Referrals and Child Protection in England: One in Five Children Referred to Children’s Services and One in Nineteen Investigated Before the Age of Five

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10am - 1pm, King’s College London SE1

Andy Bilson is Professor of Social Work in the School of Social Work at the University of Central Lancashire.

In this seminar, Andy will present his recent research on the first national longitudinal study of the English child protection system, which shows very high levels of involvement in the system.

He will explore the implications of this for practice, and suggest the need for a move from a system that focusses on blame to one where the focus is help for children and their parents. In such a system we need to harness ideas of recovery, parental advocacy and community strengthening.

Places are limited so you will need to book by 27th June 2016. Local authority bookings must be made via your Learning and Development Department. For all other bookings, please contact the MRC Events Manager at University of Bedfordshire, Cara Senouni, Institute of Applied Social Research, University Square, Luton LU1 3JU, mrc@beds.ac.uk, (01582) 743085.