A conference hosted by the Centre for Forensic Interviewing (Professor Becky Milne). Field leaders including researchers and practitioners join together to discuss evidence-based approaches regarding current topics surrounding the communication process and children.

**Dates:**
Thursday 4 and Friday 5 May 2017
The conference is aimed at looking at the best ways to communicate with children across the criminal justice sector and identify best practice.

Sessions include:

- Dr John Fox (University of Portsmouth; police assessor to the Victoria Climbie inquiry) presents: **Defining and safeguarding children.**
  
Papers include: Safeguarding and the child’s voice, grooming, and child sexual exploitation.

  Speakers include: Dr Kevin Smith (National Vulnerable Witness Adviser NCA), Det Supt Scott Mackechnie (Head of Public Protection, Hampshire Police), and Sue Gower (MBE, Kent Safeguarding Children’s Board).

- Professor Ray Bull (University of Derby) and Dr Julie Cherryman (University of Portsmouth) present: **Children as witnesses and victims in an evolving world.**
  
Papers include: Children as CHIS, missing children, and children in court.

- Professor Penny Cooper (Roehampton University) and Ruth Marchant (Triangle Services) present: **Vulnerability and special measures.**
  
Papers include: Special measures, pre-recorded cross-examination, and assessing communication needs.

  Speakers include Dr Michelle Mattison (University of Chester) and Dr Kimberly Collins (Teeside University).

- Professor Kim Knott (Lancaster University, CREST) presents: **The changing face of vulnerability.**
  
  Topics such as: Radicalisation.

- Professor Miet Vanderhallen (Antwerp University/Maastricht University) presents: **Children as suspects.**
  
Papers include: An outline of a European study examining the treatment of child suspects across Europe, interview strategies, and assessing risk.

- Dr Aaron Pycroft (University of Portsmouth) presents: **Youth justice, its aftermath and the voice of the child.**
  
Papers include: Imprisoned children, complex needs post custody, and positive youth justice.

  Speakers include: Professor Stephen Case (Loughborough University), Ioannis Papadopolous (LLB, LLM), Dr Alison Wallis (Clinical Lead for Hampshire Specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services), Dr Jonathan Bigg (Consultant Psychiatrist Child Adolescent Psychiatry Sussex Partnership) and Ben Byrne (Head of Youth Support Services in Surrey).

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