

Winter
2020

ISLE OF WIGHT SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP (IOWSCP)



Safeguarding Children during Covid

In these challenging times, safeguarding needs to remain a high priority. The safeguarding referral process on the Isle of Wight remains fully in place during the covid pandemic. Should any professional have any child protection concerns for children, they should complete the [IARF \(Inter-Agency Referral Form\)](#).

Board meeting 18th December 2020 – Key Information

- An update on the Mental Health and Learning Disability Transformation Programme was presented by the Director of Mental Health and Learning Disabilities at the IOW NHS Trust.
- The outcomes of the HMIP (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation) Inspection of probation services in Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) was presented by the Operational Director for CRC, and the re-integration of CRC into the National Probation Service (NPS) was discussed.
- The Head of Safeguarding and Designated Nurse for Adults, Children and LAC provided an update on the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) transformation programme where six Clinical Commissioning Groups covering Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Southampton are merging to form a new commissioning organisation
- The Head of Strategy and Operations at Childrens Social Care presented the revised Hampshire and IOW Neglect Strategy 2020-23.
- The Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 2020/21 Performance and Quality Assurance (PQA) data report was presented to members, with areas for further analysis discussed. Members discussed the impact of Covid-19 on agencies and increased demand on services.
- The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Audit Report was presented. The recommendations for actions from the audit will be monitored through the PQA Subgroup.
- The Safeguarding in Education Self-Assessment report for 2020 was presented by the IOW School Improvement Manager. During the Covid-19 lockdown IOW school attendance has been in the top quartile across the UK and schools have worked hard to keep children in school. The number of school exclusions was lower and this remains a focus for her team.

Next Board Meeting: 25th March 2021

- A Board Development Day was held on the 28th January in order to review the 2020-23 IOWSCP Business Plan and agreed priorities for the coming year. In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, it was agreed to continue with current priorities and that this would be reviewed again in six months time.

Launch of the HIPS Unborn/New-born Baby Protocol

The Unborn/New-born Baby Protocol is a multi-agency protocol which sets out how to respond to concerns for unborn and new born babies, with an emphasis on clear and regular communication between professionals working with the mother and her family where risk is identified. The sessions are aimed at professionals across the HIPS area who will directly or indirectly come into contact with children and families. This multi-agency event is to launch the revised protocol and enable professionals:

- To revisit and refresh minds in relation to the HIPS wide unborn baby protocol
- To increase understanding as to each professional's role in utilising it
- To understand the key changes and additions made to the unborn baby protocol
- To share the new and revised tools available within the protocol and for professionals to understand how and when to use these

Tuesday 16th March 2021 (3 sessions available to choose from): [9.30am - 11am](#) [1pm - 2.30pm](#) or [7pm - 8.30pm](#)

IOWSCP Learning and Improvement Framework

Working together to keep children safe is the primary aim of the IOWSCP and it is essential that both professionals and organisations learn lessons and share good practice. IOWSCP is resolute in its commitment to fostering a culture of reflective practice, learning and continuous improvement that enables safeguarding partner agencies to:

- Identify and share concerns regarding safety and welfare of children.
- Highlight commonly recurring themes that require further investigation.
- Share learning, including from success, from across the safeguarding system.

This framework underpins our work and describes our overarching approach to learning and improvement.

IOWSCP Communication and Engagement Strategy

A Communication & Engagement Strategy has been developed to ensure that the work of the Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership is effectively communicated to children and their families, safeguarding partners, and relevant agencies across the Island.

The strategic aim of this Strategy is to ensure that children and families, safeguarding partners and relevant agencies will be aware of what 'safeguarding' means and have access to information that will help them make informed decisions regarding safeguarding and the protection of children. This means that they will understand and be able to identify abuse, exploitation and neglect and understand their roles and responsibilities in keeping children safe and promoting their welfare.

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 produced to keep professionals in the HIPS areas up-to-date with issues, work being undertaken, and to flag up local and national campaigns



[The Autumn Newsletter can be found here.](#)

Previous newsletters can be found on both our [Professionals Child Exploitation webpage](#) and [IOW Resources webpage](#)



Partnership Team

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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 [Learning Reviews webpage](#).

Child Sexual Abuse Survey

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnerships are undertaking an important piece of work to develop a Child Sexual Abuse Strategy.

As part of research, we are requesting the completion of a short survey to gain more information about professional knowledge, skills, and confidence around the subject of child sexual abuse, and perceived barriers and enablers to increasing professional capabilities. Responses to the survey are anonymous and the information will be collated and shared as one report across the sector to inform the Child Abuse Strategy and associated training and toolkit resources.

Please share widely amongst your networks and help us gather as much information as possible to assist us in this crucial area of work.

[Survey For Front Line Professionals/Carers](#)

[Survey For Managers/Commissioners](#)

The survey closes on 12 February 2021.



Community Partnership Information Sharing Form (CPI Form)

Sharing of information is critical to developing a clearer picture of local and wider issues, to inform the actions police need to take to reduce threat, harm and risk.

Hampshire Constabulary are seeking the support of partners, education staff and practitioners to share information known to them which, often without realisation, could provide crucial links where gaps in intelligence might exist.

The CPI form gives professionals a safe and direct way to share **non-urgent** information with police relating to children/adults at risk. Information can relate, but is not limited to the following:

- **Missing, Exploited, Trafficked**
- **Child Sexual or Criminal Exploitation**
- **Drug Related Harm**
- **Modern Day Slavery**
- **Community Cohesion**
- **Anti-Social Behaviour**
- **Organised Crime**
- **COVID related incidents**

In essence, the CPI form can be used for **any** information you feel the need to share with police, providing it does not amount to a crime or a safeguarding issue – where it does, you would need to report as a crime or make a MASH referral

Further information can be found on the [safe4me website](#)

Dragonfly Project

This YOU First project aims to raise awareness about domestic abuse in isolated communities across the Island, enabling them to support each other.

The Dragonfly project trains people living and working in our communities to become Champions, enabling them to receive and respond to disclosure of domestic abuse. They will be able to speak with confidence and offer guidance to those experiencing it. You First will provide ongoing specialist support.

Champions receive a dragonfly badge and sticker that can be displayed in the window of organisations, shops, schools, etc where members of the community can see it. This lets those who are affected by domestic abuse know who they can talk to.

The Dragonfly was chosen by You First clients as this represents - Courage, Change and Hope.

Contact YOU First on [0800 234 6266](tel:08002346266). [Project leaflet](#)



Hampshire and IOW CYP Crisis Line

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3:00pm to 8:30pm

Telephone and email support for Children and Young People aged 11 – 17 years old.

Who are experiencing mental health crisis and living in Hampshire or the Isle of Wight.



Immediate access to...

- One to one confidential, emotional support
- Advice on healthy coping skills and resources
- Signposting to useful apps and websites



Freephone: 0300 303 1590
cypcrisisline@easthantsmind.org



New IOWSCP Training Booking System from 01/04

We are very excited to announce that from the 1st April our training programme booking system will be moving off Eventbrite and onto the Isle of Wight Council's training system: **'Learning Hub'** -

This move will bring together into one place the safeguarding courses of the IOWSCP and Isle of Wight Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB), supporting our focus of a **family approach**.

This new system will allow attendees to access training certificates, courses to be recorded and made available online afterwards, and will allow us to undertake further analysis of our workforce development programme.

See below



Upcoming IOWSCP Training Events

HIPS Harmful Cultural Practices—An introduction to Female Genital Mutilation: Wednesday 10th February, 1.30-3pm

Learning outcomes:

- Increase your knowledge and understanding on FGM including the types of FGM and why/how its performed
- Improve your understanding of the prevalence of FGM including locally within Hampshire areas
- Gain an understanding into the legal frameworks on FGM
- Gain an understanding into your roles and responsibilities in relation to FGM
- Identify who is 'at risk' of FGM
- Understand the key health risks and consequences of FGM
- Reinforcing the local referral procedure within Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton

This webinar will be delivered via Microsoft Teams.

Engaging and Working with Fathers in Child Protection: Wednesday 17th and Wednesday 24th March, 9am—1pm (Level 3)

Working with fathers in child protection is an important part of safeguarding children, but it can be challenging, especially if they present a risk to their children.

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Describe three different approaches to fatherhood.
- Explain the legal status of different types of father.
- Choose an appropriate strategy to engage both absent and present fathers as part of a whole family approach
- Incorporate an analysis of a father's strengths and risks into written records and professional assessments.
- Involve fathers in the safety planning and monitoring process for children in need of protection.

PLEASE NOTE THIS FULL-DAY COURSE TAKES PLACE ACROSS 2 HALF DAYS. YOU MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS TO UNDERTAKE THE TRAINING.

Please ensure you read the Cancellation and Charges section on our [training webpage](#)