

ISLE OF WIGHT SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP



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Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2019/20

I am pleased to inform you that the [Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership 2019/20 Annual Report](#) on the effectiveness of the arrangements across agencies on the Isle of Wight to protect children has now been published on our website.

I am confident that the conclusions indicate that safeguarding arrangements on the island have continued to improve over the year with a real commitment to protecting children demonstrated across the partnership.

Under Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, the IOWSCP has a statutory requirement to publish an annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area. This report provides an assessment of the effectiveness of local arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, set against a comprehensive analysis of the local safeguarding context.

The IOWSCP continues to make positive progress in many areas of child protection. This includes maintaining strong and integrated front line services in conjunction with the Children's Services partnership with Hampshire.

There are some challenges to maintaining robust child protection arrangements across the Island and we have been working to ensure effective change management as we implement the new arrangements for Safeguarding Partners laid out in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018. Our priorities for 2020/21 are outlined in the Annual Report.

I hope that you will find this report informative. It is intended for circulation to front line professionals and I would be grateful if you can facilitate this where appropriate.

On behalf of all members of the Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership, I would like to take this opportunity to thank partner agencies for their continued energy, hard work and commitment to safeguarding children on the Island.

Derek Benson, Independent Chair Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership



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Board meeting 23rd September – Key Information

- An update was provided on the health transformation programme. This is where the six Clinical Commissioning Groups covering Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Southampton are merging to form a new commissioning organisation.
- The Independent Chair facilitated a discussion around diversity, inclusion and safeguarding, members discussed whether the Partnership is meeting the needs of children from minority communities.
- Members were informed that Ofsted will be restarting focussed visits from mid-September. These usually focus on a topic or cohort, but will have a broader scope and the fieldwork will take place over 3 days in order to facilitate this.
- The IOW NHS Trust provided an update on the work that has been undertaken since the CQC Inspection and then revisit in 2019.
- The Exploitation Audit Report was presented. Clear improvements were seen from the last audit particularly the voice of the child in MASH case summaries.
- Solent NHS Trust attended the meeting and provided an update on the 0-19 Service transfer, which is now due to take effect from the 1st November 2020.
- Members were informed that through a partnership with the IOW CCG, NHS Trust and Youth Trust, Barnardo's will be delivering a Mental Health Support Team (MHST) project on the Island. The MHSTs will deliver evidenced based interventions to young people with mild to moderate mental health difficulties.

Next Board Meeting: 18th December 2020

Partnership Team

The team can be contacted via

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Meetings

Board and subgroup meetings continue virtually and meeting dates for 2021-22 have now been set. These can be found on our website [here](#).

Referrals

Referrals to the Learning Inquiry Group (LIG) for Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (LCSPRs) should continue via the usual processes. Information on LCSPRs can be found on our new [Learning Reviews webpage](#).

IOWSCP Task and Finish Groups

Safeguarding Adolescents

In partnership with Hants LSCP, this group will explore understanding, responses and provision for safeguarding adolescent children. Gaps and strengths will be utilised to develop a partnership response aimed at ensuring adolescent children and their families receive the right level of support and intervention, at the right time, by skilled professionals.

Child Sexual Abuse Strategy

This group's role is to develop a multi-agency Child Sexual Abuse strategy for use across Hampshire and the IOW. The strategy will address identification, intervention and prevention of child sexual abuse and be supported by:

- multi-agency training and awareness raising on child sexual abuse specifically,
- collation and development of work tools specifically to help children speak to trusted people about sexual abuse.

Looked After Children (LAC)

This cross departmental multi-agency working group has been established to:

- Better understand the children on IOW who are currently in the care of the local authority, and those who are likely to become looked after.
- Consider common factors associated with this group of children including local, demographical and socio-economic factors.
- Map the services that the children and their families receive from IOW agencies to consider other opportunities for innovative and proactive partnership work to intervene and support families earlier.
- Use the information from the above to develop an agreed multi-agency approach to enable children to safely remain with their families on IOW.

Neglect

This joint HSCP and IOWSCP group will:

- Respond to the outcomes of the 2019 IOWSCP evaluation of Neglect
- Update the joint IOWSCP / HSCP Neglect Strategy
- Review the joint online Neglect Toolkit to include additional information on neglect and consider other tools and practical information to support front line practice.
- Review current LSCP training offer on neglect
- Consider gaps and other opportunities to promote best practice in multi-agency working to understand and respond to neglect.

Upcoming IOWSCP Training Courses:

HIPS Child Exploitation – as a health professional what do you need to know?

[Wednesday 11th November 2020, 1.30 - 3pm](#)

[Wednesday 25th November 2020, 7 - 8.30pm](#)

Learning outcomes:

- To develop awareness and understanding of the different types of child exploitation
- To develop skills in recognising the signs of exploitation in children
- To consider the appropriate response of health practitioners when risks and indicators of exploitation in children are identified, including how to utilise the skills and expertise of multi-agency partners
- To develop awareness of the risk assessment tools available to health practitioners to support the assessment and identification of risk

Attendees must use Internet Explorer to access the course, using an alternative browser can cause greatly reduced functionality, such as sound issues.

This webinar is for health professionals only.

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CERAF (Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Framework)

The CERAF is a child exploitation risk assessment tool and updates and replaces the previously used SERAF risk assessment tool (with no change to the pronunciation). This updated form was formally launched on the 1st September.

A CERAF should be completed as soon as potential concerns regarding any form of child exploitation are identified. Exploitation may include: Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE), County Lines (CL), Modern Day Slavery (MDS) or child trafficking concerns.

The evidence may follow a missing episode, or increasing occasions of a child being missing from school, staying out late, associating with new peers/associates where there may be some concerns or known intelligence risk.

The tool recognises that:

- Professional judgement is as equally important as the score.
- Supports professionals to be mindful that child exploitation does not exist as a standalone issue.
- Advocates the need to gather information from multiple sources.
- Guides professionals to include details on the frequency and extent of risk factors identified.
- Prompts professionals to provide relevant details for each vulnerability and risk factor identified.

The Full [CERAF risk assessment tool](#) and [guidance notes](#) can be found on the [HIPS Procedures website](#).

A link is also available on the IOWSCP website on both the Professionals Exploitation and IOW Resources pages.

Adults Newsletter

[The Autumn 2020 IOW Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter](#) is



available here. In this edition they are launching their Learning Briefing on Self-neglect with colleagues in Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton, giving some useful information about the MARM process, sharing Covid-related resources, and letting you know about upcoming training.

HIPS Exploitation Newsletter

The Safeguarding Children Partnerships of Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton (HIPS) are working together to tackle child exploitation. A quarterly newsletter is developed to keep professionals in the HIPS areas up-to-date with issues, work being undertaken, and to flag up local and national campaigns.

The Summer Newsletter can be [found here](#), and previous newsletters can be found on both our [Professionals Child Exploitation webpage](#) and [IOW Resources webpage](#)



Good News Stories

Schools have worked hard through this time to support staff, pupils and wider communities and in spite of all of the challenges faced at numerous levels we're delighted to share an array of positive examples of what they have been up to. The Good News Stories showcase the wonderful opportunities that schools have provided for children on the Isle of Wight and show how creative, resourceful and determined school staff have been to ensure that children are kept safe, happy and learning.

[Good news story 1](#), [Good news story 2](#)

Domestic Abuse Forum (DAF)

16 Days of Action against domestic abuse and sexual violence

25th November to 10th December

This DAF campaign focusses on employer's duty to protect and provide support for their employees by creating an environment where staff feel confident to disclose and employers have the skills and knowledge to support them.

Key tasks within campaign:

- Promoting local services and support for victims and perpetrators
- Highlighting the many forms of abuse and that it can affect anyone.
- Raising awareness of the increased pressure on victims during COVID and lockdown.
- Asking employers to sign a pledge recognising their commitment to domestic violence and having guidance in place to support anyone who is affected by it. In return they will receive access to free Dragonfly training, guidance and model policies to adapt and use, posters and local support information.

You First are offering free Dragonfly training everyday throughout the campaign and are happy to discuss the workshops with employers. Please contact Sue Marsh for more information and to book your space sue.marsh@theyoutrust.org.uk

WightDASH are offering a 2 hour taster session for DA programmes facilitated via Zoom. Please contact Fiona Gwinnett for more information and to book your space fiona.gwinnett@wightdash.co.uk

Hampton Trust - There is support for victims and perpetrators. If someone you know is hurting someone with words or actions support is available. Call 02380 009898 for non-judgmental support or visit Hampton Trust website www.hamptontrust.org.uk

Training - Free domestic abuse training is available to all staff via the learning hub <https://iwc.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=145>

A Women's Aid survivor survey shows that abusers are using Covid-19 to perpetrate abuse and in some instances this is escalating, particularly where people are reliant on their abusers to get food and medication. Children are witnessing more incidents in the home and families are being advised to stay home throughout periods of lockdown. Unfortunately, home is not a safe place for everyone. Domestic abuse is everyone's business and during this pandemic period and throughout lockdown demand has increased for support services.

The message is clear, domestic abuse is **never** acceptable and there are local support services available for anyone who needs it.

For more information on domestic abuse please visit www.iwight.com/domesticabuse

Early Help Assessments

Children's Social Care and developed an [Early Help Assessment leaflet](#) for families to explain the EHA process.



A guide for parents, children and young people



Adolescent to Parent Violence (APV) or Child to Parent Violence (CPV)

APV or CPV can be defined as 'abusive behaviour perpetrated by a son or daughter against a parent, who is legally recognised as a child and is most likely still living in the family home. Abusive behaviours

which are recognised to be involved in APV include but are not limited to, threats, name calling, humiliation, threats to harm themselves or others, property damage, physical violence and theft (Holt, 2015). APV is not restricted to violence by an adolescent against a parent; it extends to violence against a family member who is acting as a parent i.e. common-law in-laws, foster family, grandparents, aunt or uncle. It must be acknowledged that there is the potential for APV to occur even when the adolescent does not live in the same property as their parents.

[This leaflet](#), provided by the OPCC (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) details what APV is, the indicators, and help can be found.

