



**The Prevalence, Nature and Severity of**

**Mental Health Difficulties Experienced by Looked After Children and those**

**Adopted from Care**  
  
  
A one-day workshop with Michael Tarren-Sweeney  
Associate Professor of Child & Family Psychology  
University of Canterbury, New Zealand

Thursday 17 October 2013, 10am – 4pm, BAAF, London

**THEME**

* The workshop will be conducted by Michael Tarren-Sweeney who has established an

international reputation for his studies of the development of adopted and fostered children and the risks and resilience that care populations experience in comparison to problems experienced by children in the general population. His work has particularly focused on the complexity of attachment and trauma-related difficulties. The workshop will explore the evidence base as well as the developmental concepts used to explore and explain these issues. There will be some focus during the workshop on the development of mental health screening by professionals comparing the accuracy of the SDQ when compared to his own Brief Assessment Checklist (based on the ACC measure).

**AIMS**

* To explore the nature of the developmental pathway for adopted and fostered children.
* To identify the risks and resilience factors identified through research and compare these to the general population.
* To explore how this understanding should be taken into account in planning and decision-making.
* To explore and understand the use of, advantages and disadvantages of the SDQ and the

Brief Assessment Checklist.

* To share best practice.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

The workshop is designed for Social Workers at all levels, Independent

Reviewing Officers, Panel Chairs, Advisors and Decision Makers.

**Venue:** BAAF Head Office, Saffron House, 6 -10 Kirby Street, Farringdon, London EC1N 8TS

**Timings:** Registration9.30am, Start 10.00am, Close 4.00pm Refreshments/lunch provided

**Facilitator:** Michael Tarren-Sweeney



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