

LSCB Newsletter – June 2017

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1. Update from the LSCB Full Board Meeting on 25th April 2017

At the meeting, the Board agreed its priorities for 2017-18. These will be published in the LSCB Annual Report which is due to go to cabinet on 12th September.

The LSCB priorities for 2017-18:

To continue our core business which is:

1. Continue to evaluate the effectiveness of safeguarding provision across the LSCB partnership through a range of performance reports and audits.
2. Ensure that learning from case reviews and the child death overview panel is effectively shared, monitored and embedded in practice
3. Monitor the impact of austerity and financial constraints on partners safeguarding provision.
4. Effective working across the key strategic boards, in particular SAB, Corporate Parenting Board, HWBB, Alliance Boards and SSCGs.
5. Ensure that partners are well placed to deliver their strategic safeguarding arrangements in line with the expected government guidance and changes to legislation.

Our specific priorities are:

6. Lead the delivery of the Child Exploitation Action Plan across Suffolk. This will recognise the impact of the multi-agency response to the County Lines and gangs and groups in Suffolk.
7. Monitor the effectiveness of a Graded Care Profile framework to enable practitioners across the tiers of support to assess the risk of neglect and audit to measure its effectiveness.
8. Ensure that the views of young people and families influence safeguarding provision across Suffolk.
9. Ensure that the effect of Domestic Abuse on children is appropriately identified and addressed through the Domestic Abuse strategy
10. Monitor the impact of the delivery of the Emotional Health and Wellbeing strategy.

Other items covered at the Board meeting included:

- Reports from three of the subgroups of the Board.
 - Health Subgroup.
 - Area Network Meetings.
 - Policy, Planning and Engagement group.
- A report on LSCB Partners' budget pressures and associated risks.
- An update on the recent Baby E Serious Case Review Action Plan.
- A presentation from Superintendent Cutler of Suffolk Police, on the following: -
 - Police Safeguarding Health Check.
 - HMIC Inspection.
 - Top level activity in Suffolk (Gangs and Groups).
- A report on Board members' attendance at Child Protection Conferences.
- The LSCB Risk Register.

If you would like any more details on the above items, please contact the LSCB Central Team, details at the bottom of the newsletter.

2. The Children and Social Work Act Update

On 27th April 2017, just before the election was called, the Children & Social Work Act received the Royal Assent. You can find the Act [here](#).

As well as provision for new local safeguarding arrangements to replace LSCBs; proposals for local and national practice learning reviews to replace SCRs and reforming CDOP, the Act contains important proposals on social work regulation, care leavers, the statutory inclusion of PHSE in schools and other measures.

The timescales for the next steps regarding the future of LSCBs are still to be confirmed. Indications are that there will be a revised 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' document sometime in Autumn 2017, with a 12-week consultation period. The expectation is that local plans and safeguarding arrangements will need to be drawn up by April 2018 and agreed for implementation by April 2019.

So, for the foreseeable future the Suffolk LSCB will continue to deliver its statutory functions, working closely with its partners across Suffolk.

3. LSCB Communications and the new website.

Sarah Dunne is now leading on communications on behalf of the LSCB Central Team. If you have anything you would like to communicate or share across the LSCB partnership please contact Sarah via email: sarah.dunne@suffolk.gov.uk

We are also in the process of redesigning the LSCB website to make it more accessible and easier to use. We are aiming to have the first version launched by the end of July and will continue to develop it to ensure it meets your needs.

Please also follow Suffolk LSCB on Twitter, we post relevant safeguarding updates most days - [@SuffolkSCB](https://twitter.com/SuffolkSCB).

4. Workforce Development and Schools Choice safeguarding training updates

Workforce Development (WFD)

New sessions on Child Sexual Exploitation and Missing Children - Briefings for Foster Carers, are advertised on www.suffolkcpd.co.uk - **Course code: M-CSEMC**

The latest Level 2 Safeguarding Trainers Forum, which covered topics including Financial scams and abuse, Modern Slavery, Exploitation in gangs and groups, had excellent attendance and was very well received. More to sessions follow.

On the 28th April 2017, Charlie Pincock and Anita Humphrey delivered a thought provoking session as part of the Exploited Children Training Support Forum. This session focused on child/young person exploitation in gangs and groups and interventions that work with these young people. The date for the next Exploited Children Training Support Forum, focusing on the topic of Child Sexual Exploitation and Radicalisation, is **28th September 2017**. Please pencil this date in your diary.

For online resources on WFD Suffolk Learning pages - Child Exploitation, please visit: <http://www.suffolklearning.co.uk/workforce-development/child-exploitation>. It contains links to national websites, video-links to support learning and training, free online training, local guidance and much more. On the same page, you can find resources on Domestic Abuse and Substance Misuse - these sites are 'under development'; more to come. <http://www.suffolklearning.co.uk/workforce-development>

Schools Choice

Training for Trainers (T4T) annual forums for schools are now published on Schools Choice CPD. If you provide safeguarding training for your school, please book on to a forum.

https://cpd.schoolschoice.org/cpd/content_detail.asp?contentid=1183

Schools Choice are holding their annual Safeguarding Conference – responding to new threats in new ways, on **28th September 2017** at Wherstead Park with key note speakers from DfE and Ofsted. Places are now available to book via <https://cpd.schoolschoice.org/cpd/default.asp> **Course Code: SG Conf 17/01**

Access the free FGM online training module, provided by the Home Office, on the [Schools Choice website](#).

New safeguarding materials for teaching children how to stay safe will be available in June. The materials have been designed by children and young people and the package will include; films, discussion cards and other materials. The aim is to help support schools in meeting their statutory requirements but also to raise awareness of current issues within Suffolk. Please contact bev.clark@schoolschoice.org for further information.

5. Area Safeguarding Network and CaRE meetings.

A decision has been made to combine the Area Safeguarding Network meetings with the Children at Risk of Exploitation (CaRE) locality meetings starting from July with a pilot phase until December, then a review. These three area meetings will be held quarterly and chaired by the Area Safeguarding Managers. It will enable the agendas to be combined and rationalise the number of meetings partners are asked to attend. If you require further details, please contact your Area Safeguarding Manager.

6. Update on the implementation of the Graded Care Profile (GCP2) from Workforce Development.

Update on the roll out of the Graded Care Profile 2

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Courses delivered Feb – May 2017

Practitioners trained Feb – May 2017
158



What's working well?

trainers have noted their confidence levels have raised in delivering the training
all attendees have passed the assessment and gained their licence to use the tool
following training reports of raised confidence levels in practitioners using the tool

"I have used the old Graded Care Profile tool and feel just as confident in using the updated/licenced version since completing the training."

"This will have a huge impact on how we support and target work with families where neglect is a concern. This tool really narrows down what areas we are worried about making the actions time efficient, manageable and focused for the family. This will also be useful when there is a stuck case or a case where long term neglect has been suspected but not enough seen or evidenced to support higher intervention via a step up."

What should we do differently?

- ensure that only frontline practitioners able to carry out the full assessment in the family home are attending the licenced training course
- increase numbers of social workers licenced to use the tool by promoting training
- offer a 1 – 2 hour 'overview' course for managers and supervisors to assist them in supporting their team

What's next?

- review and evaluate licenced course delivery with training and steering group
- deliver the 'overview' course for managers and supervisors at manager meetings / bespoke sessions for referral teams
- data collection and evaluation on raised understanding of neglect
- carry out interviews with practitioners and families on experience of using the GCP2 tool
- continue to offer a rolling programme of licenced training courses
- continue to collate data on the use of the GCP2 tool and submit to NSPCC for national evaluation



For more information please see [Suffolk CPD Multi-Agency channel](#) and use course code M-GCP

7. Other useful links and information

Child Safety Week

This year, Child Safety Week took place from **Monday 5th to Sunday 11th June 2017**, with the theme **Safe children: sharing is caring**.

Child Safety Week is run by Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) to raise awareness of the risks of child accidents and how they can be prevented. They provide a range of resources to help practitioners run local activities and events and promote safety messages in a fun and engaging way.

For more information please visit the Child Safety Week website which contains many useful resources from CAPT: <http://www.childsafetyweek.org.uk>

Drowning Prevention Week

Drowning Prevention Week is the national campaign from the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) and will run between 16th and 26th June 2017.

One person drowns every 20 hours in the UK and hundreds more suffer life changing injuries through near drowning.

By spreading water safety advice far and wide, Drowning Prevention Week aims to teach people how to stay safe near water.

The campaign encourages schools, clubs, leisure centres and communities to promote water safety through events, lessons, games and activities in a bid to make people more aware of the dangers of water.

More information on water safety is available from the RLSS UK website: www.rlss.org.uk/water-safety/drowning-prevention-week/

Children worried about terrorism

After the recent events in Manchester and London, NSPCC and other organisations have produced some useful materials to talk to and reassure children.

Here are some of the links:

- [Advice if you're upset by the news \(Newsround\)](#)
- [Supporting children worried about terrorism \(NSPCC\)](#)
- [Responding to children and young people affected by the media coverage of the incident in Manchester \(Winston's Wish – pdf\)](#)
- [Responding to children and young people affected by the media coverage of the incident in Manchester \(Winston's Wish – webpage\)](#)
- [How to talk to children about terrorism \(The Conversation\)](#)

Support for Children who have been affected by Domestic Abuse – Helping Hands

Please see the flyer on Page 7 for a support group run by CYP Family Support Practitioners at The Mix in Stowmarket.

8. Contact Us

If you would like to contact the LSCB to add an item to future newsletters, please email us:

LSCB Communication - LSCBcommunication@suffolk.gov.uk or

Paul Nicholls - LSCB Manager – Paul.nicholls@suffolk.gov.uk

We are always looking for ways to improve our newsletter so your feedback is welcome.



Helping Hands

Activity Programme for Children and Young People who have been affected by Domestic Abuse and Violence

Helping Hands is a child friendly program designed by Women's Aid to support children and young people who have been affected by domestic abuse.

The programme aims to increase children's understanding of feeling safe and to explore and promote behaviours which will contribute to a safe environment.

**We run groups for 5-8 year olds and
9-12 year olds**

The Helping Hands Programme helps children and young people to:

- **Develop their level of self-esteem and confidence**
- **Enables children to explore and express feelings**
- **Informs children of their right to feel safe at all times**
- **Increases children's abilities in safety planning**
- **Encourages children to seek support when needed**
- **Empowers children to identify their own personal support network**
- **Explores how choice of behaviour can affect the feelings of others**
- **Identifies ways to manage conflict**
- **The programme also gives children the opportunity to meet other children who may have been through similar experiences**



Please call Sandra Parker for information for the 5-8 age group Jane Brewster for 9-12 age group on 01449 745155