



Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board Newsletter

Message from the Editor

August is usually a quiet month for us, which allows us to do some "spring cleaning of files", however this summer has continued to be very busy. As you will see from the newsletter we are re-branding our leaflets, updating practice guidance and have had to make some amendments to our inter-agency safeguarding procedures. You should soon receive information to insert into your procedures along with a tracking note. Please bear with us as this is a mammoth task!

Sadly for us we have to say goodbye to Hannah Campling, who has yet again put this newsletter together, as she is off to Strategic Resources to take up a permanent post as a trainer. We are delighted for her but will really miss her as she has been a brilliant addition to our team.

Do please send any comments with regards to the newsletter and anything you would like to see included in future issues to me:

judy.jones@peterborough.gov.uk

Please note:

There has been a change to our website address, after six months the link to our website will no longer appear on the front page of the external council website. Our new address, which appears on all our new leaflets and publications, is: www.peterborough.gov.uk/safeguarding

Tobacco

The Department of Health have launched a campaign to inform retailers and the

public that the selling of tobacco products to under 18s will be illegal from 1 Oct 2007. Details of the campaign can be found at:

www.tobaccoagechange.co.uk

Smacking:

The government have recently undertaken a consultation in respect to changes brought about by Section 58 of Children Act 2004. This review sought the views of parents on physical punishment and evidence from those working with children and families on the practical consequences of the changes in the law brought about by section 58 of the Children Act 2004. Section 58 limits the availability of the 'reasonable punishment' defence in cases involving alleged assaults by parents on their children. This consultation, which was specifically focused, ran for 8 weeks to allow the review to report in the autumn. PSCB responded.

Child Death Review Arrangements

We are working with Cambridgeshire LSCB to develop child death review arrangements across the area. Working Together 2006 requires that Safeguarding Boards monitor all child deaths from April 2008 and also have in place a procedure for responding to the sudden and unexpected deaths of children and young people. The interim child death review panel is hoping to pilot the arrangements from January 2008.

We plan to appoint a co-ordinator for the child death review process to work across both the boards by the end of the year.

Leaflets:

We have finally been able to redesign and update our supply of leaflets, as well as add some new ones. They now all have the PSCB logo and have been designed in PSCB colours and have the new website address.

Our range of leaflets now includes the following:



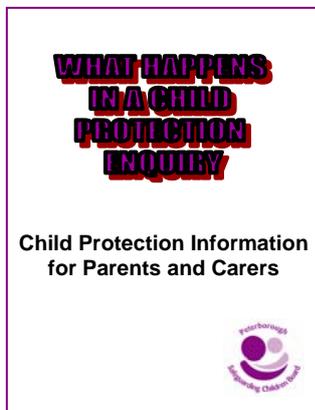
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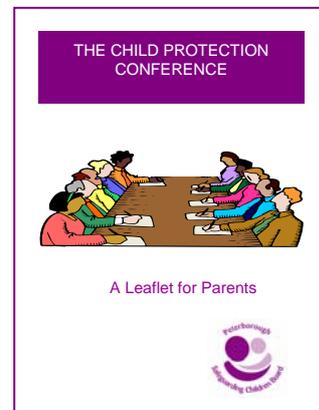
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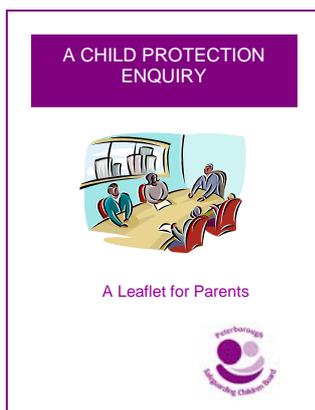
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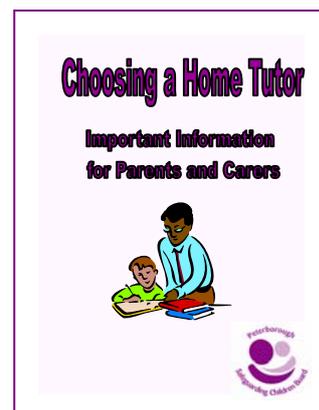
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PSCB12

We also have available the following publications:

CHILD NEGLECT



What might it look like?

- Young child out on their own in the day or night
- Children not fed properly or stealing food
- Lack of furniture and clean bedding
- Child at home on school days
- Lack of food or water
- Visitors not welcome
- A cold house
- Isolated child



- Abusive Language
- Violence in the home
- Baby or child left alone
- Poorly cared for family pets
- Dirty or unsafe house or garden
- Children in dirty or inadequate clothes
- Excessive punishments including

What can I do?

Don't ignore it - tell someone!

What should I do?

Telephone any of the following:

- NSPCC: 0808 8005000
- Parentline: 0808 8002222
- Children's Specialist Services: 01733 746460
- Police: 0845 456 4564

PSCB11 A4 Neglect Poster

CHILD NEGLECT

What does it look like?
The following **could** be signs of neglect:



- Dirty children/dirty house
- Baby/child left alone
- Dirty unsafe house or garden
- Poorly cared for animals
- Violence in the home
- Abusive language
- Excessive punishments including hitting

- Child at home on school days
- Lack of food or water
- Lack of furniture/bedding
- A cold house
- Isolated child
- Visitors not welcome
- Young child out alone

PSCB13 Neglect Card (wallet size)

as well as the Sexual Exploitation leaflet PSCB10 and our Safeguarding on the Internet Leaflet PSCB09, which are still available.

Please find the order form for all our leaflets over the page, this form should be completed and sent to Kay Mayor, kay.mayor@peterborough.gov.uk or 2nd Floor, Bayard Place, Broadway, Peterborough, PE1 1FB

We hope that all our new leaflets will be available on our website for you to download in the near future.

'Staying Safe'

The government is consulting on children's safety via a document entitled 'Staying Safe'. We are planning to establish a small group to respond to the

DCSF by 31st October. Please contact Judy Jones if you would like to be part of this group: 01733 746054 or judy.jones@peterborough.gov.uk Details of the consultation can be found at www.dcsf.gov.uk

A Review of LSCB (DCSF) has been published and can be accessed from: www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/socialcare/safeguarding/lscb The LSCB will carry out a check of our board against the findings of the review.

FACT Sheet: PSCB

What do sport services and witness support services have in common?

These two have been randomly extracted from Working Together 2006 as services that safeguarding boards need to engage with. They are just 2 of an ever growing list of services and agencies who work with parents and or children and who therefore have the shared responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. PSCB recognised that there was a significant task ahead for us and that for some agencies these new responsibilities were a source of concern as to "where to start" or "what does this means for us?"

We decided to develop a FACT sheet which is a simple guide to what organisations etc need to have in place which also highlighted relevant reference materials and guidance and included contact details for the board. We set about contacting as many agencies as possible to secure the name of the appropriate person to send the FACT sheet to and who could also contact me in order for a 2 way exchange of information. The FACT sheet was circulated to these named individuals by email or onward distribution. Of course the added bonus is that I have been contacted by some agencies with a view to meeting up for broader discussions and to provide briefings.

You can find the fact sheet on page 5 and 6 of this newsletter after the leaflet order form, both of which have been laid out to allow you to extract them from this newsletter if needed.

PSCB Leaflets



ORDER FORM

We are pleased to be able to offer our new style of leaflets as of August 2007:

Some of the old ACPC leaflets have been updated with the PSCB logo and up to date information and some new ones have been added as well. If you would like to receive any of our leaflets we will be pleased to forward them to you as soon as they are available.

Please complete the information below:

		Number required
PSCB01	Child Abuse: Your Concern?	
PSCB02	Neglected Children: How Can You Help?	
PSCB03	We Want to Help You! A Guide to Child Protection Enquiries for Young People	
PSCB04	What Happens in a Child Protection Enquiry	
PSCB05	What is a Child Protection Conference?	
PSCB06	The Child Protection Conference: a Leaflets for Parents	
PSCB07	A Child Protection Enquiry: a Leaflet for Parents	
PSCB08	Who's Looking After The Kids?	
PSCB09	Safeguarding Children and Young People on The Internet	
PSCB10	Sexual Exploitation Leaflet for Young People	
PSCB11	Neglect Poster	
PSCB12	Choosing a Home Tutor	
PSCB13	Neglect Card	
PSCB14	Template for Allegations	

Name:

Agency (Inc Address):

Telephone No:

Email:

Please return the form to Kay Mayor, PSCB Administrator,
Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board,
2nd Floor, Bayard Place, Broadway, Peterborough, PE1 1FB
Or email: kay.mayor@peterborough.gov.uk
Telephone: 01733 746028



Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board Fact Sheet

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility.

"The support and protection of children cannot be achieved by a single agency. Every service has to play its part. All staff must have placed upon them the clear expectation that their primary responsibility is to the child and his or her family" (Lord Laming in the Victoria Climbié Inquiry Report 17.93 and 19.93)

Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board (PSCB)

The Children Act 2004 made it a legal requirement for each area to have a Local Safeguarding Children Board which is a Board of senior managers from services who have the greatest responsibility for safeguarding children and promoting the welfare of children. The PSCB agrees how the organisations will co-operate to safeguard children and promote their welfare.

What your organisation/service/agency needs to have in place

All agencies should have in place arrangements which will ensure they always take into account the need to safeguard children and promote their welfare such as:

- The facility to allow staff ready access to the PSCB core inter agency safeguarding procedures.
- Senior managers with a commitment to the importance of safeguarding and promoting children's welfare.
- A clear statement to all staff of the agency's responsibilities to children.
- Named staff with safeguarding responsibilities who can provide advice and guidance to other staff.
- Clear information for each member of staff about who they should speak to if they have any concerns about a child's welfare.
- Methods to ensure the views of children and families are taken into account when services are developed which may affect them.
- Training for all staff in understanding their roles and responsibilities to safeguard children and promote their welfare.
- Procedures for recruitment and vetting which will help to prevent unsuitable people from working with children.
- Procedures, which follow PSCB guidance, to deal with complaints or allegations against staff.
- A clear procedure for discussion with managers and recording of action plans if staff have concerns about referrals or interagency plans, as it is important that all those working with children feel able to air their views and constructively challenge the actions of others.
- Clear guidance so that staff understand how they should work with other agencies to safeguard children and promote their welfare.

- Information sharing procedures , which follow PSCB guidance, to ensure staff are clear about what information should be shared and when, in order that children are safeguarded and their welfare promoted.

What to do if you're worried a child is being abused (2006)

The booklet 'What to do if you're worried a child is being abused' gives clear guidance about the action you should take.

This is available from DfES Publications, PO Box 5050, Sherwood Park, Annesley, Nottingham, NG15 0DJ or Tel 0845 60 555 60. It can also be down loaded at www.everychildmatters.gov.uk or from PSCB website www.peterborough.gov.uk/safeguarding

You should never delay making a referral about a child who you think is being abused or is at risk of abuse

Referrals should be made as follows:

Daytime (9-5) to Intake and Assessment Team 01733746460
Out of hours to Emergency Duty Team 01733 561370

What to do if you have general concerns about safeguarding children

If you have concerns that a particular group of children may be very vulnerable and there do not appear to be services to meet their needs you should raise with the member of the Safeguarding Board in your agency.

References and useful further reading

Working Together to Safeguard Children (2006)
What to do if you are worried a child is being abused (2006)
Statutory Guidance on making arrangements to Safeguard and Promote the welfare of children under S 11 Children Act (2006)

All available from our website: www.peterborough.gov.uk/safeguarding

HM Government (2006) Information Sharing: Practitioners guide or can be found at www.ecm.gov.uk/informationsharing

The PSCB welcomes feedback on its activities, including the guidance available to organisations/services/agencies and its training programmes.

To find out more about the PSCB contact the Policy Officer – Judy Jones : Tel 01733 746054 : e mail judy.jones@peterborough.gov.uk : 2nd Floor, Bayard Place, Broadway, Peterborough, PE1 1FB : PSCB web site www.peterborough.gov.uk/safeguarding

Local Safeguarding Procedures:

The following additional local procedures and practice guidance have been developed:

- A. Guidance for professionals working with sexually active young people under the age of 18 in Peterborough
- B. Pre-birth assessments
- C. Working with families affected by domestic abuse
- D. Children with a child protection plan who go missing.

Amendments to 'Deciding when to refer', are being made as recommended in the Cambridgeshire Joint Area Review together with some amendments regarding allegations of abuse made against a person working with children.

The additional procedures and amendments will be forwarded for insertion in your Inter-agency procedures manual as soon as possible, and should be available on the website: www.peterborough.gov.uk/safeguarding in due course.

Have fun at the fair? Yes, with a bit of care

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is encouraging parents to take care of their children when visiting funfairs this summer. "The risk of danger is part of the attraction of many rides", says HSE's regional fairground inspector Paul Spurrier, "but parents and ride operators can make sure that risk is controlled so their children can have the maximum excitement but with their actual risk reduced to a minimum."

He continues: "HSE advises parents to check that their children are above the required height to ride on attractions, and that restraints fit them securely when they are on the ride. Rides should be properly supervised and children should pay attention to all safety instructions given to them by ride operators. Parents should make clear to their children that they must sit still while on the ride.

"HSE research shows that young children have a far lower perception of

risks than adults, and that while on fairground rides they may try to maintain eye contact with their parents. This can lead to children turning, kneeling and even standing up on rides in order to see their parents if they have not had the importance of staying in their seats properly explained to them.

"A final tip is to check that the ride clearly displays an Amusement Devices Inspection Procedure Scheme (ADIPS) sticker, which confirms that it had been inspected for safety.

"Many families enjoy a day at the fair, and everyone plays their part in making them safe. Simple precautions prevent most accidents.

"Don't let your children go on rides that haven't got a safety sticker, look in poor condition or where the attendants aren't paying proper attention to the children. Make sure your children know it is important to stay in the seat and keep an eye on very young children when the ride is moving."

The HSE, in conjunction with the Fairgrounds and Amusement Park Joint Advisory Committee (JAC), created the Amusement Devices Inspection Procedure Scheme (ADIPS) to provide a framework for inspections to monitor essential steps and checks required to ensure the safety of amusement devices. Further information on the scheme is available on the HSE website at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/etis8.htm> or at <http://adips.co.uk/>

Public Enquiries: HSE Infoline, Tel: 0845 345 0055, visit <http://www.hse.gov.uk/contact> or write to: HSE Infoline, Caerphilly Business Park, Caerphilly, CF83 3GG

HSE Press release and information can be accessed on the internet at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk> or <http://www.gnn.gov.uk>

Training News:

Safer Recruitment Training:

You may be aware, in response to the recommendations of the Bichard inquiry, the Department for Children, Families and Schools developed online safer recruitment training provided through the National College for School leadership (NCSL). The training is aimed at ensuring that interviews to appoint staff reflect the importance of safeguarding children. Access to the training was given to the head teacher and one governor at each school. The expectation is that the head teacher and a nominated governor from every maintained school completes the training as soon as possible, and that every staff appointment has a trained person on the interview panel. In addition, Ofsted inspection judgements also include a statement on whether schools comply with these and other safeguarding requirements.

As a result of concerns about the low numbers accessing the online training, the DCFS has now developed face to face training to be provided through local authorities. Jenny Parris, Special Projects and Attendance Welfare Officer within Learning and Standards, is an accredited trainer for this course and has begun to offer face to face training to relevant parties. **The training includes a short assessment and successful completion of this is equivalent to completing the online training and assessment. Certificates will be awarded** – a recent Ofsted inspection in Peterborough included a request to see this to verify the training had been received.

Initially priority is being given to education settings but eventually it is intended that the training will be available for anyone who has responsibility for appointment of staff who work with children in any setting.

In order to assist with planning if you feel this training is relevant to you and you wish to attend, **please register an interest with Jenny :** jenny.parris@peterborough.gov.uk as

soon as possible. The training is a whole day and there will be a charge for schools of around £50 to cover venue and administration costs. Arrangements and costs for other settings will be determined once the level of interest becomes apparent.

Level 1 Safeguarding Training

Are there people within your organisation (paid or unpaid) who have regular contact with children or young people? If so, they should be trained on how to work together with other agencies to safeguard children and promote their welfare.

Individual agencies are responsible for providing their own staff with the essential basic training they need (known as Level One training). In addition, the Safeguarding Board is responsible for ensuring this training is of a high standard by monitoring and evaluating the training provided.

If you're not quite ready to deliver this training to your team, PSCB can help.

Level One Safeguarding training courses are run every month for voluntary organisations and small organisations with only one or two staff in need of training.

Additionally, we can help any agency with the content and delivery of Level One training and support you with advice on learning outcomes, materials and training methods. There's even a 'Training the Trainer' course to ensure a high standard of training in your own settings.

For staff and volunteers unable to make any of the regular course dates or the "Training the Trainer" event, our Inter-agency Trainer, Fiona Taylor can come out and deliver to you at a recognised training venue.

For further information or an informal chat, please contact Fiona Taylor on 01733 746081 or fiona.taylor@peterborough.gov.uk