

Family Justice System: Implementing the New Arrangements

10.00 *Registration and Morning Refreshments*

11.00 **Chair's Introduction**

Chris Waterman, Editor, Children's Services Weekly

11.05 **Morning Policy Session: A New Family Justice System**

- The establishment of a Family Justice Board – national and local developments
- Creating a more coherent system, reducing delays & delivering better outcomes
- Imposing time limits on care proceedings
- Introducing new legislation to ensure a focus on the child's welfare
- Listening to the 'voice of the child'
- Reducing the excessive use of expert reports
- Raising the standards of social care practice – improving the assessment process
- Capturing and disseminating best practice: closer collaboration between courts and local authorities
- Building the skills of all professionals involved in family justice
- The implications for local authority social workers and legal staff
- The implications of shared parenting
- Establishing an improved dispute resolution process
- **Dame Gillian Pugh**, Member, Family Justice Review Panel, President, The National Childminding Association (Invited)
- **Bruce Clarke**, Director of Policy, Cafcass
- **Jane Robey**, Chief Executive, National Family Mediation (invited)

12.00 *Open Discussion and Q & A Session*

13.05 **Interactive Voting Session**

13.15 *Networking Lunch*

14.00 **Afternoon Session: Policy into Practice**

- Making the family justice service more family friendly
 - Multi-disciplinary relationships and training
 - Listening to children
 - **Caroline Leeson**, Associate Professor in Early Childhood Studies, School of Early Years & Primary Education Studies, University of Plymouth
 - **Jill Maddison**, Family Justice Centre, LB Croydon
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15.25 **Chair's Summary**

15.30 **Event Close**

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