTERCLASS260917AM> (morning session on 26 Sept)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BSCBMASTERCLASS260917PM> (afternoon session on 26 Sept)

As and when further opportunities become available, these will be publicised via the BSCB e-bulletin, the BSCB Safeguarding Champions and the [Training and Development page on the BSCB website](#) (under the section, 'Forthcoming BSCB Training and Development opportunities').