

# Lifelong Learning Centre Seminar Series

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***Adult and children's services working together to improve outcomes for children, young people and families***

***'Prevention and early intervention - parents facing substance misuse issues'***  
Angela Scholes, Gemma Hornby and Alex Whincup

***'Getting the balance right: Supporting Parents / Safeguarding Children in a modern Adult Mental Health Service'***  
Dr Chris Buller

**This seminar is FREE to attend and will be chaired by Steve Walker, Deputy Director of Children's Services: Safeguarding, Specialist and Targeted. Leeds City Council.**

**Tuesday 13 March 2012, 5.30 - 7.30pm**



## **Title: 'Adult and children's services working together to improve outcomes for children, young people and families'**

### **Synopses**

Angela, Gemma and Alex's session will discuss how services support women who become pregnant whilst misusing substances. The session will follow these parents' journey through Leeds Addiction Unit, maternity and Community Drug Treatment services and look at how their children are supported from birth by paediatric services.

Chris's session will discuss how Adult Mental Health Services work with Children and Young People's Social Care to get the balance right between supporting parents and safeguarding children and young people.

### **Biographies**

#### **Angela Scholes**

Angela qualified as a SRN before going on to become a Health Visitor. She spent seven years in the A&E department at St James's Hospital as a liaison Health Visitor where a large part of this role consisted of exploring potential acute child protection concerns and domestic violence issues. Angela subsequently moved on to become a Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children in Leeds PCT and during this time links were developed with Neonatal / Abstinence Services. Angela currently works as a Specialist Health Visitor in the NAS team, a post she has been in for over two years.

#### **Gemma Hornby**

Currently Gemma works for the Strategy and Commissioning Team at Leeds City Council, leading on service improvements in drugs and offender management services. Her work history has included working as a drugs practitioner in a variety of services, including providing interventions for drug and alcohol users in police custody suites, outreach services in rural North Yorkshire and case managing service users working towards recovery. Her experience of management in the field includes project managing substance misuse services in North Lincolnshire and Leeds as well as strategic project management for Leeds City Council and with partner agencies. Gemma supported the development of the Think Family Protocol and is working with the Early Intervention Team to promote inter-agency working in order to support families with complex needs.

#### **Alex Whincup**

Alex qualified as a midwife in 1994 and has worked as a Drug Liaison Midwife for pregnant women who use illicit drugs / alcohol during their pregnancy since 1996. The post and service has developed extensively and she is now the lead midwife and clinical team manager in the Pregnancy and Parenting Team at Leeds Addiction Unit. It is a position she finds both challenging and rewarding. Alex has gained in-depth clinical knowledge and expertise within this field and has lectured extensively on it both nationally and internationally.

#### **Dr Chris Buller**

For the last 12 years Dr Chris Buller has been a Consultant Psychiatrist based in an ethnically diverse inner-city area of North East Leeds. He is a full time clinician managing patients with a wide variety of mental disorders e.g. Schizophrenia, Bipolar Illness, Depression and Personality Disorder. Issues of risk, substance misuse and safeguarding are not uncommon. For the last five years he has been the Named Doctor for the Leeds and York Partnership Foundation NHS Trust. Dr Buller is part of the Trust's Safeguarding Children Team and represents the Trust on the Leeds Safeguarding Children Board. On a day to day basis he provides advice to Trust practitioners and also has significant experience of providing evidence to the Child and Family Court. In 2011 he represented the Royal College of Psychiatrists contributing to the GMC's collation of evidence in relation to new Safeguarding Children guidance for doctors. In the same year, the Safeguarding Children Team at LYPFT received a National Award for the "Supporting parents/Safeguarding children" section of the revised Trust Care Planning (CPA) Policy.

### **Venue**

Parkinson Building, Seminar Room 1.08  
University of Leeds  
Leeds  
LS2 9JT

**There will be an opportunity to network over refreshments from 5.00pm.**

#### **Interested?**

This seminar is FREE to attend and open to anyone with an interest in this topic—however, in order to help us organise refreshments we would be grateful if you could book a place by contacting Lorna Thompson on 0113 343 3212 / [l.n.thompson@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:l.n.thompson@leeds.ac.uk).