

ISLE OF WIGHT SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD



Who we are:

The Children Act 2004 requires each local authority to establish a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). The Board is the means by which organisations come together to agree on how they will cooperate with one another to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Board Meeting 15th December 2017 – Key Information:

- The Board agreed the 2018/19 Budget.
- The Department of Education consultation on the 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' Act closed on the 31/12/17 and a combined response between IOWSCB & HSCB was sent.
- Progress is being made on the NHS Trust's CQC Inspection Action Plan. Preparation is underway for the CQC Review inspection which is taking place in January and February 2018.
- The Autism Diagnostic Research Centre (ADRC) in Southampton has now closed and so the CCG is developing a service to manage the demand.
- Following a successful trial in Basingstoke the 'CAST' system will be put in place within Children's Services from January 2018. This will bring together the Referral & Assessment and Children In Need teams.
- An IOW MET Profile was signed off by members pending a small change. This will become a working document and form part of the MET Subgroup action plan.
- The Learning Needs Analysis day was held in November and the 2018/19 training programme is currently being developed. The 2018/19 training budget was agreed by members and will remain the same.
- Analysis of feedback following the IOWSCB Annual Conference held in October was discussed with topics for the 2018 conference suggested.
- Operational Encompass, which is a fast time sharing of information from Police to Schools when a domestic abuse incident occurs, is now in place and is enabling schools to provide support to those children.
- From the 11th December 2017 changes to Section 136 of the Mental Health Act mean a Police station is no longer deemed a place of safety for a child. The place of safety on the island is at the hospital where a secure room has been specifically designated.

Next Board Meeting – 27th March 2018

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| 25 th January - | Young Carers Awareness Day |
| 2 nd February - | NSPCC Number Day, Wear Red Day |
| 5 th February - | Sexual Abuse & Sexual Violence Awareness Week |
| 6 th February - | Safer Internet Day |
| 27 th February - | Eating Disorders Awareness |
| 1 st March - | Self Injury/Harm awareness Day (SIAD) |
| 15 th March - | International School Meals Day 2018 |
| 26 th March - | World Autism Awareness Week |

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Upcoming Events

LGBT+ Conference

Friday 2nd February 2018

SAB Annual Conference

Wednesday 7th March 2018

Training 2017/18

Keeping Children Safe Online

15th January 2018

*Spaces still available

Missing, Exploited and Trafficked Children

16th January 2018

*Spaces still available

Family approach to substance misuse, mental ill-health and/or domestic abuse

31st January 2018

7th February 2018

*Spaces still available

Harmful Sexual Behaviour

6th February

Click [here](#) for more information on IOWSCB events.



VAWG Conference (Violence Against Woman & Girls)

The theme this year was 'Coercive Control', and featured speakers from Wight-DASH, Aurora New Dawn, Hampshire Constabulary and the Crown Prosecution Service.

In the afternoon, the Certain Curtain Theatre Company performed their play 'Lady in Red'.

This award-winning play looks at one woman's attempts to leave an abusive relationship and the barriers she faces. It helps the audience to finally answer the age old question 'Why doesn't she just leave?' which remains the main obstacle to many people fully

understanding the true nature of domestic violence. It explores the whole relationship from the warning signs, through pregnancy, the barriers to seeking help and covers all aspects of domestic violence with a particular focus on the emotional and psychological abuse, coercive control and its effects.

The conference slides are available to view on the Safeguarding Adults website [here](#) and on our website under Practitioners, Conference Resources.



Virtual College

The Virtual College is an e-learning resource with over 50 online courses (all at Level 1 as defined by the Safeguarding Children Boards) available which cover safeguarding children as well as adults. A list of the courses available can be found [here](#).

Courses are free to members and partners of the IOWSCB, HSCB and voluntary organisations.

To register and access the courses click [here](#), or visit the training and events page of the IOWSCB website www.iowscb.org.uk

Each course takes approximately 1-3 hours to complete with a short test at the end. If you have passed, then you will be able to print a certificate of completion. You do not have to complete the training all at once but can dip in and out of the module at work or at home and the system will monitor your progress.

IOW Community Safety Newsletter

The Isle of Wight Community Safety Partnership (CSP) brings together several organisations working together to tackle, prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Under the crime and disorder act 1998 Community Safety Partnerships are a legal requirement in every local authority area.

Please find [here](#) Issue 3 of the IOW Community Safety newsletter, which is part of the Partnership communications plan. The aim of the newsletter is to keep those living and working on the IOW informed of community safety related information.



If you would like to get in contact with the CSP team regarding any information shared, our contact details can be found on the newsletter.

Guidance on Criminal Exploitation of children and 'County Lines' gangs

Do you work with children exhibiting some or all of the following?

- persistent absence from school or home, or being found out-of-area
- unexplained possession of money, clothes, or mobile phones
- excessive receipt of texts or phone calls
- relationships with controlling, older individuals or gang association
- leaving home or care without explanation
- suspicion of self-harm, physical assault or unexplained injuries
- parental concerns
- significant decline in school performance
- significant changes in emotional well-being.

If so, they could be at risk of criminal exploitation - 'grooming' by others leading them to become involved in drugs supply and other types of crime (e.g. theft to order) - which could then lead to further vulnerability, isolation and abuse.

The Home Office is working with Crime Stoppers and the Youth Justice Board to help prevent children being exploited by 'county line' gangs, a particular area of criminal exploitation which can have serious consequence to the children involved. A range of resources has been established to increase awareness of the warning signs among professionals who work with children.

Further guidance can be found [here](#), and information posters found [here](#).

Mid-Year Business Plan Review Summary

An update on the IOWSCB 2017/18 Business Plan was discussed at the December Board meeting, of which details are listed below.

Priority 1 – Neglect

- Neglect Toolkit launched in October 2017
- Joint Hants / IOW Training Commissioned. Delivery will start in early 2018
- Neglect Evaluation Framework agreed and incorporated into dataset
- Audit on neglect cases coming into the MASH completed
- School attendance audit completed
- Evaluation and update of Neglect Toolkit following feedback.
- Evaluation of Missing return interviews to identify neglect themes
- Review of CSE cases to understand whether neglect is a related factor

Priority 2 - A Family Approach

- VAWG Conference on Coercive Control undertaken
- JWP Updated and published alongside a summary document
- Audit on children affected by parental mental ill health
- Joint Protocol with IOWSAB in development and joint training being commissioned
- Joint training with IOWSAB and Public Health on Substance misuse
- MET training for parents / carers
- Conduce EHE survey

Priority 3 - Safeguarding Children from Sexual Abuse

- SERAF guidance updated
- JWP Updated and published alongside a summary document
- Training on Harmful Sexual Behaviours provided
- Audit on Intra-Familial sexual abuse completed
- 'In the Net' and 'Crashing' delivered to 26 schools
- Implement Teenage Sexual Behaviours audit recommendations
- Scrutinise results of Public Health SHEA Survey
- RE-audit professionals to test confidence and knowledge to apply the law on health relationships and responses to underage sex.
- Ongoing scrutinising the collective response to CSE through planned JTAI dry run audit on CSE for early 2018



2018/19 IOWSCB Training Programme

The IOWSCB 2018/19 Training Programme is being finalised and will be available on our website in the coming weeks.

Going forward we will be using the online booking site 'Eventbrite' where candidates will be able to book their own tickets for our training courses.

IOWSCB Training

If you wish to book a place on any of our courses or workshops, please complete an IOWSCB Course Application form and email your completed form to LSCB@iow.gov.uk

Family approach to substance misuse, mental ill-health and/or domestic abuse

31st January 2018 & 7th February 2018

9.30 - 16.30

Innovation Centre, Newport A one day course to develop delegates' knowledge of the interplay of parental substance misuse, domestic abuse and/or mental ill-health; its impact on children and families, how risk is managed and what support is available from different agencies to improve the outcomes for children and families.

Book your place via Eventbrite [HERE](#) for the 31st January
Book your place via Eventbrite [HERE](#) for the 7th February

*(Please note, course application forms for this course will not be accepted.
All attendees must book their ticket on Eventbrite)*