Safeguarding Children

To report safeguarding concerns please complete the Inter-Agency Referral Form (IARF). This is the most effective way of referring. In an emergency please call the Police on 999.

The Isle of Wight Thresholds Chart can help you identify the risks and types of services a family may need. For urgent child protection enquiries, professionals can call 0300 300 0901 (0300 555 1373 out of hours). Here some FAQs about the Children's Reception Team (CRT) and Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). Complete a CPI form (Community Partnership Information form) to share non-urgent information with the Police

Partnership Board meeting held on the 29th March 2022 – Key Information

- Hampshire Constabulary presented their Action Plan following the outcome of the HMICFRS's inspection in June 2021.

- Children's Social Care provided an update to members on Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) looked after by the Isle of Wight. Members also discussed the process in place for Ukrainian families arriving in the UK and on the Island. A partnership response is in place which CSC are leading from a safeguarding checks perspective

- Marcia Tanyanyiwa, Junior/Primary Schools Cyber Ambassador Coordinator for the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner joined the meeting alongside 3 Cyber Ambassadors from The Bay School. Marcia presented the results of the Parent/Carer Cyber Safety survey which explored how well parents/carers can currently support their child or young person with any online safety concerns. 245 responses for the IOW were received. 67% agreed or strongly agreed with the statement that they wanted to improve their understanding of online safety and what to do if they come across problems online. 60% agreed or strongly agreed with the statement that they would like to improve their approach when speaking about online safety at home. The Apps they would like to learn more about, and particular online safety topics were collected and importantly how families would like to learn about these e.g. attend online sessions, watch videos, attend in person sessions. Results from the survey will be used to create (and sign post to) resources to help parents/carers support their children and shape the learning and digital skills children and young people are equipped with as part of the Cyber Ambassador scheme. The children presented on what online safety means to them and their friends, what trusted adults can do to help them stay safe online, and what they have done in their roles as cyber ambassadors to support peers online.

- Jenny Burn presented a paper on school exclusions and the data around children with vulnerabilities This paper will be used to inform the IOWSCP Business Plan Priority for 2022-23 on non-attendance of children at school.

- The Education Self-Assessment Audit Report for 2021 was presented. The Audit requires governing bodies to carry out an annual review of their safeguarding practice. As with previous years, all Island schools returned their self-assessments. Each school is required to develop an action plan to address any gaps and to improve areas identified for development through the audit. The report will be analysed by the IOWSCP Education Subgroup.

- Partner Agencies were presented with a Data Sharing Agreement which covers the sharing of information between the signatory Partner Organisation and the Isle of Wight Council, who are acting as host controller for the IOWSCP. It details the specific purposes for sharing information and the personal information being shared, the required operational procedures, consent processes, and the legal justification that underpins the disclosure/exchange of information. It is a key protocol, and each Partner Agency is required to sign the agreement, although it is not applicable for schools. Agencies were asked to complete the Agreement.

- The annual review of the Partnership Board and Business Group Terms of Reference (TOR) were completed prior to the meeting and updated TOR were presented to members. The Business Group has been re-named the 'Executive Group. It's role is to ensures statutory functions are met and to drive the Business Plan forward. The Partnership Board acts as the critical friend. The two Terms of Reference, along with the TOR of our other Subgroups, can be found on our About Us Webpage: Executive, Partnership Board.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday 30th June 2022

IOWSCP Business Plan 2022-23

The Busines Plan priorities for the IOWSCP during 2022-23 have now been set. The Business plan is available on our About Us webpage.

Part A: Long Term Strategic Objectives
1. Safeguarding Adolescents
2. Neglect
3. Child Sexual Abuse Strategy

Part B: Short Term Objectives
1. Evaluate the impact of IOWSC initiatives and programmes
2. Promote the work of the IOWSCP
3. Non-attendance of children at school

Part C: Media campaign objectives
1. Reducing non accidental injuries in under 1s
2. Keeping children safe online

The HIPS (Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton LSCPs) Spring Child Exploitation Newsletter is available here.

IOWSCP Case File Audits 2022-23

The IOWSCP conducts multiagency case file audits each year which are designed to identify areas for learning, and celebrate good practice in terms of process and outcomes for the child. The focus is on the lived experience of the child and how the case was managed.

The dates and themes for audits in 2022-23 are listed below for members to flag up to staff.

	Audit 1 Vulnerable children missing education for medical reasons or illness	**Audit 2** MASH Theme- Neglect focus	**Audit 3** Unborn/ Newborn Baby Safeguarding Protocol	**Audit 4** Safeguarding adolescents with mental health issues
Terms of Reference, Audit Tools and selected Cases will be sent to professionals on:	4th May 2022	4th July 2022	26th Sep 2022	21st Nov 2022
Audits to be held on:	14th & 22nd June 2022	23rd Aug 2022	9th & 15th Nov 2022	10th & 18th Jan 2023

IOWSCP Training

The IOWSCP provides an annual comprehensive training programme which is fully funded by the Safeguarding Partnership and available for all Isle of Wight Professionals from Partner and Relevant Agencies on the IOW. Our training programme is hosted on the Isle of Wight Council's Learning Hub and accessible via our website. Additional e-learning and some children and adult social care safeguarding courses are also available on the Learning Hub. Our website also contains links to training provided by other agencies.

An introduction to children who go missing from home/care Delivered via: Microsoft Teams 18th May, 12pm-1pm 22nd February 2023 12pm-1pm	This course covers the definition of missing, the process of reporting a child missing and the responses. Understand the purpose of Missing Conversations and how these help inform planning. It will cover the role of push and pull factors and highlight some of the risks which can be associated with missing episodes. It will include reflection on professional considerations for practice and provide details of Local Authority points of contact in relation to missing children.
An introduction to Honest Conversations (IOWSCP & HSCP) Course Level: Subject Specific Level 3 Delivered via: Microsoft Team 25th May, 7pm-8.30pm 9th November, 9.30am-11am 15th March 2023, 9.30am-11am	Professionals are required to have honest conversations with parents/carers, children, and other professionals they come into contact with. It can sometimes be difficult to navigate these conversations, and to convey what you need to say in an understanding and accepting way. This course is an introduction to navigating these dialogues.
An Introduction to Modern Slavery Webinar for Professionals Working with Children (HIPS) Delivered via: Microsoft Teams 7th December, 9.30am-11am	An introductory Level 1 session to raise awareness of child trafficking and modern slavery
Brooks Sexual Behaviour Traffic Light Tool Level 3 Delivered via: Zoom 21st June, 9.30am-1pm 23rd November, 9.30am-1pm	Brook's nationally recognised Sexual Behaviours Traffic Light Tool training provides a highly visible, multi-agency response that helps professionals to identify, understand and respond appropriately to sexual behaviours in young people.
CERAF—Risk assessing and Completing - An Introduction to the HIPS CERAF Toolkit Course Level: Level 2 Delivered via: Microsoft Teams 6th July, 12pm-1.30pm 23rd November, 12pm-1.30pm 1st March 2023, 12pm-1.30pm	This workshop is an introduction of the new toolkit only. The expectation is that those attending are aware of what exploitation is and have had some basic training/experience in this.
Child Exploitation - As a health professional, what do I need to know? Intercollegiate training Level 3 Delivered via: Microsoft Teams 15th June, 1.30pm-3pm 16th November, 9.30am-11am	This training, designed specifically for all health practitioners, aims to develop understanding and awareness of the different and evolving types of exploitation that children may experience and seeks to empower health professionals to recognise and respond to any identified risk factors.
Harmful Practices—An Introduction to Child Abuse Linked Faith and Belief (CALFB) (Including witchcraft) (HIPS) Course Level: Subject Specific Level 3 Delivered via: Microsoft Teams 14th September, 9.30am-11am 8th March 2023 9.30am-11am	This Level 3 subject-specific course will help professionals to recognise and respond to situations where abused linked to beliefs in 'witchcraft' is suspected.
Missing, Exploited and Trafficked Children (MET) Subject Specific Level 3 Delivered via: Microsoft Teams 2nd November,, 9.30am-11am 4th January 2023 1.30pm-3pm	With a strong emphasis on multi-agency working and information sharing, this course is designed to create greater awareness of child exploitation
Understanding, identifying and responding to neglect (HSCP & IOWSCP) Delivered via: Microsoft Teams 8th June, 1.30pm-3pm 2nd November, 7pm-8.30pmp 22nd February 2023 9.30am-11am	This course will introduce the revised HSCP and IOWSCP Neglect Strategy and consider how it supports our understanding about what we know nationally and locally about neglect and the impact on the child. It will identify the 6 types of neglect and their key indicators, consider their impact within the context of local case examples and reflect on the professional challenges this presents. It will introduce the updated Toolkit and consider how this can be utilised to support effective responses to neglect.
Working Together to Safeguard Children Level 3 Delivered via: Zoom 6th July, 13th September, 10th November, 17th January 2023, 9th March 2023	This course is particularly relevant for professionals who potentially contribute to assessing, planning, intervening and/or evaluating the needs of children or a young person. This virtual course consists of a pre-course workbook and a full-day Zoom webinar. ****Applicants must have completed Level 2 training and be working confidently at this level to be suitable****

Additional courses with dates coming soon:

Teenage Sexual Behaviours (Level 2). This half day workshop explores and considers information and views in relation to sexual relationships and behaviour between children and adolescents. Level 2.

Family Approach to mental health, domestic abuse and substance misuse (Level 2). This innovative and creative workshop explores the intersection of substance abuse, mental health and domestic abuse within families and the impact on individuals and families.

Complex multi-agency safeguarding children (Level 4). This two-day course is suitable for members of the workforce who have particular responsibilities with undertaking enquir-