

ISLE OF WIGHT SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP



Board Meeting 27th June 2019 - Key Information:

- Children's Social Care presented their strength based Transformation Programme. The new programme keeps risk to children at the centre, however shares control and power with families. Professionals work with families ensuring their views and wishes are heard, asking what will make life good for them and how do they want to get there. Staff training is currently being undertaken and will be offered to partner agencies. Tangible examples of changes agencies will see: Changes to proforma's, documents distributed differently, family meetings held earlier, de-professionalised language, assessments written to the child.
- An update on the CQC Inspection Action Plan was provided by the NHS Trust. Members discussed training on how children with disabilities communicate in non-traditional ways.
- A paper was provided on Housing Vulnerable Families, a further update will be provided at the December Board meeting.
- The results of the Operation Encompass survey were presented, which is an early intervention safeguarding partnership between Police and IOW schools to support children exposed to domestic abuse.
- The Quarter 4 2018/19 Performance & Quality Assurance data report was presented and discussed.
- The Family Approach Audit Report was presented which had very good outcomes. The voice of the child was clear and thorough and good practice examples were available.
- A paper was presented on hospital wards being a place of safety. This is an area being reviewed by NHS England across the IOW, Hants, Portsmouth and Southampton. Further updates will be presented at the December Board meeting.
- An update from the Domestic Abuse Forum was provided. The forum is working well with good partnership and an action plan is in place.
- A budget update was provided. The budget has been realigned to manage the impact of the planned changes to CDOP from 01/09/19. The new IOWSCP arrangements don't require independent authors for SCRs therefore the budget for this has been decreased.

Next Board Meeting – Thursday 19th September 2019

- 30th July – World Day against Trafficking in Persons
- 7th August – Play Day
- 12th August – International Youth Day
- 9th September - International Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Day
- 16th September – Sexual Health Week

Summer 2019

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Upcoming Training

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Information Sharing Workshop

18th September 9 – 12pm

18th September 1 – 4pm

Community Partnership Information (CPI) Session

23rd September 2019

1 – 3pm

Keeping Children Safe Online

15th October 2019

Hunnyhill Primary School, Newport

Missing Exploited & Trafficked Children

16th October 2019

Family Approach to Parenteral Mental Ill Health, Domestic Abuse and Substance Misuse

14th November 2019

21st November 2019

Child Neglect

17th December 2019

13th February 2020

Sandstories

15th January 2020

Working Together to Safeguarding Children

11th February

The above training courses can be accessed on our website:

<http://www.iowscp.org.uk/training>

Changes to the IOW Local Safeguarding Partnership (IOWSCP)

There are many agencies on the Isle of Wight supporting children and young people, and they all work together as a partnership to ensure they are keeping children safe. Safeguarding cannot be achieved in isolation and this has been an area of strength on the Island in recent years.

Following publication of the Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 statutory guidance and Children and Social Work Act 2017 the **Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership (IOWSCP)** has been established to enhance the already strong partnerships in place on the Island.

The IOWSCP replaces the Isle of Wight Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).

The IOWSCP consists of three safeguarding partners:

- Isle of Wight Council
- Hampshire and Isle of Wight Partnership of Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG)
- Hampshire Constabulary

And a number of partner agencies, known as Relevant Agencies:

- Adult Social Care
- Cafcass
- Children's Social Care
- Community Rehabilitation Company
- Early Years settings
- Education & Inclusion
- Education establishments
- Faith Groups
- Fire Service
- Lay members
- National Probation Service
- NHS England
- NHS Trust
- Primary Care Providers
- Public Health
- Regulatory Services
- Sporting Organisations
- Voluntary Sector Organisations
- Youth Offending Team

The IOWSCP provides the safeguarding arrangements for the safeguarding partners and relevant agencies to:

- coordinate their safeguarding services
- identify and respond to the needs of children on the Isle of Wight
- commission and publish local child safeguarding practice reviews
- provide scrutiny to ensure the effectiveness of the arrangements

The IOWSCP has published its New Arrangements document and this, as well as other information about the Partnership, can be found on their **NEW WEBSITE** (<http://www.iowscp.org.uk/>).

Changes to the IOW Local Safeguarding Partnership Contact Details

With the above new arrangements, the contact details for the SCP have been amended:

- **Email:** scp@iow.gov.uk (emails sent to LSCB@iow.gov.uk will be automatically re-directed)
- **Secure Email:** SCP@private.iow.gov.uk
- **Website:** www.iowscp.org.uk
- **Telephone:** Remains the same as 01983 814545
- **Twitter:** @IOWSCP

IOWSCP Conference 2019

This year's conference theme is **Safeguarding Children on the IOW** and will focus on safeguarding from a local perspective. The agenda and speakers are currently being arranged .



Safeguarding in Education Audits

All schools and education settings (Further Education Colleges, Sixth Form centres and alternative education settings) have a legal duty under s175 of the Education Act 2002 to have arrangements in place that Safeguard and Promote the Welfare of Children. Academies, Independent and Free School also have the same duty under s157 of the Act as detailed in the DfE's statutory guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (Sep18). School and education setting have additional statutory duties under s11 Children Act 2004.

The IOWSCP carries out an annual Self-Assessment Education Audit with schools on the island which enables the Partnership to be assured of their safeguarding arrangements.

The 2019 audit was completed by 100% of Island schools and the draft report shows a continued improvement of safeguarding. The draft report was presented at the July Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) conference and the final report will be presented to the IOWSCP Board in September. Language Schools also complete a modified audit tool and this is currently with them to complete.

Designated Safeguarding Leads Conference 2019

The 2019 Designated Safeguarding Leads Conference was held on the 15th July at the IOW College. It was well attended by the vast majority of schools and a wide range of speakers presented on a number of topics, including DSLs from a selection of schools.

The IOWSCP were pleased to be able to fully fund the conference and our thanks go to Amanda Sheen, IOW LADO, for arranging the event.

The conference slides will soon be available on the IOWSCP website.



Section 11 Audits

Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 places duties on a range of agencies to ensure their functions, and any services that they contract out to others, are discharged having regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Agencies should have processes in place to ensure managers, regulators, commissioners and ultimately their service users are working, and in compliance with, the Section 11 standards and these can be demonstrated and evidenced.

The IOWSCP undertakes annual monitoring of Section 11 compliance in order to:

- Seek assurance on compliance
- Showcase areas of good practice
- Identify on areas for improvement

In 2018 agencies completed a self-assessment audit tool which was reviewed by the Performance and Quality Assurance (PQA) Group. Board members are now conducting visits to a few selected agencies to explore key themes arising from the audit tools and engage directly with frontline practitioners.

IOWSCP Projects

A number of projects, protocols and training is being developed through the year:

- ICON - A local and national based campaign around coping with a crying baby and the prevention of Abusive Head Trauma (AHT).
- HIPS Bruising Protocol – Two training workshops are being arranged for early 2020.
- Safe Sleep Programme – Developing materials to promote parental understanding of safe places for babies to sleep and the risks factors of unsafe sleeping environments.
- Family Approach Protocol – Two further training workshops are being arrange for September 2019.

ICON
Babies Cry, You Can Cope!

I Infant crying is normal and it will stop! Babies start to cry more frequently from around 2 weeks of age. The crying may get more frequent and last longer. After about 8 weeks of age babies start to cry less each week.

C Comfort methods can sometimes soothe the baby and the crying will stop. Think about are they:

- hungry
- tired
- in need of a nappy change

Try simple calming techniques such as singing to the baby or going for a walk.

O It's **OK** to walk away if you have checked the baby is safe and the crying is getting to you. After a few minutes when you are feeling calm, go back and check on the baby.

N Never, ever shake or hurt a baby. It can cause lasting brain damage or death. If you are worried that your baby is unwell contact your GP or call NHS 111.

Speak to someone if you need support such as your family, friends, Midwife, Health Visitor or GP.

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