

Sefton LSCB Newsletter

January 2017



Introduction

Paula St Aubyn, Sefton LSCB Independent Chair

Welcome to the January 2017 edition of Sefton LSCB bi-monthly newsletter. This is an opportunity for the board to share the work that we have completed, been part of or are about to undertake. There will also be information links that will inform you of some regional and national initiatives as

well as lessons learned from their undertaking. This newsletter gives us a platform to ask you to let us know the sterling work that you are carrying out that benefit our children and families that we can publish here, so please, if you have examples of effective practice, please get in touch.

Sefton Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) is a statutory partnership with a range of responsibilities. The main objectives of a LSCB are:

- to put in place arrangements to help professionals work together to keep children safe, and;
- to check that those arrangements are effective.

You can find out more about the work of the LSCB by visiting www.seftonlscb.co.uk

LSCB "In Brief"

The LSCB is aware that it is not always possible to release staff for a full day, multiple days or even half day training. We are programming into the training calendar; **Lunchtime & Twilight Briefing Sessions**. These will be held in venues across Sefton for between 1-2 hour periods, giving staff key messages on safeguarding children topics to increase knowledge and improve practice. Please keep an eye on our website (training) for forthcoming dates.



LSCB Policies and Procedures

Please be reminded that whilst the LSCB multi-agency safeguarding policies and procedures are being updated, it is important that you seek support and advice from the safeguarding lead in your agency, should you need any assurances about practice.

Sefton Young Advisors

Sefton Young Advisors are currently working on a project consulting with children, young people and their families of Child In Need or Child Protection plans. Based on the feedback they receive from young people, families and the professionals who support them, they will make recommendations for what needs to change and how.

If you would like more information about this project and how you might contribute to the consultation, then please contact Laura Goad at laura.goad@seftoncvcs.org.uk

Young Advisors are young people aged 15-22 who work in partnership with community leaders and decision makers to ensure the voices of young people and their families are heard.

Young People's Version of Sefton LSCB Annual Report 2015-16

Sefton Young Advisors supported the LSCB in producing a Young People's version of the LSCB Annual Report 2015-16. To view their fantastic work, visit the LSCB website:

<http://www.seftonlscb.co.uk/about-us/annual-report/>

Sefton CVS are running FREE Knowledge Workshops in March for Voluntary, Community & Faith Sector on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). [For more information view their flyer on LSCB Website.](#)



WHAT HAS THE LSCB BEEN UP TO....

The LSCB has been busy since the publication of our last newsletter and we can report that THREE new sub groups have been established and held their first meetings this month. These are:

- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups
- Policy and Procedures
- Private Fostering

We look forward to sharing with you the work that they do.

Sefton LSCB has recently updated the [Learning & Improvement Framework \(LIF\)](#) which can be found on our website. Please take this opportunity to understand how the LSCB learns from practice.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE WORK OF THE LSCB?

If there is anyone who would like a member of the LSCB team to visit their agency to discuss who we are, what we do and how we can improve working together, then please contact Sefton LSCB Business Team Telephone 0151 934 3366 or email deborah.hughes@sefton.gov.uk to arrange. In addition, you can request to observe a sub-group or main board meeting.

NATIONAL LEARNING FROM SERIOUS CASE REVIEWS (SCRs)

North East Lincolnshire has recently published a [Serious Case Review](#) report (Child T).

The learning from this SCR was separated into four distinct areas:

- Assessment
- Resistant Parenting
- Challenge
- Escalation and Think Family



The LSCB provides a series of multi-agency safeguarding children training and learning events, and opportunities which include core safeguarding training events, specialised courses, along with briefing sessions and conferences. If you see a course you need or are interested in attending, then please book early as our courses fill up quickly. Demand is high and course feedback is excellent! Details of what training courses are available and how to book a place are on the LSCB website. To access the training calendar, brochure and strategy, please visit our website training page: <http://www.seftonlscb.co.uk/training/>

During December and January we have delivered:

- Working Together refresher session
- E-Safety (safeguarding children in a digital world)
- Working Together 2 day event
- Working Together 1 day event
- MAPPA awareness
- Briefings for Sports Providers ie. FA Investigations
- Toxic Trio – ‘Train the Trainer’
- CSE/Missing Children Workforce Briefings

On offer throughout February and March:

- Working Together refresher session
- Working Together 2 day event
- Working Together 1 day event
- Safer Recruitment 1 day event
- Managing Allegations 1 day event
- Toxic Trio
- Merseyside Harmful Practices 1 day event
- Effective Engagement with Resistant Families

AWARENESS OF FORCED MARRIAGE

It is estimated that approximately 8,000 to 10,000 forced marriages of British citizens take place every year, often resulting in devastating long term consequences for the victims.

HM Government in partnership with Virtual College have developed an Awareness of Forced Marriage resource pack that is free to download via the following link: [Forced Marriage Resource Pack](#)

This resource pack contains a poster for staff, footer for your email, a facts and figures infographic and a guide to Forced Marriage legislation.

Sefton LSCB is running a training course on 15 March 2017 “Harmful Practices” supported by Savera UK which aims to raise awareness of Forced Marriage, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Honour Based Violence. Visit Sefton LSCB website (training) to book a place as places are limited <http://www.seftonlscb.co.uk/training/>

Summary of key changes to Keeping children safe in education (KCSIE 2016)

Changes to statutory child protection guidance for schools in England published by the Department for Education - [Update September 2016](#)

The Department for Education has published an updated version of the statutory guidance [Keeping children safe in education](#) which revises and replaces the 2015 guidance. This came into force for schools on 5 September 2016.

Updates were published in May 2016 and again in September 2016.

The September additions cover sexting and missing children.

The changes from May 2016 highlighted the importance of regular safeguarding training and the need to keep up to date with the latest safeguarding knowledge and information. There was also an emphasis on strengthening the processes around online safety, responding to female genital mutilation (FGM) and the teaching of safeguarding issues, with wording changing from 'should consider' to 'should ensure'.

Read a brief summary below outlining the changes from the 2015 guidance including the latest revisions in September 2016 or [download our detailed briefing \(PDF\)](#) for a full analysis of differences

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION - SECTION 175/157 AUDIT

The legal bit:: The LSCB is required to ensure that schools, with regard to their duty under either Section 175 or 157 of the Education Act 2002, are fulfilling their statutory obligations regarding safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. One of the methods by which this task is executed is by asking schools to self-evaluate under an agreed framework of benchmarks and then sharing results with the Board – commonly known as the “Section 175/157 Audit”.

The practical bit: LSCB's need assurances that children are being safeguarded and their welfare promoted wherever they may be, so for schools we capture this through the audit activity. This audit provides schools with an opportunity to reflect upon their own safeguarding practice and procedures. The audit tool is broken down into 6 specific categories:

1. Section 1 - Child Protection Policy and Procedure
2. Section 2 - Training and Information to Staff
3. Section 3 - Safeguarding Pupils/Students and the Curriculum
4. Section 4 - E-Safety
5. Section 5 - Safer Recruitment
6. Section 6 - Managing Allegations

With 100% audit return rate the results are being analysed and will be fed back to our education settings and the headlines will be shared through the LSCB and the next newsletter.



Safeguarding Children in Sport

This month Sefton LSCB hosted an event for Sport Leaders, Gym Managers and Staff, Sport Providers, Club Representatives and Activity Leaders giving them an opportunity to meet with safeguarding leads to discuss topics around:

- Safeguarding Children concerns in our Community Sports Activities
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) – Key messages
- Safer Recruitment – how can you ensure professionals/instructors/trainers working in your settings really are safe?
- Managing Allegations against professionals working with children

Further sessions are coming soon. For more information on Safeguarding Children in Sport visit the Sefton LSCB website <http://www.seftonlscb.co.uk/latest-news/safeguarding-children-in-sport/>

This event was very well attended and feedback was positive on the quality of the information they received.

The Designated Officer for the Local Authority also delivered a safeguarding children session to 35 Liverpool County FA Junior Football Welfare Officers at the Liverpool FA Head Quarters in Walton Hall Park in January 2017. Raising awareness and keeping children safe in sport!

MESSAGES FROM OUR BOARD MEMBERS

This month Dwayne Johnson, Director of Children's Services would like to highlight:



Together, we can tackle child abuse campaign is a vital step in the Government's 5-year reform programme for children's social care which is set out in Putting children first: Delivering our vision for excellent children's social care (July 2016).

The Government has made a commitment to run a second phase of the campaign and they intend to launch this in Spring 2017.

For more information please follow the link www.gov.uk/dfe

"Last year's National child abuse campaign highlighted how important it is that we raise the profile in tackling child abuse. The evidence from the campaign appears to suggest that it provided confidence for people in reporting child abuse to the agencies. It is therefore really important that we support the campaign and ensure we raise the profile in our communities."

Dwayne Johnson – Sefton Director Social Care & Health

Don't forget!

Written Reports for Child Protection Conferences - Sharing information and providing good quality information to Child Protection Conferences is key to ensuring good outcomes for children at risk of significant harm. All agencies are required to submit a written Signs of Safety report to Child Protection Conferences and discuss this with the child's parents before the meeting, wherever possible. If your agency does not have a report template, you can find one on the LSCB website <http://www.seftonlscb.co.uk/professionals/>

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) – Practitioners needing to know if a child is known to CAMHS Service, need to be aware that GPs refer children to CAMHS services which are local to the GP practice that the child is registered with. For example, if a child lives in Southport (Sefton) but they are registered with a GP over the border in West Lancs, the GP will make a referral to the CAMHS Service in West Lancs area.

If you have any news you would like to share with the partnership related to safeguarding children, or your services' achievements, please contact us:

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