Child Maltreatment: a Public Health Perspective. Half way to 2020, where are we now?

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Background

Child Maltreatment (CM) is epidemic in society presenting huge public health challenges and known lifelong consequences. Objective 1 from the WHO report (2014): 'Investing in Children: The European Child Maltreatment Prevention Action Plan 2015-2020’ states: 'Make health risks such as child maltreatment more visible by setting up information systems in Member States.' Improving information systems, robust and evidence-based knowledge, analysis of the relationship between CM and its short and long-term negative health consequences collectively constitute a burning issue for future public health policy. Strong and effective collaboration amongst all stakeholder’s (healthcare professionals, social care, child protection services, educational authorities, police, and law enforcement) to combat CM in Europe will support the development of effective preventative and management strategies.

Themes:

- Bridging the gap between public health research and policy making for CM
- Standardised data collection (SDC) tools with minimum data set (MDS) for CM at health care sector and social care facilities
- Data linkage relevant to child maltreatment

Method: A workshop with a panel of members

Programme

09:00 Welcome, Introduction to a pre-conference workshop - Ulugbek Nurmatov and Danielle Jansen

09:05 Delivering the evidence base behind child maltreatment for health professionals - Alison Kemp, Professor of Child Health, Cardiff University, Wales, UK and Aideen Naughton, Service Lead/Designated Doctor National Safeguarding Team, NHS Wales, Public Health Wales, UK
09:30 The European Child Maltreatment Prevention Action Plan - Dinesh Sethi, WHO Programme Manager, Violence and Injury Prevention

09:55 Privacy-protecting data linkage in evaluation - Ronan Lyons, Clinical Professor of Public Health, Director National Centre for Population Health and Wellbeing Research, Swansea University, Wales, UK

10:20 Discussion

10:30 Coffee/tea break

11:00 Improving data collection on child maltreatment across health and social care - Lorraine Radford, Professor of Social Policy and Social Work, University of Central Lancashire, England, UK

11:25 Implementation of Incredible Years in Norway - Bjorn Brunborg, Specialist in Clinical Children’s and Youth’s Psychology, Head of Implementation – Incredible Years Norway, Regional Centre for Child and Youth Mental Health and Child Welfare-West Norway

11:50 BarnSäkert: a cluster-randomized controlled trial of the Safe Environment for Every Kid (SEEK) model in the Swedish preventive child health services - Steven Lucas, Associate Professor, Director of Preventive Child Health Services Uppsala University Children’s Hospital, Uppsala, Sweden

12:15 Discussion

12:25 Concluding comments/next steps

12:30 End of preconference, followed by network lunch

Participants: Healthcare professionals, academicians, researchers, education, police, social care workers, public health specialists etc.

Outcomes:

- European-wide collaboration between all relevant sectors involved in the protection of vulnerable children.
- Development of multiagency and multidisciplinary safeguarding hubs in each European country.
- Data linkage between Health/Social Care/Education/Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement and other agencies data.

Registration fee

The registration fee is € 70 which includes networking lunch and refreshments.