

ISLE OF WIGHT SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP



Covid-19

Safeguarding children on the Isle of Wight remains a priority as we work through the current situation with the coronavirus.

These are uniquely challenging times and the strength of the local partnership on the Isle of Wight will stand us all in good stead to meet those challenges.

Working practices will continue to evolve over the coming weeks to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our communities. You will have received guidance from your own organisation, but may I also assure you that the Safeguarding Partnership structure continues to operate.

We are reassessing our planned activity and adopting a pragmatic approach to what is feasible as we adapt to new working arrangements, but our commitment to provide help and support where needed is as strong as ever.

We have developed a [list of resources and guidance](#) for professionals and parents/carers during the current Covid-19 situation. We will continue to update this list, which can also be accessed via our website [homepage](#).

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Next Board Meeting:

18th June 2020

Board Meeting 19th March - Key Information

The [2020-23 IOWSCP Business Plan](#) was agreed and is now available on the IOWSCP website.

This was developed following discussions in February on:

- Safeguarding Partners activities, risks and pressures
- Subgroup activity during 2019-20
- Review of Partnership working and effectiveness
- IOWSCP strategic objectives and activities

A three-year business plan has been agreed in order to allow for projects to be embedded and evaluation of the impact to be assessed. The Business Plan has been developed to focus on a set of agreed priorities that have been grouped into long-term strategic objectives and several shorter-term activities.

Partnership Team – The Team will continue to respond to enquiries via SCP@iow.gov.uk and 01983 814545.

Meetings - Board and subgroup meetings will continue as scheduled, however these will be held virtually and dial in details provided for each meeting.

Referrals - During this time, referrals to the Learning Inquiry Group (LIG) for Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews should continue via the usual process.

Training - The 2020-21 Training Program has been developed by the Workforce Development Subgroup and agreed by the Partnership Board.

2020-21 courses and their learning outcomes are detailed on the IOWSCP [Training webpage](#).

However, due to the current Coronavirus pandemic, face-to-face training courses have been put on hold. Work is underway to explore the use of e-learning courses where suitable.

Ongoing items:

The Partnership Team will be writing to Partner Agencies shortly to request information for the 2019-20 IOWSCP Annual Report.

All Island schools should have now received from the Partnership Team the Keeping Children Safe in Education Self-assessment tool. The deadline for returning completed tools and action plans has been extended given the current situation with Covid-19, to the 30th June. Please return completed Self-assessment tools to SCP@iow.gov.uk

New items on the website:

- [IOWSCP Board Members](#) *Updated
- [Every Sleep Counts Toolkit](#)
- [CRT and MASH FAQs](#)