



Bournemouth & Poole Local Safeguarding Children Board Newsletter

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S A F E G U A R D I N G I S E V E R Y B O D Y ' S B U S I N E S S

Message from the Chair

Welcome to the third LSCB newsletter, I hope you will find it of interest and supportive in the work that you undertake with children and their families. Whilst the LSCB spends a lot of its time on strategic issues in ensuring effective multi agency safeguarding practice, one of my main aims is to ensure that the work of the LSCB has resonance with operational staff and managers – I hope that a regular newsletter is one way of achieving this.

The newsletter gives some useful information about the development of some new initiatives as well as information about training that is available – also please note the date and details of the forthcoming LSCB Conference. I also hope that you find the items about safeguarding in sport and the impact of domestic abuse upon children, informative in your work with families.

The LSCB has recently completed the work on two important serious case reviews and we are in the process of ensuring that recommendations are being implemented in respect of the lessons that have been learned from them. You will hear more about these in due course.

Ron Lock

Thank you

Thank you to contributors to this edition of the LSCB Newsletter

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- Jim Beashel
- Judith Britt
- Tony Jones-Pert
- Ron Lock
- Ruth Shearn
- Carole Ward

and to Lynn Hall for assisting me in pulling it together.

Geoff Nash

Bournemouth & Poole LSCB website

www.bournemouth-poole-lscb.org.uk is constantly being updated so please log on to find out what is new. Already available are:

- **Inter-agency safeguarding children procedures; - new updates** Chapter 4 4.2 Safe Practice 'Guidance for Safer Working Practice for Adults who work with Children & Young People'. Chapter 2. Managing Individual Cases.
- Young Peoples section & Parents/Carers Area,
- 'What to do if you are worried about a child/young person section';
- Useful links; Electronic version of the newsletter;
- LSCB section on its work including the business plan.
- SCR Executive summaries

The LSCB Annual Safeguarding Conference

First of all a huge apology! In the last Newsletter I got the date of the conference wrong! I can now confirm the date and venue for the Conference is

Thursday 13 October 2011

The Village Hotel, Bournemouth

Sorry for the error and I hope you can put this revised date into your diary in good time.

The focus of our conference this year will be on ensuring we have good up-to-date information, both local and national, and sound practical advice in safeguarding children from the harms identified in the LSCB's Key Objectives for this year. These are the harms that arise from

- Substance abuse amongst children and young people or their parents
- Domestic violence between young people or their parents
- Dangerous uses of new and emerging technologies

I'm sure it will be an interesting and useful day and I hope you can join us.

Geoff Nash



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DEALING WITH DOMESTIC ABUSE

Dealing with the issue of Domestic Abuse between parents/carers continues to be a challenge for child care professionals, and whilst it is primarily a relationship issue between adults, it is essential that domestic abuse is viewed as a safeguarding matter as far as their children are concerned. One of the dangers is that the impact upon children of domestic abuse is sometimes missed and when this happens, their needs go unaddressed. In order to help you keep the needs of such children as a focus of your concerns and interventions, here is a list of some of the key ways that children are affected by domestic abuse within their homes: -

- The child being physically caught up in the violence between the adults
- The child may be injured when trying to intervene to protect the mother
- Hearing the violence occurring after they have gone to bed
- One parent using the child as a “spy” against the other, or interrogating them about the parent’s activities/whereabouts
- Children forced to take sides in supporting one parent or the other
- Experiencing the aftermath of violence – injuries to a parent or damage to the house
- Children may learn that it is acceptable to be abusive and that violence is an effective way to get what you want
- Children may learn that violence is sometimes justified, particularly when you are angry with someone
- They learn about the power imbalance between men and women – boys may learn to adopt an aggressive stance towards girls, whilst girls could take on a victim role
- The mother will give less attention to the child’s needs (as their energies may be in trying to appease their partner) and will have reduced personal resources to manage and care for the children.

Therefore, **it is important to try to discover the child’s lived experiences within the home** in order to fully understand the level of impact on them of the domestic abuse. One research study showed that at aged 8 years, children reported that the impact upon them of witnessing domestic abuse was much greater than any other form of abuse such as physical or sexual abuse.

Ron Lock

The Big Society – What’s the Big Idea?

On Tuesday 22 March local charities and community groups working across Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole came together for the third annual Bournemouth and Poole Voluntary Sector Conference. The theme of the conference was ‘The Big Society – What’s the Big Idea?’ and the keynote speaker was Toby Blume Chief Executive of Urban Forum - a national charity that supports communities to have a greater say over decisions that affect them. Toby gave an overview of the Big Society agenda and discussed the ways in which this might affect the Voluntary and Community Sector.

The event was organised by Bournemouth Council for Voluntary Service, Poole Council for Voluntary Service and Dorset Race Equality Council who have been working together as a consortium funded by Capacity Builders. The event was attended by over 90 delegates consisting of both paid staff and volunteers from a variety of local organisations as well as various Statutory Sector partners. Feedback from the event was extremely positive from both Statutory Sector and Voluntary Sector delegates.

Ruth Shearn
Bournemouth and Poole CVS

Partnership Check and Challenge Tool

The provision of high quality sport and physical education makes a significant contribution to children’s well-being and development. It helps children to become healthy, active people, improving self-esteem and confidence through activities in school or college, in sports clubs and community settings.

However, challenges can arise when two or more partners (e.g. a school, sports club, FE College, Local Authority Sports Development, County Sports Partnership or independent coaching provider) are involved in commissioning, funding and delivering a particular activity.

Situations have arisen where children have been put at risk or actually harmed either because adequate safeguards were not in place or because partners were unclear about their respective responsibilities. It is therefore vital that everyone involved in this delivery process is confident that all appropriate steps have been taken to safeguard the children involved.

This simple-to-use checklist has been developed to support partners involved in any way in providing sport activities for children and young people. It is intended to help ensure that young participants will be safe and looked after while involved in these activities.

Please go to the following link -
http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/cpsu/resources/Partnership_check_and_challenge_tool_wda81171.html
Tony Jones-Pert
Active Dorset

Vetting & Barring Update – Sports Sector Response

On 11 February 2011 the UK Government announced the outcomes of its review of the vetting and barring scheme (VBS). The Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) is currently working on a detailed response to the proposed reforms, with contributions from a number of sports organisations and registered bodies. The response will be made on behalf of the [CRB](#) Sport and Recreation Sector Consultative Group. When in final draft, the CPSU will circulate this to stakeholders in the sport and recreation sector both for feedback and to support those organisations providing individual responses.

Although the sector appears to be generally supportive of the government's aims to develop a simpler and more proportionate approach to vetting and barring there are a number of key concerns and issues which need to be addressed at the earliest opportunity:

- Eligibility for checks – for those working with 16/17 year olds
- Eligibility for checks – supervised teaching, training or instruction
- Barring
- Application process
- Removal of 'additional' or 'brown envelope' information

To see the full implications go to [http://www.activedorset.org/news/Latest+News/vetting andbarring](http://www.activedorset.org/news/Latest+News/vetting+andbarring)

Tony Pert- Jones

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Training

Training Programmes from Bournemouth and Poole Training

At the end of this newsletter you will find the full programme for Multi-Agency Training from Bournemouth and Poole local authorities.

Thanks to Judith Britt and Judith Bacon for providing this information.

If you require further information please contact:
For Bournemouth: Sue Read 01202 519035 or email sue.read@bournemouth.gov.uk
For Poole: the course administrator on 01202 262732

Learning from Serious Case Reviews

Members of the LSCB Serious Case Review Group, together with other colleagues from LSCB partner agencies are currently planning a series of workshops to facilitate learning from serious case reviews.

The workshops will focus on multi-agency learning from recent Bournemouth and Poole SCRs, Dorset SCRs and high profile national cases.

Although no firm plans are in place, these workshops are likely to be in June on the following Tuesdays (14, 21, 28) and Thursdays (16, 23, 30). Please bear in mind for your diaries

Geoff Nash
LSCB

SEXUAL ASSAULT REFERRAL CENTRE

Plans for the SARC, to be located in Madeira Road Bournemouth, have now been finalised and the tender process for the build is about to commence. The SARC will provide 2 examination suites which will each consist of a forensic waiting room, a medical examination room and a shower room. One of these will be focussed towards the examination of children and young people. 4 video interview suites will be provided as well as waiting rooms, office space and an outside space for visitors to use. A separate discreet entrance is being provided to allow anonymity to those victims self-referring.

Within the SARC there will be a manager with responsibility for the care-plan of all those attending, on-call crisis workers who will be there to support the victim through the initial examination and reporting if they choose and an administrator. Funding has been agreed with the Local Authorities for the provision of 3 Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs) who will provide longer term support. The SARC will cater for the whole County but follow-up services will still be delivered within the victims' local area.

The Ministry of Justice recently announced funding for Dorset Rape Crisis to significantly increase the services they are able to provide. This will see the provision of counselling, emotional support as well as the listening service Rape Crisis already provides for victims, their partners and families.

It is anticipated that the SARC will open in the summer of 2011.

Jim Beashel
Dorset Police

Poole Family Information Service

Poole Family Information Service will be launching its on-line Family Information Directory (FID) via the Borough of Poole website on 3 May, 2011. The Directory has been developed in response to feedback from Poole parents who have asked for one place to access all information that supports family life. Not only will it include all childcare providers within the Borough, but it will offer all family members; mums, dads, grandparents, young people and other carers information on services and support available to them at every stage in a child's life. Vicky Wales, Head of Children & Young People's Services, says "The FID helps all family members to become informed customers of local childcare, activities and services by increasing knowledge and understanding of what is available, in one convenient place, 24 hours a day.

The on-line guidance notes provide additional information and better understanding to services available and we hope that families will find the FID an invaluable resource."

The Directory covers subjects such as:

- Childcare
- Youth services and activities
- Activities, clubs and associations
- Family support services
- Health
- Education
- Money and welfare and much, much more!

Some parents who have accessed the FID on a trial basis have commented:

'I now fully understand what the 3 & 4 year old free childcare funding is about – the website clearly explains this and explains childcare choices and even offers me current availability'

'fantastic – clear, colourful, and easy to use'

'at last, one place that covers activities for all my children, from my toddler right up to my teenager'

'I am a single parent and wanted to find out about what funding would be available to me if I was to start a training course – the FID offered signposting to colleges and support organisations'

Should families find they need additional information, advice or assistance they can call Poole Family Information Service helpline on: 01202 261999 or contact them through the FID at

www.boroughofpoole.com/familyinformation.

Carole Ward
Borough of Poole



Safeguarding Children Child Protection Training Courses May 2011

Professionals working with children should undertake the 2 day Safeguarding Children Training as part of their induction and then attend update training every 2-3 years to ensure they are reminded about good practice and informed of messages from research and reviews of practice.

2 day Safeguarding Children Course (£100.00 per person)

This programme is aimed at all agencies that have substantial contact with children and allows progression through the Dorset multi agency programme.

Date	Venue
17/18 May 2011	The Orangery, Merley
6/7 July 2011	The Orangery, Merley
21/22 September 2011	The Orangery, Merley
18/19 October 2011	The Orangery, Merley
14/15 November 2011	The Orangery, Merley

Safeguarding Children Update Course (£50.00 per person)

The update training is relevant to anyone who has completed the 2 day foundation course and wishes to build on this training and refresh learning. The update training should be attended every 2 years for designated leads and every 3 years for other staff.

Date	Venue
14 July 2011	The Orangery, Merley
10 October 2011	The Orangery, Merley

For further details and to reserve a place, visit the Poole training website:
www.pooleworkforcedevelopment.co.uk or contact the course administrator on
01202 262732

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Training from Bournemouth Borough Council

ATTENDING A CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCE

- Aim:** To increase confidence and knowledge, about roles and responsibilities at child protection conferences
- Learning Outcome:** By the end of this event, delegates will have had opportunity to:
- understand the purpose, structure and process of a child protection conference and the expectation of their professional role within them
 - explore the criteria for registration and de-registration
 - understand the need to prepare for conferences appropriately producing accurate reports in advance
 - understand what a protection plan is and how different agencies should respond to it
- Length of event:** ½day
- Dates:** TBA
- Trainer:** Peter Hill
- Link Person:** Coral Hatton
- Places:** 15
- Target group:** All staff of statutory, voluntary, independent and community organisations who work predominantly with children, young people and/or their parents/carers and who could attend a Child Protection Conference and have already undertaken the Level 3 Safeguarding course

EMOTIONAL ABUSE AND NEGLECT - MAKING SENSE OF CHILDREN'S NEEDS

Aim:	To give delegates an opportunity to develop their understanding of the impact of emotional abuse and neglect and explore ways of defining abuse, assessing levels of concern and developing an appropriate response
Learning Outcome:	By the end of this event delegates will have had opportunity to consider and explore: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Definitions, thresholds and responses to emotional abuse and neglect, and children in need▪ Research and information from Serious Case Reviews on the prevalence of and best ways of working with Emotional Abuse and Neglect▪ Understanding of the impact of emotional abuse and neglect on children and their families▪ Working tools for assessment / diagnosis and change
Length of event:	3day
Date:	08-09.09.11 07-08.02.12
Trainer:	Coral Hatton
Link Person:	Coral Hatton
Places:	30
Target group:	All statutory, voluntary and independent staff who work directly or indirectly with children, young people, and families and have already attended a Level 3-2day Safeguarding children event

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS WORKSHOP- 2 DAY WORKSHOP

Aim:	To equip those who work directly with children and young people with necessary knowledge, skill and confidence to plan prepare and present individual and /or group work programmes on 'Protective Behaviour' Skills
Learning Outcome: to:	By the end of this course participants will have had opportunity to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Consider the impact of trauma on an individual and their ability to assess and manage future risk situations▪ Understand and explain ways in which abusers gain the trust of, isolate and silence their victims▪ Explore ways in which people think and learn, and to use this knowledge in planning and developing appropriate work for individual children and young people▪ Demonstrate use of different ideas and media in direct work with children and young people▪ Understand the necessary action that should be taken in the event that a child or young person make a disclosure of abuse during a work session▪ understand the importance of and help facilitate the child building a personal support network given their culture and within their community▪ To plan and present sessions and programmes of protective behaviour work▪ To evaluate the effectiveness and outcome of the programme
Length of event:	2day
Date:	28-29.06.11
Trainer:	Coral Hatton
Link Person:	Coral Hatton
Places:	30
Target group:	All practitioners who undertake direct work with children and young people who are at potential risk of abuse

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN LEVEL 3 MULTI-AGENCY 2 DAY COURSE

Aim: To raise awareness of child protection and the role professionals take both in the child protection process and in creating a safer environment for children

Learning Outcome: By the end of this event, delegates will have had opportunity to explore the following areas related to Safeguarding Children:

- What is child abuse and neglect?
- Signs and indicators of abuse and neglect.
- Normal child development.
- Maintaining a child focus.
- What to do in response to concerns.
- Documentation and sharing of information regarding concerns.
- Using the *Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and their Families*: Own safeguarding roles and responsibilities.
- Working together to identify, assess and meet the needs of children where there are safeguarding concerns.
- The impact of parenting issues, such as domestic abuse, substance misuse on parenting capacity.
- Recognising the importance of family history and functioning.
- Working with children and family members, including addressing lack of co-operation and superficial compliance within the context of role.
- Section 47 enquiries, roles, responsibilities and collaborative practice.
- Using professional judgements to make decisions as to whether a child is suffering, or is likely to suffer, significant harm.
- Taking emergency action.
- Working with complexity.
- Communicating with children

Length of event: 2day

Dates:

05+06.04.11	13+14.09.11	10+11.01.12
11+12.05.11	19+20.10.11	15+16.02.12
16+17.06.11	08+09.11.11	13+14.03.12
13+14.07.11	06+07.12.11	

Trainer: Coral Hatton and representatives from other statutory agencies

Link Person: Coral Hatton

Places: 30

Target group: Members of statutory, voluntary, independent and community organisations who work predominantly with children, young people and/or their parents/carers *e.g. paediatricians, GPs, youth workers, those working in the early years sector, residential staff, midwives, school nurses, health visitors, sexual health staff, teachers, probation staff, sports club welfare officers, those working with adults e.g. learning disability, mental health, alcohol and drug misuse services, those working in community play schemes.*

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN REFRESHER LEVEL 3 MULTI-AGENCY 1 DAY EVENT

Aim: To refresh and update knowledge and skill of those who have previously undertaken the Level 3 multi-agency 2 day Safeguarding training on *at least a 3 yearly basis* with relevant changes in the law, Government and local guidance and practice in Safeguarding

Learning Outcome: By the end of the course delegates will have had the opportunity to

- Explore changes in law, government guidance, local policy and procedures that have taken place since they undertook their last Safeguarding course
- Explore definitions, legal and practice threshold criteria and develop skill and knowledge necessary in professional decision making
- Consider different agency's roles and responsibilities and how they effectively work together in Safeguarding children
- Understand the legal requirements and restrictions in multi-agency communication
- Explore the different assessment frameworks used in identifying need, effective planning, managing and reducing risk
- Consider necessary changes and agency guidance in Safer Working, Safer Recruitment and Selection of staff and volunteers
- Consider the importance of using current research in evidence informed professional practice and recording

Length of event: 1day

Dates:		
06.04.11	15.09.11	12.01.12
10.05.11	13.10.11	09.02.12
08.06.11	10.11.11	12.03.12
12.07.11	08.12.11	

Trainer: Coral Hatton

Link Person: Coral Hatton

Places: 30

Target group: Members of statutory, voluntary, independent and community organisations who work predominantly with children, young people and/or their parents/carers and who could potentially contribute to assessing, planning, intervening and reviewing the needs of a child and parenting capacity where there are safeguarding concerns *e.g. paediatricians, GPs, youth workers, those working in the early years sector, residential staff, midwives, school nurses, health visitors, sexual health staff, teachers, probation staff, sports club welfare officers, those working with adults e.g. learning disability, mental health, alcohol and drug misuse services, those working in community play schemes.*

SCHOOL (IN-HOUSE) LEVEL 2 SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Aims: To raise awareness of Safeguarding children and the role and responsibility that every professional or volunteer who works directly or indirectly with children in an Education setting takes in Safeguarding and creating a safer environment for children to thrive

Learning Outcome: By the end of this event, delegates will have had opportunity to:

- Consider categories, definitions and the main indicators of child abuse to be alert to
- Examine key messages from Serious Case Reviews and the impact upon changes in the law, policy and procedure
- Understand multi-agency working, in the referral, investigation, conference and recording process
- Explore the legal framework and working with thresholds in decision making
- Consider the impact of changes due to government guidance in Safer Working, Safer Recruitment and Selection

Trainer: Coral Hatton

Link Person: Coral Hatton

Places: no limit to numbers / venue will dictate maximum number

Length and content of event:

- (A) **Whole day basic Safeguarding 'in-house' course:**
School has not had previous Safeguarding Training within previous 5 years
Staff turn-over is such that majority of staff have had no Safeguarding training
- (B) **Half Day / 2 twilight sessions Safeguarding Refresher:**
On 3y early basis to update staff on changes in law and procedure
- (C) **Small group option (each session 2hours):**
Small groups of no more than 14delegates at a time, in this way there could be 3 sessions during the day to avoid closure or possible end of busy day lethargy in session.

PLEASE NOTE: a charge in accordance with Children's Social Care charging policy will be made for such bookings - £100 per half day and £200 per whole day event regardless of numbers

Types of programme recommended and available for booking by contacting Sue Read by phone 01202 519035 or email sue.read@bournemouth.gov.uk