

Bruce Thornton

creating capacity in social care



Winner of the Social Care Accolades 2011 for “Supporting Effective Interventions with Children and their Families” - Gwynedd Council in partnership with Bruce Thornton

The Risk Model is a framework for assessing the risk of significant harm to children and young people.

“Being awarded the Social Care Accolade acknowledges leadership which focusses on practice and makes a real difference to the way social workers and managers make decisions. The framework reinforces the quality of decision making and consistency, issues which are at the heart of improving Children Services. The Risk Model addresses many of the recommendations of the Munro Review. Hearing calls from the Care Council and Minister for this work to be widely disseminated across Wales makes me immensely proud.”

Marian Hughes, Senior Manager, Children Services, Gwynedd Council.

The Risk Model:

- is an award winning framework for social work practice recommended for wider use
- routine screening can be easily implemented by busy practitioners
- is proportionate - easy screening for all cases and robust enough to assess complexity
- has been adopted within Court and Conferences settings as formal risk assessments
- provides reassurance to organisations that all children are routinely risk assessed
- is available as an electronic record, on the intranet or internet for easy access

The Risk Model will be showcased by the Care Council for Wales in workshops during the Autumn to share best practice from the 2011 Accolades. Further information about the Risk Model is available at

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