Fragmentation or Integration?
Exploring service delivery approaches with children, young people and families

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Synopsis
Doug’s presentation will reflect upon his recent research into children, young people’s and family services and schools. Undertaken from 2006 to the present day, his research cuts across professional and organisational boundaries and considers the contemporary issues faced by leaders and professionals working with children, young people and families. He will argue that current ways of working are fragmented and disjointed and will challenge seminar attendees to consider alternative ways in which services could work together and engage with those they set out to help.

Mary’s presentation will compare her experience of more than thirty years of working with children and families with developments taking place today across Leeds. She will focus on current work at strategic, managerial and operational levels that are integrating activities of schools and services to support children and young people within the context of their family and community.

Dr. Doug Martin
Doug has worked in the NHS, welfare benefits, unemployment and regeneration services, children and adult social care, schools and broader children and young people’s services. Through this diverse background he has experienced the differing practice and the ‘interests’ associated with professions and organisations across statutory and non-statutory sectors. Since 1998 he has engaged both professionally and in leadership roles with the improvement of outcomes for children and families through questioning our accepted engagement between services and how they engage with those they set out to help.

Mary Armitage
Mary is the Area Head of Targeted Services for WNW Leeds and also retains responsibility for the Integrated Processes Service in Children Leeds. Mary worked as a primary school teacher before acting as a manager of child protection services for Education Leeds. In this role she co-ordinated a multi-agency project developing peer education curriculum materials around child abuse, children running away from home, and domestic violence. She continued to be directly involved in developing partnerships within education settings as Family of Schools Support Worker. As Vulnerable Children Project Manager Mary’s main focus was to co-ordinate and implement the Education Leeds Vulnerable Children Strategic Plan in relation to access to education provision, attendance and attainment. She has also been a part-time lecturer for Leeds Metropolitan University (now Leeds Beckett University) in Childhood Studies.

Interested?
This seminar is FREE to attend and open to anyone with an interest in this topic. Please register at http://leedsunuillc.eventbrite.co.uk
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