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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 \(Inter-Agency Referral Form\)](#)

Partnership Board meeting held on the 21st December 2021 – Key Information

- Hampshire Constabulary presented the HMICFRS's report following their inspection in June 2021. The Constabulary's action plan will be presented at the March Board meeting.
- The Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 2021/22 data report was presented to members. Key observations highlighted included:
 - ~ The sustained increase in demand across the system caused by the pandemic and a rise in emotional abuse and domestic abuse noted within the data.
 - ~ An increase in the percentage of return conversations being recorded for children who go missing. This is due to enhanced support and training, particularly to new and agency Social Workers.
 - ~ The percentage in quarter two of Care Leavers in suitable accommodation being at the target level of 90% and those in education, employment or learning being at the target level of 70%.
 - ~ Data is now received from adult mental health and substance misuse services in relation to the children living with adults in receipt of these services, as well as data on the number of children linked to domestic abuse crimes.
 - ~ A current high level of exclusions from schools, and also high levels of children Electively Home Educated (EHE) and those in reduced hours provision. Members went on to discuss school exclusion data for Looked After Children (LAC), Children with a Child Protection Plan (CP) and Children In Need (CIN). School attendance nationally is under 75% and it was agreed this issue is one for all Partner Agencies and not just schools. It was agreed a report will be presented at the March Board meeting on attendance rates with a particular lens on children with vulnerabilities, since the outcomes for those children are more greatly affected.
- The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) presented a paper on their concerns regarding access to dental provision for Looked After Children and Care Leavers which they escalated to NHS England in July 2021. A progress update was provided and improvements on the Island are being seen. Health agencies and Social Care will be meeting in January to explore this work further together.
- Children's Social care presented the outcome of the Ofsted pilot JTAI of front-door services that took place in November. The inspection looked at the quality of referrals, contacts and decision making and the post MASH process into CIN and CP systems. The Deputy Director for Children's Services said members should be assured of the consistency of thresholds and quality of the front-door services provided by the Hampshire and IOW Children's Reception Team (CRT) and Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).
- Kelly Pierce, Head of Integrated Early Help and Prevention at Solent NHS Trust, presented the Solent Family Assist Self-Service Portal which went live on the 13th December. The portal provides a digital solution to carers, and the wider community around a primary care giver, across the 0-19 service who require non-urgent support, information, advice, and guidance. It can send tailored messages to carers around the gestation period of a baby or the age of a child. It can also send information to those around the primary care giver, such as Safer Sleep and ICON. Currently the knowledge base is up to the age of 3 but eventually it will go up to 19.
- Members discussed online safety for children since referrals continue to be received around children being harmed with a significant issue being around social media and internet usage in general which has been exacerbated by the pandemic lockdowns. Members discussed how to develop a collective approach to keeping children safe online and while there are several initiatives already in place, members agreed something more comprehensive is needed and are keen to do something different. A subsequent meeting has been set up to explore current provision across agencies and any gaps in service that we need to be addressed
- Revised Terms of Reference and forms for METRAC (Missing, Exploited and Trafficked Risk Assessment Conference) were approved. It will now have a greater focus on hot spots of exploitation, key people of note and a greater focus on information sharing regarding prevention activity in order to reduce child exploitation. Consideration will also be made of Police operations and the low and medium cases of exploitation.
- A decision to cease the IOWSCP's Health Sub-Group was approved by members since the HIPS wide Health Group has been refreshed.
- The establishment of an Isle of Wight Domestic Abuse Board in line with current legislation is well underway with potential plans for an operational board to sit underneath it, building on current strengths of the Domestic Abuse Forum. This new Board will sit under Public Health.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday 3rd March 2022

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IOWSCP Case File Audits 2022-23

The IOWSCP conducts Case File Audits each year which are designed to identify areas for learning and celebrate good practice in terms of process and outcomes for the child. The focus is on the lived experience of the child and how the case was managed. The dates of the audits for 2022-23 are as follows:

	Audit 1	Audit 2	Audit 3	Audit 4
Cases and audit tools sent to professionals	26 th April	4 th July	26 th Sep	21 st Nov
Deadline for professionals to return audit tools/ case information	27 th May	5 th Aug	28 th Oct	16 th Dec
Audits held on:	14 th & 22 nd June	23 rd Aug	9 th & 15 th Nov	10 th & 18 th Jan

Become a Parental Conflict Champion

This 2-day training course is open to anyone who supports or works with families. Join the team of Champions and make a difference to the lives of families. We all need to feel confident to talk to parents about their relationship and provide opportunities for them to ask for help. This will improve the mental health and life chances for their children. This enhanced training prepares you to deliver parental conflict awareness training to your colleagues which is tailored to meet the needs of your organisation. As a Champion you will receive regular support and updates and will be Island trailblazers for this programme. If you would like more information about this FREE opportunity and to book your space email: reducingparentalconflict@iow.gov.uk

24th Jan & 10th Feb 2022 or 15th Feb & 8th March 2022 at Westridge Community Learning Centre, Ryde.

The Little Blue Book of Sunshine - Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight edition

This mental health booklet has been developed for children and young people in Hampshire, Southampton and on the Isle of Wight. It aims to help children and young people by sharing tips on how to deal with many problems, such as anxiety, body image, relationships and anger and where to get help when needed. Over the last year, lives of children and young people have been affected more than ever, with young people sometimes feeling down, worried or anxious.

The #littlebluebookofsunshine explains some of the things children and young people can do right now to feel better, and who to turn to if things feel too much. The booklet is available in [Apple Books](#) and [Google Play Books](#). Please feel free to use these links to access and share further. Please note that pending future annual reviews and updates to the booklet, the versions available on Apple Books and Google Play Books will automatically be updated and always up to date.

The real faces of Modern Slavery: Unmasking The Truth

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Modern Slavery Partnership, in conjunction with Hampshire Cultural Trust, are proud to present the emotive and thought-provoking exhibition 'The real faces of Modern Slavery: Unmasking the truth'.

This new exhibition is a journey through the compelling stories of survivors identified and supported within our surrounding area, with visual and audio content depicting their experiences past and present and their future aspirations as they start to attempt to rebuild their lives.

Exploitation types found within Hampshire include sexual exploitation of both adults and children, criminal exploitation including that within county lines and cannabis factories, labour exploitation such as that taking place in nail bars and car washes and financial exploitation in the form of benefit fraud.

This exhibition has been developed as a partnership initiative to raise awareness of Modern Slavery and it is hoped that visitors will leave with an understanding of how this can manifest in different scenarios within our everyday lives.

If you would like further information then please visit www.modernslaverypartnership.org.uk

The exhibition will be at the following dates and locations:

- **Eastleigh Museum:** 15 January to 26 Feb 2022
- **33 High Street, Newport, Isle of Wight:** 28th February - 26th March 2022
- **Southampton Central Library:** 12th April - 13th May 2022
- **Allen Gallery, Alton:** 14 May to 26 June, 2022
- **Winchester and Gosport Discovery Centres:** 5 July to 31 July 2022
- **Fareham Library and Basingstoke Discovery Centre:** 3 August to 7 September 2022
- **Andover Museum:** 17 September to 30 October 2022



IOWSCP Training

The IOWSCP provides a comprehensive training programme each year which is fully funded by the Safeguarding Partnership and available for all Isle of Wight Professionals from Partner and Relevant Agencies on the IOW.

Our training programme is hosted on the Isle of Wight Council's Learning Hub and accessible via our [website](#).

Additional e-learning and some children and adult social care safeguarding courses are also available on the Learning Hub.

<p>An introduction to Honest Conversations (IOWSCP & HSCP)</p> <p>Course Level: Subject Specific Level 3 Delivered via: Microsoft Team Wednesday 16th February 2022, 7pm—8.30pm</p>	<p>Professionals are required to have honest conversations with parents/carers, children, and other professionals they come into contact with. It can sometimes be difficult to navigate these conversations, and to convey what you need to say in an understanding and accepting way. This course is an introduction to navigating these dialogues.</p>
<p>An introduction to Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)</p> <p>Course Level: Level 2 Delivered via: Microsoft Teams Wednesday 16th February 2022, 10am - 11.30am</p>	<p>This session will outline MAPPA eligibility and explain how lead agencies work with other professionals to protect the public.</p>
<p>CERAF—Risk assessing and Completing. An Introduction to the HIPS CERAF Toolkit</p> <p>Course Level: Level 2 Delivered via: Microsoft Teams Wednesday 23rd March 2022, 1.30pm—3pm</p>	<p>This workshop is an introduction to the new toolkit.</p>
<p>Complex Multi-Agency Safeguarding Children</p> <p>Course Level: Level 4 Delivered via: Zoom Wed 9th and Thurs 10th February, 9.30am - 4.30pm</p>	<p>This two-day course is suitable for members of the workforce who have particular responsibilities with undertaking enquires under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989, who work with complex cases and who co-ordinate assessments of children. Trainer: Fiona Lee, SAFE Associates. *Applicants for this course must have completed Level 3 training and be working confidently at this level to be suitable for Level 4 training. *Attendance is required on both days.</p>
<p>HIPS Harmful Practices—An Introduction to Child Abuse Linked Faith and Belief (CALFB) (Including witchcraft)</p> <p>Course Level: Subject Specific Level 3 Microsoft Teams Wednesday 16th March 2022, 9.30am - 11am</p>	<p>This Level 3 subject-specific course will help professionals to recognise and respond to situations where abused linked to beliefs in 'witchcraft' is suspected.</p>
<p>Inclusion Service Provision training</p> <p>Course Level: 2 Delivered via: Microsoft Team Wednesday 27th January, 9.30 - 1.30pm</p>	<p>Through this course you will know more about what the Recovery Service provides and how to access and have a better picture of the substance misuse issues faced on the Island. You will gain a basic knowledge of drugs and what support is available, gain a basic knowledge of alcohol misuse and what support is available and gain an insight of the services open to Young People on the Island and what services are available.</p>
<p>Missing, Exploited and Trafficked Children (MET)</p> <p>Delivered via: Microsoft Teams Wednesday 19th January, 9.30 - 11.30am</p>	<p>With a strong emphasis on multi-agency working and information sharing, this course is designed to create greater awareness of child exploitation</p>
<p>Understanding, identifying and responding to neglect (HSCP & IOWSCP)</p> <p>Delivered via: Microsoft Teams Wednesday 2nd February, 1.30pm - 3pm</p>	<p>This course will introduce the revised HSCP and IOWSCP Neglect Strategy and consider how it supports our understanding about what we know nationally and locally about neglect and the impact on the child. It will identify the 6 types of neglect and their key indicators, consider their impact within the context of local case examples and reflect on the professional challenges this presents. It will introduce the updated Toolkit and consider how this can be utilised to support effective responses to neglect.</p>