



# Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board Newsletter

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## Message from the Editor

Welcome to the autumn edition of our newsletter. These are difficult times for everybody in all sectors whether public, voluntary, community or private quite apart from the children, young people and families who we variously work with. As agencies we are all experiencing major structural changes and for some colleagues jobs will be lost or roles will be changing. What we must not lose sight of is that the day job continues.

We have welcomed Jody Watts as our new Business Support Officer. He can be contacted on [jody.watts@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:jody.watts@peterborough.gov.uk) or 01733 863744

As usual I have tried to include a variety of pieces of information and news regarding PSCB and partner agencies. If anyone wishes to offer an article for the next newsletter or has any comments please e mail me [judy.jones@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:judy.jones@peterborough.gov.uk)

## Better support for children and young people who go missing from home or care

A new protocol to safeguard children and young people who go missing from home and care has been endorsed by Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board and the Children's Trust Partnership Board.

In Peterborough last year, over 140 children and young people were reported missing to the police, with a number going missing more than once. Some of these young people are already well known to services and are getting appropriate support. For others, going missing can be the first sign that something might be wrong. Fortunately most return home without incident, but some young people find themselves in very risky situations and being away from home can make an already vulnerable young person even more vulnerable.

The protocol is a joint agreement between Cambridgeshire Police and the Council's Children's Services. It updates guidance for practitioners and managers across all services that work with, or come across children and young people who are missing from home and care. It includes a summary of legal responsibilities and what the law says regarding those under 18 who run away or go missing.

It also marks the launch of a new single point of contact within the Council's 8 to 19 Service to enable earlier intervention and preventative work with young people who go missing.

This new service went live on 1 June, and is informed by the police when a young person is reported missing. Once the young person is located and returns home, a Connexions Personal Adviser contacts them and their family to offer an independent visit and a listening ear. They will then establish if any further support is needed and either provide this or refer on for more specialist help where appropriate.

Since its launch in June, the single point of contact has been notified of 47 missing young people, Connexions personal advisors have undertaken 27 visits and 8 young people are now accessing additional support as a result.



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## Ofsted Inspection Update

In August 2011, Ofsted undertook a follow up inspection of safeguarding arrangements to evaluate the progress made since previous inspections to ensure that children and young people are properly safeguarded. The inspection process was a thorough one and involved the review of case files as well as discussions with children and young people, officers and elected members. Their judgement was that safeguarding arrangements were inadequate and did not meet minimum requirements. Capacity for improvement was also assessed as inadequate as were five of the seven judgement areas that contributed to the overall assessment. The inspectors found that insufficient improvement progress had been made since previous inspection visits and that the quality of assessment, management oversight and the response to risk was too variable. Inspectors also found that leadership and management arrangements, performance management and quality assurance were not sufficiently focussed to sustain improvement.

The inspectors did note examples of good practice, the improvement of the Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board and “the consistent and sustained commitment of elected members to strengthening safeguarding arrangements”

Improvement support is being provided to the Council through the sector led improvement model. This involves support being provided by practitioners from other local authorities or with considerable local authority experience. The sector led model has the support of the Department for Education as the primary means through which local authorities secure improvement and improvement capacity.

The Ofsted inspection focused on the Council's arrangements for contact, referral and assessment within Children's Social Care. The improvement activity has been planned to cover this area and the wider safeguarding arrangements within Children's Social Care, Children's Services and partner agencies.

The improvement work will involve the following activities:

- Quality assurance reviews of 180 cases subject to contact, referral and assessment arrangements over the last six months.
- An operational review of contact and referral arrangements with a view to identify and implement immediate improvements.
- A review of performance management arrangements, including audit and quality assurance arrangements to identify improvements.
- A review of the arrangements for notification, referral and response to Domestic Violence.
- The appointment of an Associate for Safeguarding to add overall capacity for delivery of the Improvement Plan, to review the capacity of the social care workforce and develop a programme of support for practice improvement.
- A review of early intervention and prevention activity to support the development of a new long term prevention.
- Consideration of the corporate and democratic contribution to safeguarding and overall programme coordination.

The work will focus on securing immediate improvement whilst preparing a diagnostic that will form the basis for a longer term action plan. The diagnostic and action plan will be discussed with the minister, Tim Loughton at a meeting in late October.

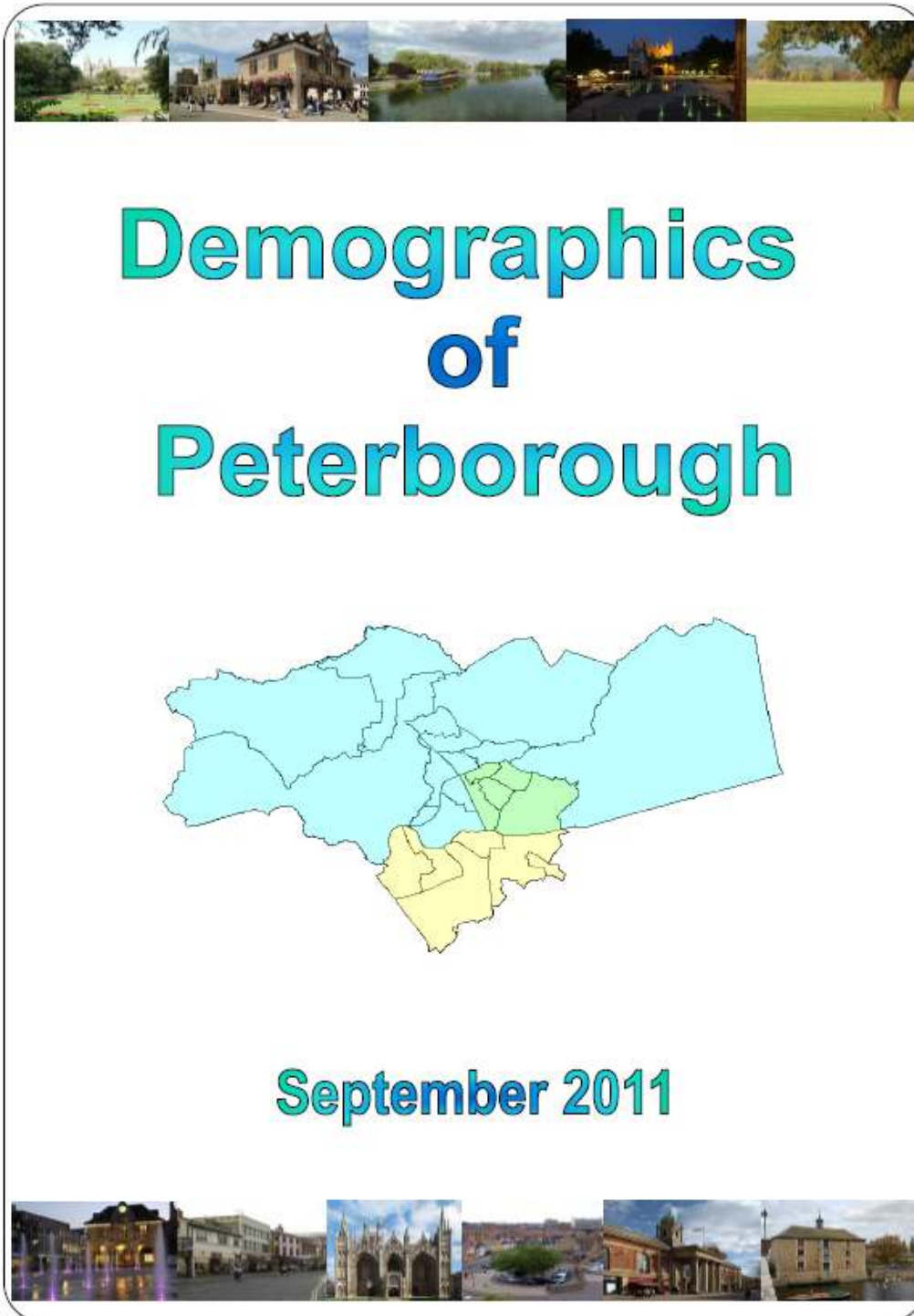
PSCB will be kept up to date with progress and partner agencies will be involved in the improvement work. The response to the Ofsted report and securing the necessary improvement requires the involvement and engagement of all services and agencies involved in safeguarding.

\*\*\*\*\*STOP PRESS – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY\*\*\*\*\*

MOCKINGBIRD HIGH  
Tuesday 22nd November at 2pm  
At the Thomas Deacon Academy

MOCKINGBIRD HIGH is a brand new drama by Certain Curtain Theatre Company. It is a compelling, lyrical exploration of the devastating impact of domestic violence on young people and family relationships.

An essential experience for anyone working in the field of safeguarding children, this latest drama examines the ‘cycle of abuse,’ sexual bullying, patterns of abusive behaviour and the long-term impact on children”



Children's Services Performance Management and Information team have produced an excellent report which gives an introduction to the demographics of Peterborough and the needs of its population. For Peterborough City Council staff the report is available on Insite at

<http://insite/Information%20Library2/InfoLibraryPages/CategoryDetails.aspx?CatID=671>

for external agencies please contact [laurajayne.cozens@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:laurajayne.cozens@peterborough.gov.uk)

## SCHOOLS ALERT!

It has come to our attention that some schools are unable to access the PSCB Website [www.peterboroughlscb.org.uk](http://www.peterboroughlscb.org.uk). This is extremely worrying as the website contains the inter-agency procedures as well as other useful information. Although I am not an I.T expert I understand that the schools affected need to contact their updata contact to revise their filters.

## 1 Day Conference

# Child Sexual Abuse – 'An insight into offender behaviour'

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>, November 2011**  
**@ Kingsgate Conference Centre**  
**2 Staplee Way, Parnwell,**  
**Peterborough, PE1 4YT**

**Registration from 09.00 am**

**Finish 16.30**

### **Cost**

**Peterborough LSCB member agencies & Voluntary Agencies £10 per delegate**

**External / Regional attendees £40**

**(Price includes lunch & refreshments)**

To book a place on the above conference please complete the booking form and return it to:  
PSCB Training Coordinator, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Bayard Place, Broadway, Peterborough, PE1 1FB  
[pscб.training@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:pscb.training@peterborough.gov.uk) or Tel: 01733 863747.

### **Guest Speakers**

Rachel Sensicle, Child Protection Consultant

Graham Hill, Behavioural Analysis Consultant

### **Outcomes for the Day**

- Attendees will be exposed to the origins of offender behaviour together with their implications on working practices of professionals working in a multi-agency environment.
- Attendees will be offered insight into personalised approaches towards offenders that incorporates elements of offender profiling and their impact upon effective interview strategies.
- Attendees will be exposed to material including offender interviews and case studies highlighting key points of learning.



## Child Sexual Abuse – ‘An insight into offender behaviour’

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011

Please complete one form per person and return to:

PSCB Training Co-ordinator,

2nd Floor, Bayard Place, Broadway, Peterborough PE1 1FB or [pscb.training@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:pscb.training@peterborough.gov.uk)

Name:

Agency:

Job Title:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Please can you advise us if you have any additional needs we could assist with on the day:

### Invoicing (please tick one)

Peterborough LSCB member agencies & Voluntary Agencies £10 per delegate

External / Regional attendees £40

Please provide name, address and any reference number you will need to appear on your invoice:

### Terms and conditions of booking

All cancellations must be received in writing by **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011** and will be subject to a £25 administration fee. It is regretted that cancellations made after this date will not be refunded.

Participants may send substitutes provided they notify us no later than **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2011**.

## Caring about carers: new strategy and service to help young carers access

### Who are young carers?

Young carers are children and young people who look after a parent or relative. This care can range from cooking, housework, shopping, looking after younger siblings to personal and emotional care. They may miss school and fall behind in school work, e.g. because they are up late looking after a parent or have to get younger siblings up and out to school.

They may be reluctant for others to know about what they do for a variety of reasons, perhaps not to seem different or if the parent they look after has mental health, alcohol or substance misuse difficulties.

Peterborough now has a Young Carers' Strategy which has been endorsed by the Children's Trust Partnership Board, the NHS Peterborough Board and the Carers' Partnership Board.

Key aims of the strategy are to:

- Improve early identification of young carers across adult services, children's services and in schools
- Increase awareness of the particular needs of young carers as part of a 'whole family' approach
- Reduce inappropriate and excessive caring responsibilities for young carers to give them a better chance to succeed in education and employment.

A new Young Carers Service was commissioned for the city toward the end of last year, and KIDS now run a young carers project which is already giving support to around 50 children/young people and their families. In addition to one to one support, KIDS run a range of activities after school and during holidays to give young carers a chance to meet other each other, relax and have fun.

### Useful information

**Websites:** visit the following for information, resources and good practice guides

[www.youngcarer.com](http://www.youngcarer.com)    [www.youngcarers.net](http://www.youngcarers.net)

**KIDS – young carers service** Website: [www.kids.org.uk/](http://www.kids.org.uk/) , or phone 01733 890241, or email [peterborough.yc@kids.org.uk](mailto:peterborough.yc@kids.org.uk)

Peterborough City Council young Carers lead, Jenni Hepworth **Telephone:** 01733 863957 or **Email:**

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## News In brief

### NSPCC

The NSPCC has published a report on **child maltreatment** in the UK. Findings include: 5.9 per cent of under 11s; 18.6 per cent of 11–17s and 25.3 per cent of 18–24s reported experiences of severe maltreatment.

#### Further information:

[Child abuse and neglect in the UK today \(PDF\)](#)

### Research

The University of Kent has published a prototype version of a virtual reality training tool for child protection. The University is currently collecting feedback on their game, "Rosie", which is free to download from their website.

#### Further information:

[University of Kent](#)

### Immigration

#### Monthly data on children held in immigration detention for August 2011 – Home Office publishes data

During August, a total of three children were held in UKBA's immigration detention estate, one under 5 year old and two aged between 12 and 15. Please follow this link to read the data in full:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/child-detention-aug2011>

## Independent Reviewing Officers - Understanding children and young people's Wishes and Feelings support and fulfil their potential

Independent Reviewing Officers (IROs) now have extended responsibilities in relation to the ongoing management of cases. Under new regulations\*, IROs must speak with children and young people in private before their review and identify any matters that they want to be considered at the review.

However, many children and young people can find it difficult to communicate with adults about their experiences and concerns, particularly if there is only occasional contact. The medium of the computer can enhance this process – both from the young person's point of view but also for IROs who are required to take on additional responsibilities within limited resources.

Viewpoint has been working with Children's Services professionals across the UK, including many IROs, to develop pc-based questionnaires that are accessible, engaging and relevant that help looked after young people and those with child protection plans aged 4 to 18 yrs to communicate their wishes and feelings as part of their review process. IROs have confirmed that using Viewpoint in this way has helped them to obtain and report on young people's wishes and feelings more effectively and efficiently than using traditional methods – such as paper questionnaires.

\*IRO Handbook. Statutory guidance for independent reviewing officers and local authorities on their functions in relation to case management and review for looked after children - DCSF 2010.

Neil Hopkins, Murray Davies,  
Directors  
The Viewpoint Organisation (Europe) Ltd  
United Kingdom

## NEW!!

The Coram Children's Legal Centre has launched a new telephone line offering FREE legal advice and information to frontline practitioners provided by a family law solicitor experienced in child protection and safeguarding issues.

## Child Protection Project:

## Legal Advice Line Tel: 07884 262362

**9:30am-5:30pm, Monday-Friday**

This new advice line is aimed at providing information and legal advice on child protection and safeguarding issues to the full range of professionals, volunteers and staff that make up the children's workforce, including those working in:

- Education
- Health
- Social, family and community support
- Early years and child care
- Sport and culture
- Justice and crime prevention
- Youth
- Managers and leaders

## STOP PRESS!

EXTRA LEVEL ! (INTRODUCTION TO SAFEGUARDING) POSSIBLE DATE IN NOVEMBER  
FLYER WILL FOLLOW

## LAUNCH OF NSPCC HELPLINE MOBILE PHONE TEXTING SERVICE

The NSPCC Helpline has launched a mobile phone texting service which will allow members of the public to contact the Helpline by texting 88858. For the Channel Islands the number is 07786200001 (networks standard message rate applies). Members of the public can use the text service to seek advice and assistance and also to report concerns that may need follow up action or investigation. The service will be run on a pilot basis in the first instance until the end of 2011. We launched the new service on Monday 16 May and since then we have received a steady number of texts.

The public can send a text anonymously if they wish at no cost to themselves. On receipt of the text the Helpline will send an immediate automated confirmation response and then a specific response to their enquiry from a Helpline practitioner within three hours.

We believe that the new texting service will improve accessibility to the Helpline and enable people to act immediately. We were interested to see that in its recent report, Ofsted highlighted the importance of listening to adults who try to speak on behalf of the child and who have an important information to contribute (*The voice of the child: learning lessons from serious case reviews*, Ofsted, 2011). We believe that the NSPCC Helpline is one way in which we can listen to members of the public who have concerns.

Through the texting service, we are extending the range of options that people have for contacting the Helpline. As you know, these currently include: telephone (0808 800 5000), email ([help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)) and reporting on line (at [www.nspcc.org.uk/helpline](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/helpline)). All these services are available free to users and on a 24-hour basis. We recognise that "texting" will not be a medium of communication that will suit everyone but we believe that it will be appropriate for some people. We have also simplified access to the Helpline's telephone service and incorporated our specialist Asian and Welsh Helpline services into the NSPCC's main Helpline UK wide Helpline service and are now promoting our one telephone number (0808 800 5000). Those previous separate numbers provided for our Asian Helpline and Welsh Helpline are now discontinued.

The NSPCC Helpline is grateful to many child protection agencies and professionals for their support. If you have any queries about the texting initiative, the wider Helpline services, or would like promotional materials, please do not hesitate to contact me (email: [jcameron@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:jcameron@nspcc.org.uk); or phone 020 7825 2801).

## FAMILY NURSE PARTNERSHIP IN PETERBOROUGH

CONGRATULATIONS to Kirstie Lynn who has a new role that she describes below.

"My new role is to lead and supervise the delivery of the Family Nurse Partnership in Peterborough. The Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) is an evidenced based preventative programme offered to vulnerable young mothers having their first baby and supporting them until the child's second birthday. The programme is orientated to the future health and well being of the child, it includes intensive home visiting that is enough to make a difference, reflecting well tested theories and methodologies.

The FNP is a licensed programme, developed in the US at the University of Colorado and since 2007, successfully being rolled out across England. Over 30 years of rigorous research has shown significant benefits for vulnerable young families in the short, medium and long term across a wide range of outcomes including:

- improved early language development, school readiness and academic achievement
- improvements in antenatal health
- reductions in children's injuries, neglect and abuse
- improved parenting practices and behaviour
- fewer subsequent pregnancies and greater intervals between births
- increases in fathers' involvement
- reduced arrests and criminal behaviour for both children and mothers.

In an international review by The Lancet in 2008, the FNP was named as one of only two programmes shown to prevent child maltreatment.

My new role will start in early December and recruitment for 4 family nurses will take place over the next couple of months. Throughout the entire recruitment process a panel of young people have been involved and proven to give an invaluable insight into how they feel FNP will work in practice and the candidates that they felt are best suited for the posts".



### Maintaining professional boundaries

Communication between children and adults, by whatever method, should take place within clear and explicit professional boundaries. This includes the wider use of technology such as mobile phones text messaging, e-mails, digital cameras, videos, web-cams, websites and blogs.

Staff should also be circumspect in their communications with children so as to avoid any possible misinterpretation of their motives or any behaviour which could be construed as grooming.

Staff should not give their personal contact details to children and young people including email, home or mobile telephone numbers, unless the need to do so is agreed with senior management and parents/carers.

### How to protect your reputation and stay safe online

#### Act in accordance with your organisational policy.

E-mail or text communications between an adult and a child or young person outside agreed protocols may lead to disciplinary and/or criminal investigations. This also includes communications through internet based web sites.

#### Manage your personal information.

Staff are strongly advised, in their own interests, to take steps to ensure their personal data is not accessible to anybody who does not have permission to access it. This includes your date of birth and address. Identity theft is a growing crime and this information could be used to access your bank account or apply for a credit card in your name.

#### Understand privacy.

How you behave online is not the same as doing what you like in the privacy of your living room. As an employee you should be careful that whatever you get up to on the internet doesn't compromise your professional role. Privacy on the internet seldom means communications are entirely private, even messaging.

#### Respect dignity.

Whether it is about a colleague, a parent or a child, never post a comment that could cause serious offence to that individual or anyone else. Respect people's right to confidentiality. It is not advisable to post pictures of children or young people you are working with. If you post pictures taken in a hospital environment and patients can be identified in the background, for example, – that would be breaching their privacy.

#### Uphold your reputation

Remember that anything posted online could end up in the public domain to be read by parents, children, young people or your employer. Some organisations may even access social networking sites before considering you for a job interview.

### The guiding rule is if in doubt, don't post it.

Remember humour is relative. For example, posting images and/or text about a recent stag or hen night may be deemed inappropriate. Likewise, a few 'light-hearted' comments and/or images about colleagues, children or young people may not be perceived as such by either the subject(s) of the humour or your employer.

#### Further tips for Facebook and other social network sites

- Treat your online conversations as if you were talking with people in a public space where you can be seen and overheard
- Don't post or tweet when under the strong influence of alcohol
- Learn how to adjust your security or privacy settings in Facebook. Most social networking sites allow you to control who can see your information. For example, at the bottom of every page on Facebook, there is a link that reads 'Privacy'. The linked page is 'a guide to privacy on Facebook', containing the latest privacy functions and policies.
- Set your privacy settings to "only friends". Settings such as "friends of friends" and "networks and friends" open your content to a wider audience. Your privacy and that of your family, friends, colleagues and students could be compromised
- Remove inappropriate photos. Somebody else could post a photo on their profile in which you are named, so think about any photos you appear in. On Facebook, you can 'untag' yourself from a photo. If you do find inappropriate references to you and/or images of you posted by a 'friend' online you should contact them and the site to have the material removed.
- Make sure you regularly check and refresh your site page to ensure it is free of any inappropriate comments and/or images.

- Stop the network provider from passing on your details to other companies for research and advertising purposes.

For example, to stop Facebook from forwarding your details, click 'Account', then 'Privacy Settings', then 'Apps and Websites ...edit your settings'. This allows you to choose how your personal information is shared with other websites, apps, games and search engines.

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Nursing and Midwifery Council

[www.nmc-uk.org/](http://www.nmc-uk.org/)

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Prepared by the E-safety Committee of Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Local Safeguarding Children Boards. July 2011.

## Research statistics on the prevalence of child sexual abuse

In 2009, the NSPCC carried out a second major piece of research to give us a more up-to-date picture of child maltreatment. This time we interviewed young adults aged 18-24 years and children aged 11-17 years.

The full research findings have been published as **Child abuse and neglect in the UK today** (Radford et al, 2011).

Below are the key findings on child sexual abuse from NSPCC research:

**One in nine young adults (11.3%) had experienced contact sexual abuse during childhood.**

(Based on survey of 1,761 young adults aged 18-24 years).

**One in 20 children (4.8%) have experienced contact sexual abuse.**

(Based on survey of 2,275 children aged 11-17 years).

From: NSPCC (2011) **Child abuse and neglect in the UK today** London: NSPCC.

**Three-quarters (72%) of sexually abused children did not tell anyone about the abuse at the time. 27% told someone later. Around a third (31%) still had not told anyone about their experience(s) by early adulthood.**

From: Cawson et al. (2000) **Child maltreatment in the UK: a study of the prevalence of child abuse and neglect**. London: NSPCC. p.83.

Crime statistics on sex offences

**17,727 sexual crimes against children under 16 were recorded in England and Wales in 2010/11.**

**32% of all sexual crimes (54,982 sexual crimes in total) recorded in England and Wales in 2010/11 were sexual crimes against children under 16.**

**In 2010/11 the police in England and Wales also recorded 146 offences of abuse of a position of trust involving a child under 18.**

**More than one third (38%) of all rapes recorded by the police in England and Wales in 2010/11 were committed against children under 16 years of age.**

From: Chaplin, Rupert, Faltley, John and Smith, Kevin (eds.) (2011) Table 2.04. In: [Crime in England and Wales 2010/11: findings from the British Crime Survey and police recorded crime \(PDF\)](#). London: National Statistics. p.43

Police recorded over 23,000 sex offences against children aged under 18 years in England and Wales between April 2009 and March 2010.

From: Information obtained by NSPCC from police forces in England and Wales under the Freedom of Information Act. See: NSPCC (2011) [NSPCC finds 64 child sex crimes a day recorded by police](#). NSPCC press release 26 May 2011. London: NSPCC.

# Peterborough Siblings Project



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## Introduction

KIDS, the national charity supporting disabled children and young people and their families are now in Peterborough. A new Young Carers Project has been established in the City and we have the capacity to offer a short term project to Siblings of disabled children.

KIDS have a long history of supporting children with disabilities and their families, and already operate successful Sibling Support Projects in Camden and Southwark in London. KIDS also run 2 highly regarded Young Carer Projects in Hampshire and Ealing, West London.

## The service

The Sibling Support Project will offer support to siblings of disabled brothers and sisters. The support will take the form of a series of groups where the siblings will meet other children who have a disabled sibling. The groups will work within the national charity 'Sibs' FRAME model of support:

- Fun
- Reduce isolation
- Acknowledge feelings
- Model coping strategies
- Enhance knowledge

Groups will be 6 sessions after school, split over 12 weeks. This means that each session will be once a fortnight. The first group will start when there are enough attendees. There will be 12 places in each group. There will be no cost to the family for this service. Transport can be provided on request.

Groups will accommodate siblings within a 2 year age gap of each other and the first group will be for 8-11 year olds. At this stage, groups will not be suitable for children under 8 years.

Groups will be well-planned with a mixture of fun, interactive activities during which the sibling may express feelings and thoughts in a safe way. The project will adhere to a strict confidentiality policy, copies of which will be made available for those families who take up this support.

Group work will be supported by an outing on the 6<sup>th</sup> session and 2 or 3 outings during school holidays in order for the siblings to spend some time with new friends and celebrate achievements.

A Parent Workshop facilitated by 'Sibs' took place in June 2011 and was well-received. Following the workshop, there will be regular parent support sessions, initially facilitated by the project but with a view to them carrying on after the project has finished by the parents themselves.

Please contact me at the project if you have any questions or queries, my usual working days for this project will be Mondays and Tuesdays.

Regards

Sarah Clark

This support service is short term and will be funded until December 2011.

## FORCED MARRIAGE AND HONOUR BASED ABUSE

You are cordially invited to a session presented by Karma Nirvana at the Thomas Deacon Academy on

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2011 AT 4 P.M. LECTURE THEATRE 1

Refreshments will be provided at 3.45 p.m. for a prompt start at 4 p.m.

Please register your attendance by contacting  
catherine.read@thomasdeaconacademy.com or telephone 01733 426060 Extn 6287.

Further information on the work of Karma Nirvana can be found on the website:  
[www.karmanirvana.org.uk](http://www.karmanirvana.org.uk)

The Child Exploitation Online Protection Service have published their annual report containing the following key points

CEOPS received 6,291 reports in year up to March 2010 (5,411 in previous year), more than 1000 children were rescued and 132 networks have been dismantled in last 5 years (414 children in the last year)

There have been 1,644 arrests (513 in last year) and another important achievement has been the introduction of ClickCEOP button on social networking sites.

Clicking the CEOP button provides access to a range of support services and makes a report to CEOP if someone has acted inappropriately towards a child or young person on line. This may be sexual chat, being asked to do something that makes them feel uncomfortable or someone being insistent on meeting up

The report also identifies a significant increase in

- self taken images
- women abusers – use sadistic behaviour
- online risk taking

### **Risk taking by children**

CEOPS calls this the most worrying and significant trend in the last year.

11-16 year olds spend an average of 2.5 hours online a day and 75% use instant messaging. Another concern is the early sexualisation of girls, who are encouraged to look older and appear to be sexually available. These girls can engage in risk taking behaviour at first contact and are uncooperative with investigators due to their perception that they are in a meaningful relationship. Other issues are sexting, sexual screen names in chatrooms and shagbands

### **Online grooming**

Out of an adult population of 37.4million, 26million use Facebook and online grooming has been the single largest issue for reporting to CEOP and the most prevalent kind of offending behaviour. CEOPS assert that

- internet has changed the pace of grooming
- it provides an illusion of anonymity and facilitates escalation of further activity

The offender can

- take on a number of different personas adapting behaviour to victim
- create vast contact lists of potential victims
- network to share images and contacts
- use webcam streaming

Victims are

- encouraged or blackmailed into bringing friends or younger family members to get involved
- exploited without ever meeting their abuser still experience high levels of trauma and distress

Many online abusers subsequently found to be contact abusers

Those barred from working in schools exploit the inability of foreign schools to carry out background checks

### **Trafficking**

CEOPS found that there is a significant threat from trafficking networks using more sophisticated methods. There were

- 287 potential victims in year up to Feb 2010 from 47 countries – known to be an underestimate
- 72% trafficking victims aged 14-17 years old and in all regions of the UK
- 35% children were trafficked for sexual exploitation
- 18% were Vietnamese children trafficked for cannabis cultivation – two thirds of these were children missing from care

Read the full report on the CEOPS website

[www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

## PSCB ROUND UP

### The Knowledge

Please don't forget you can go on line and test your knowledge of the PSCB Interagency Safeguarding Procedures. We now can view the numbers of people who try "the knowledge" and although the numbers are small given the size of the workforce we can see from the figures that some people keep coming back trying to score 10 out of 10.

### Protocols

Currently under review are

- working with sexually active young people where there are concerns about sexually abusive relationships
- allegations against staff, volunteers etc
- key employment standards

Currently just awaiting sign off is

- the mental health protocol

Completed is

- Guidance for children and young people missing from home and care
- A handy guide for maintaining professional boundaries with respect to the use of internet and social networking.

Both will be placed on the web site at the next update and included in our procedures

### Support from Children's Workforce Development Council

Following on from the Munro report the CWDC is providing funding for all Safeguarding Boards to strengthen their role in terms of coordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of the changes to the way child and family social work is delivered and includes the role we play in learning and training.

### Good Practice by LSCB's

In addition to the above, Ofsted have circulated a report highlighting elements of good practice in the operation of safeguarding boards. It aims to support the development of "learning systems" by encouraging all boards to reflect on their practice and plan for improvement.

There are a series of reflective questions for us to consider as part of this process which include: governance; partnership working; engagement with young people; quality assurance; learning from serious case reviews; measuring impact; multi-agency training and learning; business planning and relationship between safeguarding boards and children's trusts.

### Referrers Workshop

PSCB is holding another workshop on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2-4 to review how services are experiencing the new "Integrated Front Office for Children's Social Care" as it will have been operational for 6 months

### E Safety

The group is working to provide some guidance on developing Acceptable Use Policies for agencies and groups. Once it is prepared it will be placed on the web site.

### Serious Case Review

We are finalising the current SCR however as the trial has been postponed until next April we will not be able to publish the summary. We will however ensure there are briefings.

### Publications

The communication and information group will at its next meeting review all the leaflets and other information we produce to look at either streamlining what we produce or redesigning the information. We are aware that some leaflets were out of date as telephone numbers have changed. Jody Watts (Business Support Officer) has amended numbers where he can and we have them saved electronically so if you wish to have any leaflets please e mail him [jody.watts@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:jody.watts@peterborough.gov.uk) or telephone him on 01733 863744.

### Inter Agency Procedures

I will be meeting with TRI X shortly to update the web based interagency procedures

## Changes to the administration of the Child Death Process

Please note that with effect from **MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER** the administration for the work of the Child Death Overview Panel, Cambridgeshire, will be carried out by NHS Cambridgeshire, although the work of the panel itself will continue to be overseen by Cambridgeshire Local Safeguarding Children Board at Cambridgeshire County Council.

With effect from that date (**MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER**) the contact details of the person who will be collating information regarding all child deaths in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will be as follows:

Kitty Paques  
Child Death Review Co-ordinator, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough  
NHS Cambridgeshire  
Lockton House  
Clarendon Road  
Cambridge CB2 8FH

Office: 01223 725330  
Mobile: 07432 700860  
Secure fax: 01223 725592  
Email: [Kitty.Paques@cambridgeshire.nhs.uk](mailto:Kitty.Paques@cambridgeshire.nhs.uk)  
Emails of a confidential nature or containing patient data should be sent from your nhs.net account to the following email address:  
[kitty.paques@nhs.net](mailto:kitty.paques@nhs.net)

## Cafcass release care statistics for August

### Record numbers of children subject to care applications

The number of children subject to an application to be taken into care have reached record levels every month in 2011 bar one.

Releasing its care application figures for August, the Children and Family Court Advisory Support Service (Cafcass), who receives these applications from the courts, has received the highest number of new care applications for this individual month since it began collecting this data in April 2001, with 885 applications. The figures for August were also the second highest ever record for a single month in Cafcass' 10 year history.

March this year saw the highest ever number of applications received 894. The monthly average to date this year is 814 applications, compared to 754 in 2010, 710 in 2009 and 460 in 2008.

## Training Update

### Training Impact Tool

As part of the monitoring and evaluation role required by PSCB a Training Impact Tool has been developed to help us assess the impact that training has on practice. The short questionnaire will be available on the PSCB website from December. Three months after attending training delegates from will be sent an email with a link to the website and asked to complete the form. This will apply to anyone attending training from September 2011. Your cooperation in this process will be greatly appreciated and will enable us evaluate the effectiveness of training and to plan future training.

### Standard Training Pack for Group A training

The Strategic Learning and development group is currently developing a standard training pack for Group 1 training. The benefit will be that this will enable us to ensure that the training provided is of a consistently high standard across Peterborough and will remove the need to have a validation panel for Group 1 training.

### Training Pool

We would like to establish a training pool to provide the Group 1 training. We are looking for experienced practitioners to deliver this extremely important training to a multi-agency audience. Training and ongoing support will be provided. If you have an interest in the delivery of training and experience of child protection please contact Helen Herron (863746) or Charlotte Lucas (863747) for a further discussion. Please ensure that you have discussed with your manager to ensure that you have their permission and also that you can identify this as a development need in your PDR.

### Here is some information you might find useful

#### Latest Ofsted publications

Ofsted have published three recent relevant documents

The draft framework for school inspection from January 2012

This can be found at <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/news/shape-of-school-inspection-2012-0>

Safeguarding Inspections in schools

There is also an updated document which can be found under Supplementary guidance and resources for inspectors Section F-Z

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/supplementary-guidance-and-resources-for-inspectors>

Safeguarding in schools: best practice (02/09/11)

This report illustrates and evaluates features of best practice in safeguarding, based on inspection evidence from maintained primary, secondary and special schools, residential special schools and PRUs inspected between 2009 and 2010 where safeguarding was judged outstanding.

The report found that the measures put in place by the best schools to keep children safe could be replicated by every school.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/safeguarding-schools-best-practice>

#### Child Protection Information Network

There will be a Child Protection Information Network meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> at The Courtyard, Reeves Way at 1.30.

#### New Allegations Management Guidance for Education

There is new guidance which changes the definition of an allegation

from “behaves towards a child or children in a way that indicates he/she is unsuitable to work with children” to “behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates that he or she would pose a risk of harm if they work regularly or closely with children”

The guidance also does not permit information about malicious, unfounded or unsubstantiated allegations even when repeated to be included in references

It has prompted a great deal of discussion not least because there are practical considerations in having two different sets of guidance for education and non education staff

The full guidance can be found at:

[www.education.gov.uk/publications](http://www.education.gov.uk/publications) ref DfE-00061-2011

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#### Home Office campaign about abusive teenage relationships

The Home Office has published some new advice about abusive teenage relationships. The campaign website is

[www.direct.gov.uk/thisisabuse](http://www.direct.gov.uk/thisisabuse)

#### Core messages

Abuse in relationships is not normal or acceptable – if you are in an abusive relationship it’s not your fault and you do not have to stand for it.

It’s not just physical violence, like punching or kicking, that makes a relationship abusive – if you are threatened with violence, have no say over what you wear or who you see or speak to, or are constantly criticised, it is still abuse.

Abuse is never OK – blaming abuse on anger, jealousy, alcohol or the other person’s behaviour is not acceptable.

Help is available – if you need some support getting out of an abusive relationship or just want to talk to someone visit –

[www.thisisabuse/directgov](http://www.thisisabuse/directgov)



**PETERBOROUGH SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD**

**SUMMARY OF MEETING 29<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

Outlined below is a summary of agenda items discussed at the last meeting. Should any further details /information be required on an item please contact the named person.

1	<u>SCR Overview report and Action Plan</u> Ron Lock gave a presentation outlining the Serious Case Review and the recommendations for the Board.	Felicity Schofield/ Judy Jones 01733 863745
2	<u>Regulatory submissions / inspections</u> Adrian Loades, the Interim Director for Children's Services gave a report regarding the recent Ofsted Inspection. The improvement plan will fit in with the SCR and be sent to the Minister on 31 <sup>st</sup> October. A reconstituted Improvement Board will move away from Quantitative indicators to Qualitative indicators.	Adrian Loades 01733 863601
3	Children who die unexpectedly – Dr Emilia Wawrzkowicz has worked on Process and Procedures, clarifying what should and shouldn't be done. There is now a draft action plan. The current SCR highlighted the failings but issues are being resolved.	Dr Emilia Wawrzkowicz 01733 776199
4	Bridgeway have lost their contract to provide drug services and are presently unable to support some posts including the Sexual Exploitation post which may be lost. It is not clear who the new provider will be.	Judy Jones 01733 863745
5	<u>CP Conferencing Quarterly Report</u> . Numbers subject to a CP plan continue to increase, but there has been an increase in advocacy and children being invited to the reviews. Included in the report is the work around parental feedback which shows how satisfied with the child protection process parents were and how respectfully they were treated. The Board requested that future reports include comparator data from similar councils rather than regional data.	Karen Osborne 01733 863745
6	<u>MARU Update</u> . Good progress is being made but it is early days. Plans for Peterborough Children's Social Care joining is under review. A communication plan is needed to help professionals and the public understand what is happening.	Simon Megicks 01480 428069
7	<u>Prevent Strategy</u> . Ian Phillips is working with the Education Sector to help teachers and school staff become more aware of the signs of radicalism and how to refer students. The challenges faced include reviewing the local delivery following the loss of funding.	Ian Phillips 01733 863849
8	Children Missing from Home Protocol is now finished and will be placed onto the website shortly.	Judy Jones 01733 863745
9	<u>Date of next meeting</u> : 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2011, The Forli Room, Town Hall 2.00pm – 4.30pm	