## ONLINE ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE

2021: A vision for safeguarding

Our 5th annual North West Safeguarding Conference promises to be another engaging and thought provoking day. The conference will examine the impact of exploitation and harm on children and young people, in particular criminal exploitation and county lines, and focusses on how professionals can address children's needs through a greater understanding of key issues. The conference will give delegates an opportunity to consider key safeguarding messages from a wide range of national speakers and experts in safeguarding to enable them to reflect on and further develop their own practice.

We are delighted to be welcoming Nazir Afzal OBE the former Chief Crown Prosecutor, Ellie Fairgrieve Head of Delivery Tackling Criminal Exploitation from The Children's Society, Martin Lennon Head of Public Affairs Children's Commissioner's Office, Andrew Moffat MBE founder of the No Outsiders programme and Matthew Norford CEO of 1Message and former gang member from Manchester to deliver our keynote speeches.

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Nazir Afzal OBE: "Blinded by the Light"
Nazir was Chief Crown Prosecutor
and led the work nationally on
safeguarding the most vulnerable.
From Honour based violence to
organised crime, extremism and child

sexual abuse, we have become blinded by the daily diet of new initiatives. He will explain why we need to get back to basic principles and values. He will share his journey, the failures & successes, the learning and why complacency must be avoided at all cost. He will share stories from his memoirs "The Prosecutor" published by Penguin Random House this spring. He will explore how one person can deliver substantial change in a world where it all seems so difficult.



Andrew Moffat MBE. "No Outsiders: Everyone different, everyone equal."

No Outsiders is a whole school ethos that prepares children for life in modern Britain. Using the Equality Act as a foundation, the resource uses picture

books, lesson plans and assembly plans to teach children about living in a diverse society; embracing difference and standing up for values of community cohesion. Andrew Moffat has been a teacher for 25 years and is currently Personal Development Lead at Excelsior MAT. In 2017 he was awarded a MBE for services to equality and diversity in Education and in 2019 he was listed as a top 10 finalist in the Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Prize. Andrew's work hit headlines in 2019 as protests emerged against the inclusion of LGBT equality in No Outsiders. The protests only served to strengthen the reputation of the resource and today hundreds of schools across the UK are proud to call themselves 'no outsiders schools'; making clear that everyone is welcome within their walls. Through Andrew's keynote, he will talk about the development of the No Outsiders programme and challenges experienced when faced with protests about its content.



Martin Lennon, Head of Public Affairs, Children's Commissioner's Office

The Children's Commissioner will shortly be publishing a briefing paper regarding what the Commissioner wants to see in the children's social care review paper. For his keynote speech, Martin will draw upon the contents this paper and will

discuss the changing pressure on services over the past decade (including a renewed focus on youth violence and criminal exploitation) whilst reflecting on the key priorities for a local response to systemic issues.



Ellie Fairgrieve, The Children's Society
Ellie has worked to develop Child
Exploitation and Missing from Home
and Care services at an operational
and strategic level since 2015 within
the voluntary sector as well as

challenging the culture and ensuring children and young people who are being exploited are supported as victims, not offenders. In 2016 Ellie was the Service Manager who designed and implemented the first regional Child Exploitation service in the Country.



## **Matthew Norford**

talks about the struggles he faced in his earlier lifestyle, including numerous prison sentences, being shot, carrying and storing

drugs and guns as well as the consequences of this. Matthew's story opens your eyes and shows you the reality of gang life for young people as well as educates professionals to the signs and indicators of young people potentially going down the same path.

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