

Spring
2023

ISLE OF WIGHT SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP (IOWSCP)



Safeguarding Children

To report safeguarding concerns please complete the [Inter-Agency Referral Form \(IARF\)](#). 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 27th March 2023 – Key Information

James Seward joined the meeting to present on Project Fusion, which is a partnership project between the IOW NHS Trust, Southern Health, Solent Trust and Sussex Trust to bring together community, mental health and learning disability services. A new organisation is expected to be in place by March 2024. A clinical leadership group is working on a structure and a business case to be presented to NHS England. The benefits would include input and clinical support of partners and the changes on the ground were viewed as improvements in the provision of services which weren't previously available. Members sought assurance that the partnership would result in levelling up and not impact IOW services. James has been invited back to the September meeting to provide further update on the project.

Jim Pegler attended the meeting to present the work of the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU), which now has a central point in order to gain a more consistent approach across the whole of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The mission of the VRU is to prevent violence by building a collaborative, courageous and sustainable partnership which will drive the change required to successfully address the causes and consequences of violence. The small team, funded for three years, will develop a better systemic and shared approach.

An outcome report of the IOWSCP's annual audit of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) was presented. This audit forms part of the annual work of the Performance and Quality Assurance (PQA) subgroup. The audit examined current practice with regards to cases referred to CRT MASH; the assessment and decision making processes; actions taken and the outcomes reached where Neglect was the presenting factor. In addition, a staff survey was undertaken and the results analysed to inform the audit. Consideration will be given to repeating the staff survey in 2023-24, but not anonymised this time. There were a number of key areas of strength noted and recommendations agreed around referrer feedback, the Threshold Chart being updated and training development opportunities around the Neglect Strategy and toolkit; on the use of the thresholds chart and how to complete an effective IARF; MASH processes; and using the escalation policy.

A second audit report was presented, this one on the Unborn/Newborn Baby Safeguarding Protocol. The audit looked at cases where concerns for the unborn/newborn baby were raised and how the concerns were managed and responded to. It offered assessment of how well agencies working with families are using the [HIPS Unborn/Newborn Baby Safeguarding Protocol](#), and the use of [Safer Sleep](#) and [ICON](#) resources to support families. Key strengths included the use of the resources and referrals being clear and timely. Assessments demonstrated analysis of the needs of the baby, risk factors, short and long term impacts of risks and the likelihood of change within the family. Positive examples of multi-agency working were noted, as well as examples of professional's persistence and flexibility in engaging parents in support. Areas for development included timely completion and sharing of pre and post birth plans/Child In Need plans and accessing and recording of supervision. Recommendations from both audits will be monitored by the PQA subgroup.

The Education Self-Assessment Audit Report 2022 was provided to members. The self-assessment 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 is analysed through the IOWSCP Education subgroup. Recommendations from the audit included work around the expectations about challenging and reporting prejudicial language and behaviour into processes and school policies, greater awareness and understanding around child-on-child abuse, and more clarity on the whistle-blowing policy and role of the [LADO](#) Service (Local Authority Designated Officer).

Steve Crocker, Director of Children's Social Care, provided a verbal update on the care review consultation. The Government have now published their response to the review and this is out for consultation until May. It was agreed agencies would provide the Partnership Team with their responses for a joint response to be submitted on behalf of the IOWSCP. A main area of the review is a vision of multi-agency family help teams including co-location and co-alignment of services.

The review of Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 statutory guidance is underway with the updated document expected in May. It is widely anticipated Education will become the fourth Safeguarding Partnership of Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships, however the logistics of around this are understood to still being worked on.

The Q1 and Q2 2022/23 multi-agency data report was presented to members. Key observations highlighted included:

- The percentage of Looked After Children who have dental checks up to date and within timescales
- The number of CERAFs received in comparison to the same quarters in 2021-22
- The increased rate of the number of adults assessed for mental ill health where there is a child/children in the household
- The incremental increase in the number of children seen in A&E with alleged alcohol related incidents
- The average time of referral to assessment in CAMHs being lower than the previous two quarters and the average time from assessment to first appointment is at the third lowest it has been going back over the previous 10 quarters.
- The number of care leavers being in employment, education or training remains consistently above 70%

Scott Mackechnie thanked Steve Crocker for his contribution towards the Partnership and national work in safeguarding children. Stuart Ashley, the new Director of Children's Services, will remain as part of the Board and Steph How will join the Board as the new Deputy Director for Children's Social Care. Scott also thanked Jenny Burn for her contribution to the Partnership and chairing of the Education subgroup. Martyn Beales will replace Jenny on the Board and will become the new Education Subgroup chair. We extend a warm welcome them both.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday 20th July 2023

HIPS Child Sexual Abuse Strategy and Toolkit

Hampshire, Isle of Wight,
Portsmouth & Southampton (HIPS)
Child Sexual Abuse Strategy
2023



The [HIPS Child Sexual Abuse Strategy](#) has been developed with the Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton LSCPS to support a coordinated approach to preventing child sexual abuse (CSA), and to improve the identification, protection, and support for victims, survivors and their families. It has been created to improve the ways in which children's needs and risks are understood, recognised and responded to at all stages.

This strategy aims to support all victims and survivors and tackle offending by recognising the complex and interconnected nature of child sexual abuse. The strategy, therefore, promotes a whole-system response to effectively protect and safe-

guard children.

The successful implementation of the strategy will be achieved through continued cultural change in which the workforce communities and families develop the confidence to '**think the unthinkable**', recognise the signs that abuse might be occurring and have those brave conversations.

HIPS Child Exploitation Strategy 2023-26

A strategic child exploitation group is established across the HIPS (Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton) area to provide leadership and direction, ensuring a coordinated partnership response to child exploitation through the [HIPS Child Exploitation Strategy](#).

This strategy sets out the agreed priority areas that all partner agencies will work towards to ensure the most effective and coordinated response to exploitation and extra familial harm. This includes recognising the need to work with our colleagues across the four local safeguarding adult boards (4LSAB) to ensure there are appropriate transitional safeguarding arrangements in place to support all victims of exploitation.

This strategy should be read in conjunction with relevant safeguarding procedures which can be found on the [HIPS Procedures website](#) and with relevant LSCP strategies and toolkits, including the HIPS Child Sexual Abuse Strategy and toolkit.

Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth
& Southampton (HIPS) Strategy
**Child Exploitation &
Extra-Familial Harm**
2023-26



The right to choose: Government guidance on forced marriage

The marriage of civil partnership (minimum age) Act 2022 came into force on the 27th February which means that 16 and 17 year olds are no longer allowed to marry or enter a civil partnership, even if they have parental consent.

It is now an offence to cause a child under the age of 18 to enter a marriage in any circumstances, without the need to prove that a form of coercion was used. This includes non-legally binding 'traditional' ceremonies which would still be viewed as marriages by the parties and their families.

Further information is available here:

- [Home Office guidance](#)
- [Home Office guidance—Easy Read version](#)
- [Forced Marriage Resource Pack](#)



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THE ISLE OF WIGHT
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A new counselling service for children and young people who:

- Live, work or go to school in Southampton, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight or Portsmouth
- Are bereaved by suicide
- Are aged 4-18 years (25 years with SEND)



SUPPORTING PARENT RELATIONSHIPS: ONE PLUS ONE TRAINING

The Supporting Parent Relationships programme is the Islands commitment to reducing conflict between parents – whether they are together or separated. Not all conflict is damaging, but when children witness adults who argue or ignore each other for long periods, it can have a negative impact on their mental health and life chances.



Supporting Families, want to encourage professionals to signpost families to support at the earliest opportunity. New resources are available to all parents. To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer. It's **FREE** to use, you just need to create an account. The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace—do it all in one go or save your progress and come back to it later.

Visit www.iow.gov.uk/supportingfamilies and check out 'see it differently' videos which look at the impact of parental conflict through the eyes of a child.



Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. This online course is designed to help parents to work co-operatively, and help to develop positive communication skills, in order to solve disagreements and find solutions together.

Topics covered:

- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Why it's helpful to see things from a different point of view.
- What to do to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.
- Families can also go directly to their local Family Hub and speak to a member of staff for additional support.

Debt and relationships

Debt and money troubles are among the biggest causes of relationship stress.

In the short animations, real couples tell their stories of being in debt and the steps they took to get things back on track.

For worries about debt, watch these clips to see why it's best to act as soon as possible, and why it's always a good idea for people talk to their partner about what's happening.

Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. The way these conversations are approached can make a big difference to the family. This course will help in managing difficult conversations, avoiding conflict, and improving things for the whole family. Topics covered:

- Where stress comes from and it's effect
- Ways to recognise stress and talk about it
- How to support each other through difficult times
- What causes arguments and how to stop them

Me, you and baby too

Having a baby can be an exciting time but it is also one of the biggest changes. Tiredness and stress can lead to more arguments. This online course will help in navigating these changes to keep moving forward together.

Topics covered:

- What a baby picks up, even before they are born.
- Why stress should be a shared burden.
- How partners can support each other.
- How to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.

Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership 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



It is known that children who go missing from home or care are at risk of suffering harm and there are specific risks around children running away and the risk of sexual exploitation.

[12th July 2023, 12pm-1pm via Microsoft Teams](#)

[17th January 2024, 12pm-1pm via Microsoft Teams](#)

Level 2

An introduction to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) (HIPS Course)



This training will discuss the different types of Female Genital Mutilation and how to identify those at risk.

[20th September 2023, 9.30am-11am via Microsoft Teams](#)

[13th March, 9.30am-11am via Microsoft Teams](#)

Level 3 subject specific

An introduction to having Honest Conversations



This course is an introduction to navigating having honest conversations with parents/carers, children and other professionals in an understanding and accepting way.

[21st June 2023, 9.30am-11am via Microsoft Teams](#)

[22nd November 2023, 1.30pm-3pm via Microsoft Teams](#)

[31st January 2024, 9.30am-11am via Microsoft Teams](#)

Level 3

An introduction to honour Based Abuse, Forced Marriage and Dowry (HIPS course)



This introductory course will help develop professional knowledge and seek to answer questions about what constitutes Honour Based Abuse and forced marriage.

[27th September 2023, 9.30am-11am via Microsoft Teams](#)

[20th March 2024, 9.30am-11am via Microsoft Teams](#)

Subject Specific Level 3

An introduction to the Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Framework (CERAF) (Level 2)



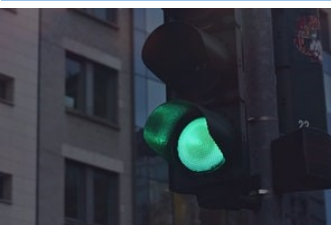
A practical session to support professionals with understanding the CERAF and observing best practice guidance when it is being completed.

[7th June 2023, 1.30pm-3pm via Microsoft Teams](#)

[13th December 2023, 9.30am-11am via Microsoft Teams](#)

Level 2

Brooks Sexual Behaviour Traffic Light Tool



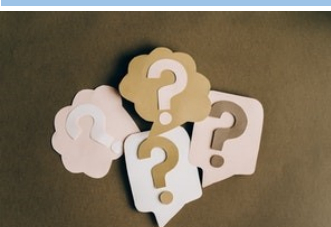
Brook's nationally recognised Sexual Behaviours Traffic Light Tool training provides a highly visible, multi-agency response that helps professionals to identify, understand and respond appropriately to sexual behaviours in young people.

[14th June 2023 9.30am-1pm via Zoom](#)

[21st November 2023 9.30am-1pm via Zoom](#)

Level 3

Child Exploitation—As a health professional, what do I need to know?



Designed specifically for health practitioners, this training develops understanding and awareness of the different and evolving types of exploitation that children may experience and empowers health professionals to recognise and respond to any identified risk factors.

[12th July 2023, 9.30am-11am via Microsoft Teams](#)

[17th January 2024, 9.30am-11am via Microsoft Teams](#)

Intercollegiate training level 3

Harmful Practices - An Introduction to Child Abuse Linked to Faith and Belief



This training will help professionals to recognise and respond to situations where abuse linked to faith and belief is suspected.

[20th September 2023, 1.30pm-3pm via Microsoft Teams](#)

[13th March 2024, 1.30pm-3pm via Microsoft Teams](#)

Level 3

The list of training courses continues

Information Sharing Learning (Clare's Law and Sarah's Law)

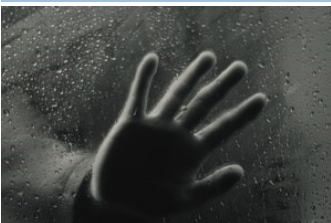


Learn when and how to share information with vulnerable members of the public about people in their life for safeguarding reasons

[6th June 2023, 9.15am-10.30am via Microsoft Teams](#)

As this is an information session no level is assigned to it.

Missing, Exploited and Trafficked Children (MET)



This course is designed to create greater awareness of child exploitation.

[7th June 2023, 9.30am-11am via Microsoft Teams](#)

[13th December 2023, 1.30pm-3pm via Microsoft Teams](#)

Level 3

Safeguarding Adolescents in Hampshire and on the Isle of Wight



This new webinar supports professionals in improving outcomes for children transitioning through this period, to safeguard them from psychological and physical harm

[26th April 2023, 6.30pm-8.30pm via Microsoft Teams](#)

[11th October 2023, 1.30pm-3.30pm via Microsoft Teams](#)

[10th January 2024, 9.30am-11.30am via Microsoft Teams](#)

Level 3

Safeguarding Disabled Children, including children with a Learning Disability (HSCP & IOWSCP course)



This training will help employees and volunteers to understand how disabilities can impact children's lives, families and their care.

[24th May 2023, 1.30pm-3pm via Microsoft Teams](#)

[6th September 2023, 1.30pm-3pm via Microsoft Teams](#)

[17th January 2024, 1.30pm-3pm via Microsoft Teams](#)

Level 3 subject specific

Understanding, identifying and responding to neglect



This course will guide Hampshire professionals through the HSCP and IOWSCP Neglect Strategy and Toolkit and enable them to transfer this knowledge into practice.

[10th May 2023, 7pm-8.30pm via Microsoft Teams](#)

[4th October 2023, 9.30am-11am via Microsoft Teams](#)

[21st February 2024, 1.30pm-3pm via Microsoft Teams](#)

Level 2

Working Together to Safeguard Children



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 course consists of a pre-course workbook and a full-day face-to-face session.

****Applicants must have completed Level 2 training and be working confidently at this level to be suitable****

[3rd May 2023, 9.30am-4pm, Hunnyhill Room, Riverside Centre, Newport](#)

[6th July 2023, 9.30am-4pm, Hunnyhill Room, Riverside Centre, Newport](#)

[3rd October 2023, 9.30am-4pm, Hunnyhill Room, Riverside Centre, Newport](#)

Level 3

CPI Form (Community Partnership Information) Guide

This short [guide](#) produced from the previous CPI training package, explains what the CPI form is, how to use it, what happens with the information provided through it and what to do if you are concerned about sharing information. The CPI form itself can be found on the Hampshire Police [Safe4me website](#)

MAPPA 1 Minute Guide (Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements)

This [1 minute guide](#) will explain what MAPPA is, why it is important, how it is conducted and frequently asked questions.

Quick links to Toolkits



Every Sleep Counts



Neglect



Adopting a Family Approach



Abusive Head Trauma / ICON



Safeguarding Adolescents



Child Sexual Abuse



Understanding Unidentified Adults