

Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board Newsletter

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Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board and Peterborough Children's Trust

As an indication of greater joint working the 2 boards are holding a joint workshop on 30 September to look at the safeguarding issues for Peterborough in order to influence the Children and Young People Plan. This will be followed up with a second workshop to agree the priorities for the next 3 years to be included in an overarching safeguarding strategy.

Message from the Editor:

Welcome to this August newsletter which again offers a snippet of developments and other newsworthy items. We are continuing to look to more close working arrangements with Cambs LSCB and will report more before Christmas. Although these are changeable times we will continue to send out these newsletters to keep you informed of new developments.

I am really pleased to let you know that we will be adding to the web site on 14 September the **safer parenting guide** in the following languages:

- Portuguese
- Polish
- Lithuanian
- Russian
- Slovakian

It can be downloaded and printed off. Also if you wish me to e mail the pdf to you I can.

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We have signed off the **Escalation Policy** which will be added to the interagency procedures when the next update is due in November .It will however be placed separately on our web site from September 14th .We have e mailed it out already however if you have not received it please e mail me .This policy is designed to resolve professional disagreements/issues in work relating to the safety of children and young people.

N.B Anti Bullying Week
15 - 19 November 2010

Professor Eileen Munro is calling on children's services professionals to contribute their views to her review of the child protection system.

Her call for evidence was open until the end of July and gave professionals the chance to suggest how they would improve the safeguarding system. Responses to the call will form a critical part of Munro's first interim report, which is due to be published by the government in September. Munro is set to use the review to explore what professionals believe works best in children's social care, in terms of early intervention, professional practice, transparency and accountability. She is urging professionals to provide examples of innovative and cost-effective best practice on issues such as how to improve interactions between social workers and families, and how to make the best judgments to protect vulnerable children and young people.

Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) Opens!

In January 2010 the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) opened. The Peterborough and Cambridgeshire SARC is the first of its kind in the region and was set up by Cambridgeshire Constabulary in partnership with NHS Peterborough and Rape Crisis. The centre, based at The Oasis, in Rivergate, Peterborough, is available 24/7 to victims of rape and sexual assault and was officially opened by MP Barbara Follett.

This centre makes it easier for victims to get help by having all of the services that may be needed under one roof. This purpose built centre supports both children and adults and paediatric safeguarding clinics will be re-located from their acute hospital location to the Oasis from 1st September.

This is safeguarding partnership working at its best and with this excellent service we hope that victims of rape and sexual assault will be given the best possible support and potentially increase the number of perpetrators brought to justice.

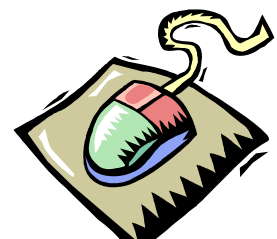
Website

We are very pleased with the feedback we have received regarding our web site. This is still in development and we now have some children's art work added to the site which will be updated on 14 September.

With respect to the procedures we are looking at setting up with Tri.x some questionnaires in order to gain a feel as to whether practitioners are up to speed with them. The Tri.x Knowledge Inventory program allows managers and users to test their knowledge of the procedures contained within the procedures manual. The results of these tests can be used by front-line workers to give them confidence that they know what to do in a given situation and by their managers to give them the confidence that their teams are knowledgeable about key procedures.

We have recently received details about the number of "hits" for the procedures and they have gone up almost 4 fold since May 2009 which is very rewarding.

Period	Average hits per month
May 09 - Oct 09	748.19
Sept 09 - Feb 2010	991.16
Feb 2010 - April 2010	1037.66



Working Together to Safeguard Children

A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children



Working Together 2010

In the last newsletter I advised that there had been a hold up on distributing hard copies of the new Working Together as a result of the election. I am pleased to say that I have now received 100 copies for distribution.

Please contact judy.jones@peterborough.gov.uk if you would like a copy for your team/office/group. I can also provide a copy of the presentation Jo and I did if anyone wishes to deliver to their setting. Please contact judy.jones@peterborough.gov.uk

Update on preventing unsuitable people from working with children and vulnerable adults.

The Vetting and Barring scheme - interim arrangements

The Independent Safeguarding Authority is a new government organisation working to prevent unsuitable people from working from children and adults. The proposal that those working with vulnerable groups be registered with the ISA (the Vetting and Barring Scheme) is currently under review and the start date will be confirmed later this year.

However it is important to note that some elements of the Scheme are already in place. The ISA maintains two separate lists of those who are barred from working with children or vulnerable adults and consultation with these lists form an important part of safe recruitment practice. Also please note that in the interim all existing pre-employment checks including Criminal Record Bureau checks should be continued as should all other safe recruitment processes

Secondly as from October 2009, statutory bodies also have a **duty to refer** to the ISA, any concern they have about someone's behaviour, which indicates they could be unsuitable to work with children or vulnerable adults. This applies even when that person is no longer working with that vulnerable group, including when they have resigned or their contract has not been renewed. Further guidance and a referral form are available on the ISA website.

Managers are recommended to look at the ISA website and to register to receive the ISA newsletter which will provide the latest information.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Parris in Children's Services, or go to www.isa-gov.org.uk

Jenny Parris

STOP IT NOW

Here are of some of the activities that Stop it Now is rolling out across other areas, in case any of these may be of interest to the LSCB, or Early Years & Education department practitioners.

- Conferences:** We have delivered, and continue to deliver, a programme of multi-agency conferences, in partnership with local police forces and LSCB's – providing a range of workshops for practitioners and enabling us to identify with them any areas of work that could be supported by Stop it Now! We are in a position to subsidise these events from our funding, and would be happy to discuss further if you felt these might be of interest to your practitioners (see attached sample flier from our recent Hampshire conference)
- Stop! & Stay Safe Days** These events are being rolled out across the South-West initially (during the October half-term), but we would be keen to deliver them locally in your own area. We involve local emergency service personnel – Fire, Police, and Ambulance – along with their vehicles, RoSPA representatives, local Children's Centres and schools, and try to locate the SSS days either on a school site, or community centre site. The purpose of the days is to raise parents awareness of the various ways they can keep their children safe – in line with the ECM outcome of "Stay Safe" – and as part of this event, Stop it Now! is able to distribute its own information to parents, and make them aware of the parent workshops that we can deliver.
- Stop! Staff Briefings:** Following on from our recent conferences, some delegates have expressed an interest in having someone from the Stop it Now! campaign come along and deliver a briefing session to their regional or local teams, on the work of Stop!, and how they can help facilitate getting our information out to families and communities – if it were felt that a presentation to the LSCB or Early Years/Education management teams would be helpful, then I would be happy to arrange this for you.
- Parent Workshops:** Internet Safety – delivered as a one-session input by one of our experienced practitioners
Let's Start Talking – delivered over 1 or 2 sessions, this workshop encourages parents to start talking with each other, and with their families, about the issue of child sexual abuse, and gives them useful, realistic, and practical ideas about what they can do at home to keep their own children safe/reduce the risk of child sexual abuse (this workshop can also be embedded within a broader "stay safe" programme of input – which we have found the best way of presenting this information when delivering to Children's Centre parents)
- Resources/Leaflets:** We have a range of leaflets and posters which can be provided for schools, public venues, community centres, and practitioners (please see our website for further details)

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CHILD DEATH REVIEW PROCESSES -

What do I do when a child dies? Half day Course for Managers

Did you know?

Local Safeguarding Children Boards are responsible for two functions in relation to the deaths of any children normally resident in their area:

- a. collecting and analysing information about each death;
- b. putting in place procedures for ensuring that there is a co-ordinated response to an unexpected death.

This half day course has been commissioned by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Child Death Overview Panel and it will enable those people who manage key professionals to understand the child death review processes and prepare professionals who may be involved in carrying out investigations.

Dates:

Thursday September 30th 2010 9.30 – 12
Cambridge Professional Development Centre

Friday 5th November 2010 9.30 -12
City College Peterborough

Monday 10th January 2011 9.30 -12
Godmanchester Professional Development Centre

Wednesday 9th March 2011 9.30 - 12
Hereward Hall, March

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Findings and Recommendations from the Child Death Overview Panel

Did you know that this panel considers the death of every child which occurs in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This is to identify if there are any locally relevant recommendations which can be made to improve outcomes for children.

The aim is to use these recommendations, plus regional and national data, to inform practice, identify training and influence planning of children's services. Therefore the recommendations from reviews by CDOP of children who die have relevance for all professionals who work with children and families. The identification of modifiable factors can act as a reminder that in some situations even having "routine or minor supportive inputs can make a difference.

Objectives

- To share information about research into some of the causes of child death and contributory factors
- To share locally relevant data about the causes of deaths and identified modifiable factors.
- Understand the links between causal factors and less good outcomes
- Understand how this information may be relevant to individual practitioners' tasks.
- Be aware of support available for families who have lost a child
- Identify what kind of support professional staff may need and where it may come from.

Who should attend

This training will be of interest to **Managers** of staff who work with children and families to enable them to appropriately support and advise staff. These include managers of:

- Police - uniform and control
- Health professionals – maternity, hospital health visitors, residential, community based health including health visitors and district nurses, CAMH services, paediatric community nurses, GP's
- Ambulance Trust
- Locality teams
- Children's Centres
- Education - Child protection team, special schools
- Social care – review managers, Social Workers (assessment and care management), community support workers, residential units
- Other Local Authority employees who may be involved with child deaths e.g road safety
- Housing Associations and housing providers
- Voluntary sector working directly with young people or families

Please note: It is a requirement of the course that you have already attended the Course, "What to do when a child dies – Half day course for managers"

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For further information or an application form please contact Helen Cornwell, CDOP
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Annual Report and Business Plan

We are finalising the annual report and business plan for discussion with the Children's Trust at a joint workshop on 30 September. The new Working Together 2010 has given the Safeguarding Board the responsibility to develop an annual report from 2011 which will "provide a comprehensive analysis of safeguarding in the local area. The report should challenge the work of the Children's Trust Board and its partners to ensure that the necessary overarching structures, processes and culture are put in place to ensure that children are fully safeguarded." (WT 3.59)

"The Children's Trust Board will; draw upon the advice and evidence in the annual report to inform the development and review of the local Children and Young People's Plan and should show in the Plan how they intend to respond to issues raised by the LSCB"

Although recent government announcements have thrown into question that future of the Trust, in Peterborough all the good work which has been undertaken will continue and the Trust and the Board will continue to work closely together.

A recent government statement noted that the general duty to co-operate to improve outcomes will remain, that effective local partnerships remain a priority but that they will have flexibility to determine how they should operate.

PSCB Training Update

PSCB Workforce Development Brochure 2010-2011

The PSCB 2010/2011 workforce development brochure is now available. It has been circulated to agencies via email and will be available to view on our website (www.peterboroughlscb.org.uk) from 14 September 2010. The programme has been developed to help address the safeguarding training needs of Peterborough staff within the statutory, voluntary and independent organisations who come into contact with children and young people so that they develop the knowledge and skills necessary to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people and achieve better outcomes for them.

In order to meet the differing levels of training needs across the range of agencies and staff roles the courses are targeted according to the level of contact staff have with children and families and their level of responsibility for safeguarding children. Please note that due to the changes contained in Working Together 2010 the training levels have changed from levels A-C to 1-6. The training brochure provides further information regarding what level of training staff should undertake.

The programme will run from September 2010- June 2011 and all courses are free of charge to staff from Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board constituent agencies and voluntary agencies.

If you have not received an emailed copy of the training brochure and would like us to email you a PDF version please contact Charlotte Lucas, PSCB Training Co-ordinator on 01733 863747 or email pscb.training@peterborough.gov.uk

Thank you for your support over the past year, I hope that any training that you attended was useful and I look forward to seeing you at future PSCB events.

Evaluation of PSCB Training 2009-2010

In order that we can continue to deliver high quality effective safeguarding training we are currently carrying out an evaluation of last years training to ensure that delegates can transfer what they have learnt to their job roles. Delegates are asked to complete an evaluation form at the end of PSCB training sessions about the training that they have attended. Once a year we send out a further evaluation questionnaire that looks at how delegates have changed their working practice as a result of the training and how they shared the information that they learnt. If delegates practice has not changed following the training it looks at why not, was the training not effective or applicable to their job role etc. This information is used to update courses, help to determine what courses we still continue to run and also contribute to whether the training is effective in changing practice. If you do receive a letter from us please ensure that you take a few moments to complete the enclosed questionnaire as this information is vital to us.

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