

## Born into Care event Evaluation form summary



Please write below any other comments you may have about the event

- Excellent event, great networking
- Brilliant to read a range of practitioners and researchers
- A well organised, informative event that leaves me hopeful for change for now. There was so much enthusiasm for change in the room, but my fear is that it's diluted when professional are back doing their "day job" and working in chaos and crisis.
- Really interesting and thought provoking. Would welcome attendance at future events. Really helpful for networking also
- the post code lottery has hit home today. I'm interested to hear more about the family's stories behind the numbers. I'm looking forward to all the future work.
- Such a relief to see how many people really care about this stuff. I'm excited to see how I can continue to engage with other in the field.
- Work needs to continue to be done to spread the knowledge and learning as widely as possible and encourage multi agency and multi-disciplinary working
- Very good opportunity to hear a range of perspective and meet people. Got lots of ideas of the questions needed to ask child protection professionals in my research
- It was a shame unable to attend all presentations
- Very good networking and sharing of gaps as well as good practice. It would be good to meet again in a working group to help move things forward.
- Really positive to have parallel sessions identifying practice.
- Really interesting and varied presentations, FDAC presentation really interesting, Sussex Council really interesting, brilliant overall
- The event was hugely relevant to my role I have left with plenty of additional reading, new contacts and a whole load of ideas to take back to my local authority. It has been a great day thanks :)
- As a frontline worker, everything discussed today, I am fully aware of however the reality is a stark contrast when managing risk in a system that does not work. These discussions need to be held with the people who have power to make changes.
- A further date after research findings are presented about how organisations are going to respond to the findings
- So useful to hear about the pockets of good practice nationally more training needed about joining things up
- Lots of parallels in good practice development. This is a good way to bring a community together to develop best practice
- Really enjoyed the day Birth mother lived experience was VERY impactful
- The event highlighted a lot of initiatives and areas of good practice, but it is how these initiatives are grown nationwide and the learning used to develop policy and practice
- To fully understand the data, further details/questions need to be understood
- Excellent day. The only point I have is that the tables were not cleared in the main hall so when you moved around you were confronted by people's dirty dishes/half eaten food
- It was so energising to spend the day with colleagues with expertise and knowledge in this area and to support one another to apply that and share it more widely. Thank you for the opportunity to present and post
- Very well run event. Useful in terms of networking. I am excited to follow the journey
- Whilst it is important to identify the "problems" we must provide solutions

- Well organised. So many presentation I would like to have attended hope their presentation and contact details might be available.
- Very much looking forward to hearing more about the ongoing analysis
- Sessions "me in mind" and birth companions has inspired me to make changes to how women are supported during separation
- The acoustics in the main hall make it difficult to hear from the audience a .... Sorry I have no idea what this says
- It's very exciting to see the potential of the research and the impact it could have on policy. I would like to see more around pre-birth assessments, them being started earlier in the pregnancy, and how this can be tightened up in policy.

## What was the main thing you took from the presentation?

- The further questions for scrutiny
- Variation within regions what is moderating/influencing decisions making re: newborns
- Number of children removed
- So much to think about, fascinating data, very important presentations
- The disparity of approaches across professional services
- How small changes in practice can achieve significant impact
- The lack of data about many aspects of care for infants and newborns
- The need for better communication across disciplines and services
- The need for more specialist parent assessment units for high risk/complex families.
- LA want to place but can't; the 26 weeks in court means delay is not tolerated, also due to babies timescales, so then a mother may not be assessed due to lack of resources and the court can then look at separation. This seems unethical
- The way the presenters set the tone for the whole conference to be inclusive, not divisive, and to come together to do some work as a group about how we can make a difference to the experience of babies and their parents in care proceedings and before.
- Really informative and helpful. A wealth of information and fascinating practitioner examples.
- The need to understand such stark regional variations
- Objective evidence of what is happening in the family justice system and potential for further research in qualitative aspects
- The number of first time removals in newborn data questions about parenting assessments
- Opens up so many more question, look forward to the next phases. Shock NW/ south divide, what are key themes
- I was really surprised about the ages/percentage of babies and infants going into care proceedings/LAC
- Statistics regarding who goes into care (ages)
- Variations of national and local practice
- Stakeholder discussion very useful for sharing information
- The extent of regional variation in relation to proceeding and outcomes for infants.
- The north west data

- Ideas, statistics, knowledge all clear however how are we going to make the changes needed
- Having an understanding of what other projects are doing working with mothers at risk of proceedings
- Exploration of what further data could be gathered; the number of newborns in the data being reviewed was shocking
- Greater need for understanding off the data to drive forward practice standards/policy
- Are there key factors contributing to the regional variations
- Regional variation in care proceedings and extend to which newborns affected
- North west data
- The main thing was to see figures in this since having been working on research and practice in the area for so long it's ver helpful to have trends and figures to refer to
- The divergence nationally. Shocked at the numbers of first time removals
- Time for change
- The wealth of work that needs to be done and something that is quite shocking about the disparity in behaviour of courts in different parts of the country
- the data provided information and highlighted what questions need to be asked in future
- The number of first time removals and also the level of regional variation
- The regional variations regarding care proceedings
- Not surprised by data but feel this is incredibly useful to map trends. Maybe this will support much needed increases to funding for support in certain areas.
- It raises numerous more question and a huge concern that outcomes for babies and parents are not consistent across the country postcode lottery
- The sheer numbers of newborns in care proceedings and the difference in numbers between the NW and London
- This was a real eye opener for me, informing my practice going forward
- The need for further research and explanations