

# What are children worried about?

Last year ChildLine counselled over 700,000 calls from children and young people. How do they feel about bullying, sexual abuse and suicide, and what are the ways forward?



## NEW DATE

Friday 21 May 2010  
9:00am – 4:35pm

Coin Street  
Neighbourhood Centre  
108 Stamford Street  
South Bank  
London SE1 9NH



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Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

## What are children worried about?

The UNICEF report on child wellbeing ranks the United Kingdom as bottom of the 21 richest developed countries. The UK was particularly poor in terms of family and peer relations. ChildLine has over 20 years experience of counselling children. What worries children today and why? Is the nature of childhood and the pressures faced by children changing? What do the voices of children tell us? What are the implications for how we provide support and services to children and young people? What do they want?

This conference will consider trends in calls made to ChildLine and the broader social policy and practice implications. Discussion will focus on bullying, sexual abuse and suicidal feelings.

### Chairs

**Sue Minto, head of ChildLine, NSPCC**

**Chris Cloke, head of child protection awareness, NSPCC**

### Keynote speakers

**Sue Berelowitz, deputy children's commissioner for England**

How does the government listen to the worries of children and young people and how do they respond?

**Esther Rantzen, CBE, founder/president of ChildLine and NSPCC Trustee**

Why is ChildLine a safe place for children and young people to turn to?

**Chris Cloke, head of child protection and awareness, NSPCC**

An overview of ChildLine casenotes: suicide, bullying, sexual abuse – what are children and young people telling us?

**Tim Gill, writer and researcher on childhood**

How can we help children and young people to be realistic about the threats they face, and be resilient in their responses?

**Sophie Andrews, national chair, Samaritans**

How do we help children who are worried about suicide; what are the professional responses?

**Fran Thompson, researcher, Unit for School and Family Studies, Goldsmiths College, University of London**

Why is bullying a concern to children and young people; what needs to be done?

**Denise Hubble, clinical services coordinator, Mosac**

Children who are sexually abused, how do we create safety in disclosure?

**Workshops**

Workshops will be facilitated by senior practitioners in relation to each casenote; suicide, bullying and sexual abuse. The workshops will provide an in-depth overview of what the current issues are in each area, they will identify gaps and explore areas of best practice and offer recommendations for the future.

**This conference will:**

- demonstrate the value of what children and young people are saying
- help professionals inform their practice by sharing with them what children and young people are saying are issues for them
- identify ways of working together to achieve the best outcome for children and young people
- to highlights areas of best practice in relation to the prevention of bullying, sexual abuse and suicide
- to share how children and young people's issues change over time.

**Who should attend?**

Policy makers, professionals and practitioners within the statutory, voluntary and community sectors including: teachers, youth workers, social workers, police, youth justice workers, primary health care workers, psychologists, children rights workers and advocates, mental health workers, government officials and academics.



## Registration fees

Delegate fee £150

Lunch, refreshments and a delegate pack will be provided as part of the delegate fee.

## Payment

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## When you're worried about a child, talk to us.

Whatever your concern, the NSPCC Helpline is here to offer help, advice and support.  
Call 0808 800 5000 or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

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