



Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Board

Business Plan 2018-19

Introduction

This Business Plan outlines the agreed priorities for Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Board (IOWSCB) during 2018-19. IOWSCB is a statutory body set-up under the Children Act 2004. The Board consists of partner agencies that cooperate with each other to safeguard children and promote their welfare. We are responsible collectively as a Board for strategic oversight of child protection arrangements across the Isle of Wight and our role is to lead, coordinate, develop, challenge and monitor the delivery of effective child protection and safeguarding practice by all agencies across the Island. The Board maintains strategic oversight to ensure that arrangements are working across the whole system, not just in our individual agencies, and are keeping children safe.

Our Purpose

Section 14 of the Children Action 2004 sets out the statutory objectives of each LSCB, which are:

- To coordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in their area.
- To ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person for those purposes.

Key Priorities for 2018-19

The IOWSCB Business Plan 2018-19 is intentionally focused on strategic priorities that form the basis of the work of the Board over the coming year. These priorities support the statutory functions of the IOWSCB and the partnership response to protecting vulnerable children, preventing harm and promoting their welfare.

The structure of the business plan allows the Board to remain flexible to respond to the emerging areas of work and also to refine existing programmes of activity in line with feedback received from children, their families and professionals. To support the delivery of the Business Plan the IOWSCB more detailed work plans, aligned to the Board's priorities, will be developed for each Sub and Working Group.

Key Priorities:

- 1. Adopting a Family Approach**
- 2. Safeguarding in a Cyber Enabled Society**
- 3. Leadership and Transformation**

IOWSCB will take a leadership role in the delivery and quality assurance of partnership work in these areas. Progress against this plan will be reviewed and monitored by each individual subgroup / Task and Finish Group in the first instance. Quarterly updates will be provided against all work streams to the Executive Group. Where necessary and appropriate, the Executive Group will highlight both areas of concern and areas of good practice and success to the full IOWSCB Board meetings for further action.

Key Threads that Run Through all Priorities

- The voice and lived experience of the Child - to ensure that our work is child centred and we continually seek to engage and involve children and young people.
- Multi-agency partnership working - including the voluntary, faith and community sectors.
- Lessons are identified and learned from case reviews and multi-agency audits undertaken, and the monitoring of the implementation of recommendations.
- All of our work is underpinned by a focus on making sure that Basic Practice (as prescribed within statutory guidance and local procedures) is effective, timely and of high quality.

Strategic Priority	Outcome	Actions
<p>Adopting a Family Approach</p>	<p>That both the child and the adult are 'seen' by members of the children's and adult's workforce and that there is a common understanding of how their needs are interdependent.</p> <p>That staff working with children at risk from factors relating to adults, and professionals working with adults within the family, understand what it is like to be a child living in that environment.</p>	<p>Develop a Family Approach protocol with HSCB, IOWSAB and HSAB to include information on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE).</p> <p>To undertake a benchmarking assessment of professionals' understanding of 'a family approach' across the children and adults workforce, and consider what additional resources are needed to further embed the principles (e.g. online tools).</p> <p>Develop areas of commonality with IOWSAB including the value of joint assurance activity and / or joint learning events (particularly the dissemination of learning from SCRs / SARs / DHRs).</p> <p>To seek assurance that children living with or being cared for by adults experiencing domestic abuse, mental health and / or substance misuse are identified and appropriately supported. This should include an evaluation of Operation Encompass.</p> <p>To seek assurance that children who are Young Carers are identified and provided with appropriate support.</p> <p>To develop a campaign providing front line professionals with clear information about who to contact when seeking support for children (and adults?) requiring support.</p> <p>To seek assurance that children with mental health needs are appropriately safeguarded, and that those who are approaching 18yrs are effectively transitioned to services provided by the adults' workforce.</p> <p>IOWSCB develops its understanding of EHE families and supports professionals to positively engage them.</p>

		IOWSCB develops its understanding of children who are missing from education and supports professionals to identify and positively engage them.
Safeguarding in a cyber-enabled society.	<p>That front line professionals understand the risks relating to safety online and can reflect these in their work with children and families.</p> <p>To be assured that children on IOW are provided with information on all areas relating to keeping themselves safe online, and are confident in understanding and identifying risks online.</p>	<p>To deliver a conference style learning event for front line professionals on safeguarding online, including use of social media and apps, exploitation in the online environment, peer on peer abuse, online bullying, sexting, and appropriate use of personal information online.</p> <p>To expand the current work undertaken in the MET group to include all elements of exploitation including online exploitation.</p> <p>To work with Education Sector to support the delivery of PSHE lessons on staying safe online being delivered in schools on IOW.</p> <p>To consider closer working with justice agencies to learn from those who have offended against children in the online environment.</p>
Leadership and Transformation	The IOWSCB leads the safeguarding agenda, challenges the work of partner organisations, and commits to an approach that learns lessons, embeds good practice and is continually influenced by children, young people and their families.	<p>Agree new safeguarding partnership arrangements following the publication of the new Working Together 2018 statutory guidance.</p> <p>Revise the CDOP arrangements in light of the new statutory guidance.</p> <p>Review current LSCB structures and ways of working to streamline processes and ensure the partnership meets its statutory obligations in a way that is proportionate for agency staff and resource.</p> <p>Review the current processes for conducting learning reviews in line with the new Working Together 2018 guidance and enable learning to be distilled and disseminated more quickly.</p> <p>Mapping out the roles and relationships of IOWSCB and other strategic and</p>

		<p>partnership Boards that operate on the Island to ensure that their work compliments each other and there is a coordinated approach to mutual areas of interest.</p> <p>Scoping opportunities to work more collaboratively across the pan-Hampshire area in respect of child exploitation and emerging safeguarding risks.</p>
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