

## LSCB Newsletter – September 2017

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## **1. Update from the LSCB Full Board Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

The main items discussed at Board were: -

- Updates from the Child Exploitation and Learning and Improvement sub groups.
- The LSCB Annual Report – was reviewed and signed off by the Board. This is now available on the LSCB website and includes the priorities for 2017-18.  
<http://suffolkscb.org.uk/assets/About-Us/Annual-Review-and-Business-Plan/Suffolk-LSCB-Annual-Report-2016-17.pdf>
- CQC Outcome on CYPS Health Services – The Board was pleased to note the positive findings from the inspection.
- The MASH Annual Report was presented to the Board by the MASH Manager Seb Smith.
- National Probation Service (NPS) and Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRC) Inspection. The recent inspection report was reviewed and it was agreed that an action plan should go to the LSCB Learning and Improvement Group in September.
- Risks to Service Delivery. The current risk register was reviewed and updated.

## **2. The new LSCB website**

Was launched on 11 September and can be found at <http://www.suffolkscb.org.uk/>. This is the same address as the previous site. We hope you like it and would welcome your comments and suggestions for improvements to [LSCBcommunication@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:LSCBcommunication@suffolk.gov.uk).

Some recent amendments and updates:

- An updated [Escalation policy](#), in the event of a professional dispute.
- A new poster outlining the Workforce Development training offer  
<http://suffolkscb.org.uk/assets/Training/2017-08-11-Safeguarding-Poster-CYP.pptx>
- Updated guidance on [Honour Based Abuse, Forced marriage and Female Genital Mutilation](#)
- Updated guidance for [Unexplained Injuries in Non-mobile Children](#)

Please also follow Suffolk LSCB on Twitter [@SuffolkSCB](#), we now have over 500 followers.

## **3. Staffing updates**

From 18<sup>th</sup> September, the managers of the Safeguarding Children and Safeguarding Adult Boards will be line managed by Codrutza Oros-Marsh in her new role as Head of Quality, Engagement and Professional Development. We welcome Codrutza to her new role.

## **4. Guidance for schools on maintaining and transferring pupil safeguarding/child protection records**

This guidance replaces the previous document 'Managing Shared Information: Guidance for schools and education settings on Child Protection (CP) and Children in Need (CiN)/pupil file structures and managing file movement'. The revised guidance sets out the legal framework and good practice guidance for the maintenance, retention and transfer of pupil child protection records between schools. Any copies of the previous guidance should be discarded.

The guidance can be found on the LSCB website, here is the link to the Education page - <http://suffolkscb.org.uk/working-with-children/education/>

## **5. Child Sexual Exploitation – Awareness raising**

Letters and information packs were sent to 164 hotels and B+B's across Suffolk in August from the LSCB. These followed recent incidents in Suffolk where young people could book into hotels without appropriate checks in place.

We will be following up the letters with spot checks and calls from the Police and LSCB to selected hotels. The letter was jointly endorsed by the LSCB chair, the chair of the Child Exploitation Sub Group from Suffolk Constabulary, Licensing and Trading Standards.

## **6. Mind Of My Own (MOMO)**

Introducing MOMO – engaging with children & young people in a way that suits them

Suffolk County Council has introduced a new way for children and young people to express their views, wishes and feelings.

MOMO is an application that can be used online or via a mobile app, and has been successfully implemented by over 60 local authorities. Workers create accounts to use with children and young people. Young people can use the application independently or with support. However, children will only be able to access the system through a worker or foster carer. There is also a version of the application for those whose language skills are limited due to disability or who have English as an additional language.

Children and young people can pick from a number of scenarios/topics that relate to the services they are receiving, to prepare for meetings or to share good news. Once complete their views are sent to workers; and also captured on case management systems. Using MOMO will make it easier to have more fun and empowering conversations with children and young people. It will save workers recording time and helps children and young people to take control of how they engage with services.

The Children in Care Council are supporting and monitoring the roll out of MOMO. For more information about the roll out of MOMO in Suffolk email: [childrenincare@suffolk.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:childrenincare@suffolk.gcsx.gov.uk). You can visit the website - [www.mindofmyown.org.uk](http://www.mindofmyown.org.uk).

## **7. Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) update**

An update from our LADO colleagues Rennie Everett and Dian Campbell.

The LADO service is undertaking a review of the LADO referral form, leaflet and arrangements for managing allegations and procedures. Updated documents will be available on the Suffolk Safeguarding website at the end of October 2017.

The service is also undertaking a review and evaluation of organisations underrepresented in terms of LADO referrals. Targeted training will be introduced where appropriate.

## **8. Grenfell disaster - response by LSCBs**

Government has asked LSCBs to ensure that there is a local co-ordinated response to the Grenfell disaster and that families in Suffolk are not at risk from a similar fire. A report is being prepared and will be presented to the LSCB Board meeting in January 2018.

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/cyp/news/2004093/safeguarding-boards-to-carry-out-grenfell-safety-checks>

## **9. Workforce Development – Safeguarding training courses update**

Exploited Children trainer support Forum – Child Sexual Exploitation – course code M-ECT1702 on [www.suffolkcpd.co.uk](http://www.suffolkcpd.co.uk).

This half-day workshop is for trainers delivering Child Sexual Exploitation and wider safeguarding training, as well as for practitioners who want to develop their knowledge about this topic and have previously attended CSE awareness raising training.

Training for the **MASH practitioners on Gangs and Groups** and gang related risks to children and young people – course code **M-GAG1701 & M-GAG1702**. This 2-hour workshop will enhance MASH practitioners' knowledge of the exploitation of children and young people that can happen within gangs and groups and of the risk factors that can lead to children and young people joining a gang or group. The session will provide information about what interventions work with children and young people affected by exploitation within a gang or group context. Both workshops are facilitated by Suffolk Youth Offending Service.

The next round of **multi-agency Safeguarding trainer support forums** are now available on CPD online – course code **M-T4T1701**. The dates are 22 November and 11 December. If you have any questions please contact [Jenny.clark@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Jenny.clark@suffolk.gov.uk).

## **10. Research published into gang and drug related violence in Ipswich**

You may have seen this in the press recently, here's the link to the University of Suffolk research page. Suffolk are preparing a multi-agency response.

<https://www.uos.ac.uk/news/gang-and-drug-related-violence-research-published>

## **11. Working Together to Safeguard Children 2017 update**

We await the next version of this guidance which is due to be published in the Autumn 2017, we are hoping this will coincide with the Annual LSCB chairs conference in November. We will keep you updated.

## **12. Other useful links and information**

**The new DBS online service** – Soon to be launched, details and the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/disclosure-and-barring-service-is-introducing-new-online-services>

**Preventing Bullying (DfE) - July 2017** - The DfE have merged the publication 'Supporting children and young people who are bullied: advice for schools' with 'Preventing and tackling bullying'. This new version of includes additional information about how schools can support children and young people who are bullied.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-and-tackling-bullying>

**Supporting school children after terrorist incidents** - A reminder of some useful resources for schools following recent events in London.

<https://www.safeguardingschools.co.uk/supporting-school-children-terrorist-incidents/>

**Schools Choice Safeguarding Conference** - On **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**, Schools Choice are holding a Safeguarding Conference – Responding to new threats in new ways at Wherstead Park, Ipswich from 9.30am. This is open to all schools. The key note speakers include Paul Brooker, Ofsted Regional Director for the East of England and Michael Bell, DfE Team leader for Keeping Children Safe in Education. Places are still available to book via <https://cpd.schoolschoice.org/cpd/default.asp> **Course Code: SG Conf 17/01**.

Schools' Choice is the LSCB endorsed provider of Safeguarding training and offer a variety of training opportunities for school leaders, staff and governors. Details of the training available can be found on the [Schools' Choice CPD website](#).

### 13. Graded Care Profile Update

#### Update on the roll out of the Graded Care Profile 2



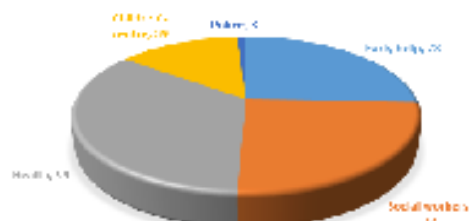
Courses delivered May – July 2017

**7**

Practitioners trained May – July 2017

**167**

LICENCED PRACTITIONERS ACROSS SUFFOLK (286 TOTAL)



#### What's working well?

- trainers have raised confidence levels 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 tool by promoting training
- offer more 1 – 2 hour 'overview' course for managers and supervisors to assist them in supporting their team
- amend 'overview' session for other practitioners, e.g. MASH and Health
- Ofsted recommendations to provide renewed future focus for the training.
- Health, Education and Police to be included in the GCP2 learning

#### 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 GCP Multi Agency channel](#) and use course code M-GCP

## 14. Invite from Friends of the Ferns

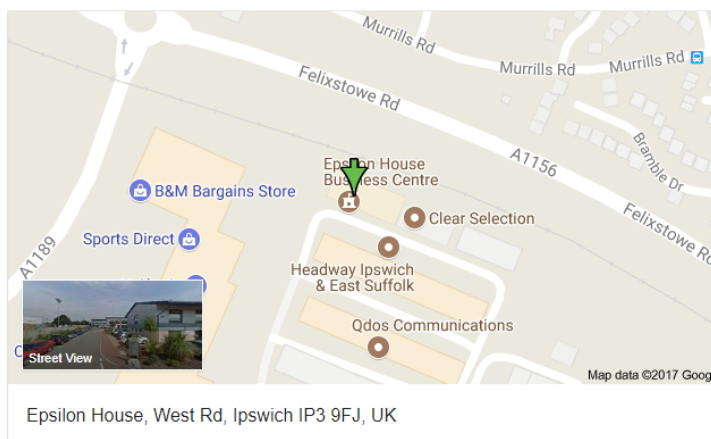
Friends of the Ferns look forward to welcoming you their annual open evening and tour of the Ferns.

**Date:** 13 November 2017

**Time:** 5pm for 5.30pm start

**Venue:** Epsilon House Business Centre  
Masterlord Office Village  
West Road  
Ransomes Europark  
Ipswich  
IP3 9FJ

There will be light refreshments upon arrival and there is a large, free car park (to the left of the building) for your use.



### Open Evening Programme 13 November 2017 – Friends of the Ferns

1. Chair's opening remarks Karin Norman-Butler
2. A year's work at the Ferns Lynn Ambrose Sexual Assault Referral Centre(SARC) Manager
3. Speaker: Diana Porter, CEO & Founder of Fresh Start-New Beginnings
4. Pledge Cards Mark Murphy
5. Tour of the Ferns

**Please RSVP by 20 October 2017 to [friendsoftheferns@safecic.co.uk](mailto:friendsoftheferns@safecic.co.uk)**

## **15. Contact Us**

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

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