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Sefton LSCB Newsletter



Introduction

Welcome to May 2017 edition of the Sefton Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) bi-monthly newsletter. We hope you find it useful and informative.

Sefton LSCB have a new website. The web address remains the same www.seftonlscb.co.uk. We hope you like the 'new look' site. Please bear with us during the transition period as we endeavour to ensure all the information is transferred. We are working hard to improve the website and make it easier to navigate.

Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) - Children Living With Neglect

JTAIs are a new set of inspections which examine how local partner agencies—including local authorities, health and probation services and the police—are working together to protect children living with, or at risk of, neglect. JTAIs involve Ofsted, Care Quality Commission (CQC), HMI Constabulary and HMI Probation and they assess how effectively agencies are working together in their local area to help and protection children. The current JTAI is themed on Neglect will run from May 2017—December 2017 and uniquely for this JTAI (Neglect), inspectors will also speak with school leaders and staff to get a wider picture of how neglect is identified and referred. Further information on [JTAI Guidance \(Neglect\)](#). [See 7 Minute briefing on Neglect.](#)



Sefton LSCB 7 Minute Briefings

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Who is the 'Designated Officer (DO) for the Local Authority'?

Pauline Trubshaw is the Designated Officer for the Local Authority. Pauline has held this post for 5 years and, although independent of any organisation, Pauline is part of the Safeguarding Children Unit. Pauline has many years' experience of working in a multi-agency environment and has many skills to bring to the role.

Pauline's remit is to oversee and manage any allegation made against a professional, volunteer or carer who works with children in Sefton.

The criteria for the (DO) to become involved is: that a crime may/or has been committed against a child, a child has been/or may have been harmed or an individual has behaved towards a child that indicates they may pose a risk of harm if they work with children.

The (DO) is always available to deliver awareness raising sessions with staff if invited to. Whilst the (DO) role is to hold individuals or organisations to account, we all want to

safeguard children but also safeguard our workforce from future allegations. Any learning following the conclusion of an investigation is shared with the wider workforce in Sefton.

If you need to contact the (DO) regarding an allegation or invite Pauline to deliver a briefing to staff, contact :

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LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Social Workers:

Interactive training tool for social workers

Cafcass and the University of Kent have launched an interactive game that takes people through a family court case. myCourtroom is an interactive training tool for social workers, featuring Rosie an animated child character, designed to provide a realistic portrayal of a child caught up in parental dispute.

Source: [Cafcass](#) Date: 07 April 2017.

Information for Young People

Indecent images of children: guidance for young people: The Home Office has published guidance to help young people understand the law on making or sharing indecent images of children. The guidance includes: definitions of some of the terms used in legislation; examples of situations covered by the law; three short films highlighting the harm that viewing indecent images of children can cause.

Source: [Home Office](#) Date: 29 March 2017

Further information: [Indecent images of children: guidance for young people](#)

Online support for Lesbian Gay Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT) Young People

The Albert Kennedy Trust (AKT) has launched an online service, inter-AKT, which connects young LGBT people experiencing homelessness or living in a hostile environment with digital mentors and resources.

Source: [AKT](#) Date: 03 May 2017

Childnet Youth Ambassador

Childnet International is looking for young people aged 13 to 17 to become Youth Ambassadors for Project deSHAME, a new project that aims to work towards online equality and to find ways to remove and prevent the online pressures and harassment young people can face. Youth Ambassadors will have the opportunity to share their experiences and views on issues such as cyberbullying, peer pressure, healthy relationships and online sexual harassment. Applications close on 16 June 2017.

Further information: [Role description for a Childnet Youth Ambassador \(PDF\)](#)

Education

Education staff worried about reporting child abuse and FGM

The Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) has published findings from a survey of members looking at safeguarding and child protection of pupils and students in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Findings from the survey of 361 members include: 31% are concerned about reporting female genital mutilation (FGM), honour-based abuse or child abuse linked to faith or belief, because they lack confidence in their own judgment; 29% had not been given information or training to identify and report FGM.S

Source: [ATL](#) Date: 11 April 2017

Children and young people's mental health: the role of education

The Health and Education Select Committees have published findings from their joint inquiry into the role of education in promoting emotional wellbeing in children and young people in England. Recommendations include: the need for a whole school approach that embeds the promotion of well-being throughout school and college culture, and not confined to the provision of PSHE classes; the inclusion of mental health training in teacher training and ensuring current teachers also receive training; the development of a structured approach to referrals from education providers to CAMHS; schools and colleges should help children and young people develop the skills and ability to make wiser and more informed choices about their use of social media.

Further information: [Children and young people's mental health - the role of education \(PDF\)](#)

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Designated Officer/Allegations

Safeguarding children: dealing with low-level concerns about adults

Farrer & Co has published a briefing on safeguarding children where the level of concern about an adult does not reach the threshold of an allegation. Drawing on academic research and serious case reviews, the briefing explains how organisations can create a culture that enables staff to share concerns and how they should respond including: testing their practice by reviewing the concerns that have been shared in the recent past; encouraging everyone to share all concerns about adults, including those that do not meet the threshold of an allegation; ensuring that all concerns that do not meet the threshold of an allegation are recorded centrally so that any patterns can be spotted.

Further information: [Safeguarding children: dealing with low-level concerns about adults \(PDF\)](#)

Education and Allegations

Special schools: physical restraint and injuries

The BBC reports on findings from a Freedom of Information request into physical restraint and injuries recorded involving children and young people in special schools in local authorities in England, Scotland and Wales. Findings from the 33 local authorities who responded found that: there were 13,000 physical restraints resulting in 731 injuries recorded in the past three years. The investigation also found that: less than one fifth of local authorities in England, Scotland and Wales were able to provide data about the use of restraint in special schools in their area; in England the nine local authorities that provided data recorded 6,262 reports of restraints in the past three years; 17 local authorities in Scotland reported 4,383 restraints; and 11 local authorities in Wales reported 2,182 restraints over the period.

Source: [BBC](#) **Date:** 09 April 2017. **Further information:** [BBC iPlayer Radio](#) (available to 09 May 2017)

Parents

NSPCC and O2 have teamed up to produce a guide to help parents explore and understand online life as children know it. The guide can be accessed via www.net-aware.org.uk

Live.Me: "Live.me is the fastest-growing social media streaming application available at the moment and has approximately 20 million users. It allows the user to live-stream videos of themselves and also allows users to watch other streamed videos. The app has limited security features and it is possible for users to potentially identify the location where a video was recorded. It is possible for any video to be recorded and shared without the permission or knowledge of the person who made the video. Merseyside Police would encourage parents to make sure they know what apps their child is using, how each app works and what their child is using it for. Many legitimate apps are being used by young people in a way that allows them to communicate with or be contacted by absolute strangers. This creates a significant risk to their child.

It is really important that society becomes more aware of the possible risk of exploitation on mobile apps and social media sites, and people know how to report suspicious activity to the police. Parents, guardians, carers and teachers have a responsibility to know what the warning signs are and to look out for them to prevent a child putting themselves at risk or forming inappropriate relationships online. There is a wealth of advice available online: <http://www.listentomystory.co.uk/> <https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Serious Case Review (SCR)

Bristol Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) has published the report of the serious case review (SCR) into the death of a new mother and her four-day-old daughter. Key issues include: professionals lost focus on the unborn child, and appeared more focused on the needs of the mother who had mental health problems; professionals felt intimidated by an unpredictable and hostile service user, and became less confident in using their skills and expertise; the range of individual services working with pregnant women with mental ill-health made it difficult to coordinate multi-organisational working.

Further information: [ZBM Serious Case Review \(PDF\)](#)

Special Guardianship Orders (SGO)

An article in Community Care reports on recent serious case reviews where children have died while under the care of a special guardian, and highlights concerns about how Special Guardianship Orders are being used.

Source: [Community Care](#) **Date:** 27 April 2017

Serious Case Reviews (SCRs)

Pathways to harm, pathways to protection: a triennial analysis of serious case reviews 2011-2014.

<http://seriouscasereviews.rip.org.uk/>

The link includes materials to support learning in practice for LSCBs, social work and early help, police and criminal justice, health and education practitioners.

Rethinking 'Did Not Attend' DNA

Practitioners are being encouraged to identify children as 'Was Not Brought' as opposed to 'Did Not Attend' (DNA) when referring to them not being presented at medical appointments by their parents/carers.

Nottingham City Council, NHS Nottingham City CCG and the NCSCB have jointly commissioned a video animation to encourage practitioners to identify children as ['Was Not Brought'](#)

It is not the child's fault they were not brought to the appointment.



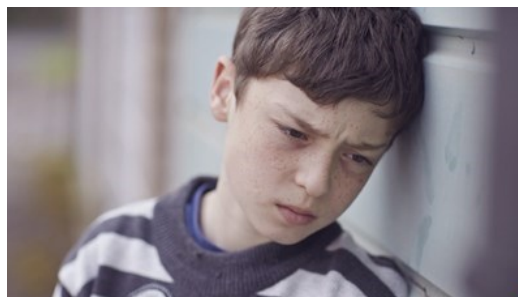
'Was Not Brought'

Supporting Children Worried about Terrorism

We were all deeply saddened to learn of the devastating terror attacks in Manchester on 22 May 2017. Our thoughts are with the victims and families of those who have been affected. If any child or young person is upset and anxious in light of

these events, they should talk to a trusted adult.

NSPCC has issued advice to help parents talk to their children worried about recent events. ["Talking about terrorism: tips for parents"](#)



New Criminal Offence on Child Groomers

A new criminal offence came into force on 3 April 2017. It is now a criminal offence for anyone aged 18 or over to intentionally communicate with a child under 16, where the person acts for a sexual purpose and the communication is sexual or intended to illicit a sexual response. The offence applies to online and

offline communication, including social media, e-mail, texts, letters, etc. The following link gives more detail and conviction could mean up to two years in prison and will be automatically included on the sex offenders register.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-crackdown-on-child-groomers-comes-into-force)

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Please ensure staff and students over 18 plus any other relevant people are aware of the new criminal offence.



Sefton Domestic Abuse Conference Thursday, 6 July 2017

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