

Looked After Children and Care Leavers week: 6th – 10th December 2021

Making a difference for our children in care and care leavers

The South East region Designated Health Professionals for looked after children and care leavers are delighted to invite you to a series of webinars focusing on what makes a difference to the children and young people in our care.

The event is open to all health and social care colleagues, so please feel free to share amongst your colleagues.

Joining instructions: Links to the webinars will be distributed shortly

Programme of events:

Date	Time	Topic	Speakers
Mon 6 th Dec	12:30-1:00pm	Hear my voice: What made a positive difference to me when I came into care Top tips on ways to engage young people in conversation	Children/Young People from Medway Local Authority tell us in their own words about things that make a positive difference to them. Young Lives Foundation give us some top tips on ways to engage young people in conversation.
	1:00-1:30pm	Cliff Edges for Care Leavers: What's it like on the ground	Dept. for Education Mark Riddell will give insight into the challenges faced by care leavers and what we need to think about to improve their life chances.
Tue 7 th Dec	10:00-11am	Children Grown Up Study	UCLs Professor Amanda Sacker & Dr Emily Murray The adverse life-long consequences of being looked after as a child are well recognised. However, systematic evidence on outcomes for looked-after children beyond the early adult years is limited. In this session Amanda Sacker and Emily Murray, authors of Children Grown Up study, explain how they explored the long-term consequences of being cared for in institutional or family settings using data from the Office of National Statistics Longitudinal Study (ONS LS) and their findings.
Wed 8 th Dec	12:00-12:30pm	Surrey Specialist CAMHS for children in care, care leavers and post order & STARS service	CAMHS 3Cs: Emina Atic-Lee Overview of therapeutic assessment and intervention with children and young people affected by developmental trauma and attachment difficulties and STARS service (Sexual Trauma: Assessment, Recovery and Support), unique service that provides emotional and trauma support for looked after children, care leavers, adopted children and those subject to Special Guardianship Order.

	12:30 - 1:00pm	Refugee Realities	Kent Refugee Action Network (KRAN): Razia Shariff and a young person with lived experience KRAN work with separated young refugee and asylum seekers aged 16 to 24 who have arrived in Kent alone and are claiming asylum. They provide them with a safe, positive space supporting them to succeed.
Thu 9 th Dec	12:30-1:00pm	Looked After Children access to dental care during the Covid-19 pandemic	NHS: Alison Cross and Rachael Redwood Rachael Redwood Designated Nurse Looked After Children- Surrey Heartlands CCG and Alison Cross Senior Commissioning Manager (Dental) NHSEI - South East Region will present their experiences and challenges in securing dental care for Looked After Children during the Covid-19 pandemic. They will also describe the partnership work in progress which is impacting Looked After Children and Care Leavers access to dental care.
	1:00-1:30pm	The looked after children and care leavers primary care project.	NHS: Dr Sharon Kefford, GP children's safeguarding and designated doctor for looked after children Surrey Countywide. Over the past 12-18 months Dr Kefford has been working in partnership with her counterpart Dr Tamsin Robinson in Ealing. Also a GP, named GP and designated doctor for looked after children. They have produced professional guidance tools for GPs and GP practices highlighting their roles and responsibilities with regards to looked after children and care leavers. The project was a joint venture between health and social care professionals in Surrey and Ealing. Two short practical guidance videos were produced by the Primary Care Safeguarding Forum for GPs, in collaboration with care experienced young people in Surrey and foster carers in Ealing. The first video provides practical guidance related to providing primary care services for looked after children and the second for care leavers.
Fri 10 th Dec	5:00-5:45pm	Care Leavers: What works talk	Surrey Local Authority: Amy Caddy and Jamie-Leigh Clark User Voice Participation Care experienced apprentice attending as the voice of looked after children and Care Leavers within Surrey.