

Practice Development Webinar

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11am - 12.30pm (online)

Understanding the Needs of Black Children in the Child Protection System

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Claudia Bernard is a Professor of Social Work and Head of Postgraduate Research in the Department of Social, Therapeutic and Community Studies at Goldsmiths, University of London. She is a qualified social worker, has worked in local authority children and families social work, and has retained this interest in her research and teaching. Claudia's general interests lie in the areas of social work with children and families, gender-based violence, critical race theory, equalities and social justice.

Despite the many high profile Black child deaths in England, race as a factor remains a largely underexplored factor of serious case reviews (SCRs). Given that the main function of SCRs is to provide opportunities for learning lessons to improve practice, the way in which issues of race and culture may influence child protection processes for Black children is therefore of critical importance.

In a recent study, Claudia Bernard and Perlita Harris (2018), examined the extent that race and cultural factors are considered in SCRs involving Black children. In this seminar, Claudia will discuss:

- The questions that are asked about race, ethnicity, and culture in SCRs concerning Black children;
- Lessons to be learnt from SCRs for improving practice to safeguard Black children.

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