



Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Board

Business Plan 2019-20

Introduction

This Business Plan outlines the agreed priorities for Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Board (IOWSCB) during 2019-20. IOWSCB is a statutory body set-up under the Children Act 2004. The Board consists of partner agencies that cooperate with each other to safeguard children and promote their welfare. We are responsible collectively as a Board for strategic oversight of child protection arrangements across the Isle of Wight and our role is to lead, coordinate, develop, challenge and monitor the delivery of effective child protection and safeguarding practice by all agencies across the Island. The Board maintains strategic oversight to ensure that arrangements are working across the whole system, not just in our individual agencies, and are keeping children safe.

Our Purpose

Section 14 of the Children Action 2004 sets out the statutory objectives of each LSCB, which are:

- To coordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in their area.
- To ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person for those purposes.

Statutory framework

The statutory framework that underpins Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) has changed. The new Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 sets out new statutory responsibilities for Safeguarding Partners – the Local Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group and the Police – to form new Safeguarding Children Partnerships. These arrangements need to be confirmed by 29 June 2019 and in place by 29 September 2019. Therefore this Business Plan is a transitional plan to bridge the change from Local Safeguarding Children Board to Local Safeguarding Children Partnership.

Key Priorities for 2019-20

The IOWSCB Business Plan 2019-20 is intentionally focused on strategic priorities that form the basis of the work of the Board over the coming year. These priorities support the statutory functions of the IOWSCB and the partnership response to protecting vulnerable children, preventing harm and promoting their welfare.

The structure of the business plan allows the Board to remain flexible to respond to the emerging areas of work and also to refine existing programmes of activity in line with feedback received from children, their families and professionals. To support the delivery of the Business Plan the IOWSCB more detailed work plans, aligned to the Board's priorities, will be developed for each Sub and Working Group.

IOWSCB will take a leadership role in the delivery and quality assurance of partnership work in these areas. Progress against this plan will be reviewed and monitored by each individual subgroup / Task and Finish Group in the first instance. Quarterly updates will be provided against all work streams to the Executive Group. Where necessary and appropriate, the Executive Group will highlight both areas of concern and areas of good practice and success to the full IOWSCB Board meetings for further action.

Key Threads that Run Through all Priorities

- The voice and lived experience of the Child - to ensure that our work is child centred and we continually seek to engage and involve children and young people.
- Multi-agency partnership working - including the voluntary, faith and community sectors.
- Lessons are identified and learned from case reviews and multi-agency audits undertaken, and the monitoring of the implementation of recommendations.

Strategic Priority	Outcome	Actions
Further embed and evaluate IOWSCB initiatives	<p>That the IOWSCB fully delivers its agreed programme of initiatives to safeguard and promote wellbeing of Isle of Wight children and their families.</p> <p>That staff working with children and families are provided with tools and information to support them in their roles.</p> <p>That the IOWSCB, via delivery of different initiatives, is able to evidence positive impact and Isle of Wight children and families.</p>	<p>Formally launch the Family Approach protocol and toolkit with the other LSCBs and Local Safeguarding Adults Boards (LSABs) in the Pan-Hampshire area. Run a programme of multi-agency briefings and agree evaluation criteria for an end of year evaluation.</p> <p>Develop and embed the ICON programme, completing the public launch of the programme. Undertake first stage professional and public evaluation of impact of the programme to date.</p> <p>Launch the 'Safe Sleep' campaign with the other LSCBs and Child Death Overview Panels (CDOPs) in the Pan Hampshire area by Summer 2019. Conduct a first phase evaluation by the end of the reporting period.</p> <p>In collaboration with the other LSCBs in the Pan-Hampshire area, launch the Lurking Trolls online safety campaign aimed at primary school aged children across the four LSCB areas.</p> <p>Review the joint HSCB / IOWSCB Neglect toolkit and consider additional information to include. Conduct an evaluation of the understanding, use of the strategy and toolkit by front line professionals, and assess impact on children and families.</p>
Strengthening our Assurance Programmes	IOWSCB is assured that the services provided to children and their families on Isle of Wight are timely, appropriate and effective.	<p>Respond to the outcomes of the Keeping Children Safe (Section 11) audit to better promote staff understanding and awareness of key policies and procedures.</p> <p>Re-visit the individual agency responses to the Section 11 audit, and staff survey findings if required.</p> <p>Develop and implement a IOWSCB training longitudinal evaluation to evidence impact of multi-agency training.</p>

<p>Leadership and Transformation</p>	<p>The IOWSCB and the new Safeguarding Children Partnership, leads the safeguarding agenda, challenges the work of partner organisations, and commits to an approach that learns lessons, embeds good practice and is continually influenced by children, young people and their families.</p>	<p>Publish new safeguarding partnership arrangements by 29 June 2019, and full implementation by 29 September 2019 in line with Working Together 2018 statutory guidance.</p> <p>Publish new Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) arrangements by 29 June 2019, and full implementation by 29 September 2019 in line with Working Together 2018 statutory guidance.</p> <p>With colleagues across the other LSCBs in Pan-Hampshire, develop and implement new Pan Hampshire work streams including Exploitation and Health groups.</p>
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