

Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of the Southampton Safeguarding Children Board newsletter. We'll use these publications to tell you about the work and events happening in Southampton to support the safeguarding of children. You'll also find some topical news stories, from local agencies and national press. We hope these newsletters will help to spread the word about the work of the board, as well as share news between our partner agencies, so if you have something you'd like to tell our readers about, please get in touch! We'd also love to hear your feedback on our first edition.

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New Board Manager

The SSCB would like to welcome their new Business Manager, Katie Clark, who started her role in August. Katie has been working within health and social care and for the last 8.5 years, most recently as the Children's Services Manager for a charity that works with vulnerable families and children, based in Portsmouth. As Business Manager Katie's role is to drive forward the work of the board and she has already been busy meeting with different agencies across Southampton. If you'd like to get in touch with Katie or arrange a meeting, call: [02380 83 2995](tel:02380832995)

Summer Board Meetings

Within these newsletters we hope to give you an insight into the work of the board. The board meets every two months to discuss a variety of safeguarding issues, and its sub committees meet 6 weekly to progress areas of work. One of the main topics on board and sub committee agendas has been the learning from a recent Southampton Serious Case Review (SCR). An SCR is a review of services that have been provided to a child and family prior to the death or serious injury of a child, where abuse or neglect are believed to be a contributory factor. SCRs are carried out to establish what lessons are to be learned from the case. We have organised 2 learning seminars open to professionals across Southampton on topics that have arisen in this and other Southampton SCRs. These will be held on the 3rd and 4th of December. Please contact your LSCB representative for more information.

Remember our online policies and procedures:

4lscb.proceduresonline.com

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National Safeguarding News

Recently in the news....



Young People and Domestic Violence

The legal definition of Domestic Violence will change in March 2013, to include 16 and 17 year olds. The change follows a government consultation in which 85% of respondents called for this age group to be included, with many highlighting the importance of early intervention and raising awareness amongst young people about what constitutes abuse.

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In a 2009 NSPCC survey of children aged 13-17, 25% of girls and 18% of boys reported physical abuse in partner relationships. Additionally 75% of girls and 50% of boys reported some form of emotional abuse.

The change in definition will enable young people to access Domestic Violence services, and ensure young people are considered in Domestic Violence guidance and training.

The Pupil Premium

Ofsted have published a report on use of the Pupil Premium, established in April 2011 and paid to local authorities to support the education of children from 'low-income' families.

Following a recent survey, Ofsted reported that "Only one in 10 school leaders said that the Pupil Premium had significantly changed the way that they supported pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds." The report also noted that schools did not always separate the pupil premium payments from their main budget.

The report concludes that schools should be able to clearly identify how the money is spent, and should it not be targeted more affectively the government will consider new mechanisms to improve it's use.



Upcoming Training Events

Children and young people who go missing or run away (½ day)

Southampton Safeguarding Children Board's (SSCB) "Missing Children" Protocol (2010) is important for the safeguarding of children and families within Southampton. This Barnardo's course will support the implementation of the protocol in regards to children and young people who run away or go missing.

Cost: £50 **Date:** 12 November 2012, 09:30 - 13:00

Venue: Regent's Park Scout HQ, Whitehouse Gardens, Southampton SO15 0SB

Bruising and non-accidental injuries in young children (½ day)

Southampton Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) has specific procedures and protocols for ensuring the safety and welfare of children. This course, delivered by Safeguarding experts will support practitioners to understand the importance of recognising injuries and adherence to the SSCB Bruising Protocol.

Cost: £50 **Date:** 15 November 2012, 09:30 - 12:00

Venue: Start Point Sholing, Wood Close, Sholing, Southampton SO19 0SG

Working together – Level 2 (1 day)

Building on the level 1 online module, or your specific single agency training, this course will look in more detail at safeguarding children and young people as well as the referral process in Southampton.

Cost: Voluntary sector, Early Years and childcare providers £40
Anyone not in the above sector £90 (Includes lunch)

Date: 29 November 2012, 09:00 - 16:00

Venue: Start Point Sholing, Wood Close, Sholing, Southampton SO19 0SG

Working together – Level 3 (2 days)

The Children Act 1989 placed a duty on local authorities to investigate if there was reasonable cause to suspect that a child in the local area was suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. It

builds on the Working together – level 2 course.

Cost: £180 (includes lunch)

Date: 4/5 December 2012, 09:30- 16:00

Venue: Eastpoint Centre, Bursledon Road, Southampton SO19 8BR

“Grown-ups never understand anything for themselves, and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them.”

Antoine de Saint-Exupery

For full details of all courses please go to:
www.youngsouthampton.org/working-with-children/training-learning-development.

To book either download the booking form on the website or telephone 023 8083 3781.

News from our partners

Pippa Project

The Council's Community Safety Team have recently launched a new service as part of the Pippa Project. Pippa stands for 'prevention, intervention and public protection alliance'. It is an alliance of specialist sexual and domestic violence services in Southampton. Pippa services have come together to provide a new point of contact for workers in Southampton to offer advice, information and support on cases involving domestic violence issues. The point of contact is also a place to make referrals, with consent, for clients who need specialist support on these matters. If you have a query about a domestic violence case or if you would like to make a referral, please call us on [023 8091 7917](tel:02380917917). The lines are open between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm Monday to Friday. Email pippa@southampton.gov.uk for general enquiries.

Please note: it is not a public facing helpline.

For sexual violence and abuse issues call Southampton Rape Crisis [023 8063 6312](tel:02380636312) or email info@sotonrc.org.uk.

E-Safety initiative

An introduction to a new training programme offered by Hampshire constabulary was presented to the Child Protection Liaison Officers this summer, called PICS: Personal Internet and Cyber Safety. PCSOs (Police Community Support Officer) across the Force are now able to visit local schools to provide a 60 min session - presentation and discussion - aimed at the upper primary and secondary phase of education; there is also a variation for children with Special Educational Needs supported by pictograms. PCSOs have already begun to contact schools who originally expressed an interest in participating in the programme. Schools or CPLOs can also contact their local officers directly to request this training.

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www.4lscb.org.uk/southampton



Our next newsletter will be published in January.

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