

Welcome!

Welcome to the second edition of the Southampton Safeguarding Children Board newsletter. These publications are here to tell you about the work and events happening in Southampton to safeguard children, and to highlight topical news stories. Since the last edition we have updated our website to make sure the latest safeguarding news is always available. Visit the new site at: www.southamptonlscb.co.uk. The new website will also be a permanent resource of helpful links and safeguarding literature, and hold information about upcoming training courses. We'd love to hear your views and suggestions about our website this newsletter, so please get in touch! Call **02380 83 2995**, e-mail jane.evans@southampton.gov.uk or contact us on twitter [@southamptonlscb](https://twitter.com/southamptonlscb)



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Child F Learning Seminars

In December we ran two learning seminars to disseminate the lessons from our recently published serious case review (Child F). Thank you to everyone who attended, and for the valuable discussions you prompted. Following the success of these seminars, two new events have been organised: 27th February (AM) and 18th March (PM). We would like to offer these events specifically to front line staff in order to create the most direct impact on practice. If you would like to attend, or find out more, please contact us on **02380 83 2995**, or jane.evans@southampton.gov.uk. In January the board will be holding an event with representatives from involved agencies to communally evaluate the impact that this serious case review has had on practice.

Training verifications

The Interagency Learning and Development group is offering verification of Child Safeguarding training. If your organisations has a single agency training programme, we invite you to send us a summary of the course(s) (jane.evans@southampton.gov.uk). A member of the group will check the programme against our quality guidelines and provide advice on any areas for improvement.

All multi agency training is verified by the LSCB. You can find details of upcoming courses on page 3 of this newsletter or on our website.

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National Safeguarding News

Recently in the news....



Children and Young People in Custody

The Chief Inspector of Prisons has published a joint report with the Youth Justice Board, analysing the experiences of 15-18-year-olds in prison.

Between 2010-11 and 2011-12, the number of young people in custody, held in young offender institutions, fell by 14%. However one key finding of the report was the increase, from 27% to 32%, in the number of young people who had felt unsafe at some time.

Other findings included:

- over one-quarter (26%) of young men anticipated having problems finding accommodation once released;
- 39% of young women reported having emotional or mental health problems;

Frances Done, Chair of the Youth Justice Board, said: "Our overriding objective is to ensure that whilst in custody children are kept safe, supported to address their offending behaviour and helped to lead successful lives on release."

Download the report here:
<http://bit.ly/UKeGBe>

Children's Views on Restraint

Office of the Children's Rights Director has published a report on children's views on restraint. This report gives the views of almost 100 young people on their experiences of physical restraint. It is a follow up to a report published in 2004.

The report warned that use of restraint can sometimes make matters worse, can engender resentment, and can be inappropriate for some children, such as those who have experienced abuse by adults.

When children were asked what rules should be imposed on uses of restraint they said, the most important thing was to let children calm down first, before using restraint. They also advised to stop restraint if it is becoming too painful and not use restraint for too long and if it interferes with someone's breathing. The report concludes with the views of one child who said: 'Only do it carefully.'

Download the report here:
<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/childrens-views-restraint-2012>

"Only do it carefully"

Upcoming Training Events

Safeguarding children and young people: Training for Managers

If you have operational or line management responsibilities at any level then you will benefit from this course. It will enable you to develop your knowledge, skills and ability to work together on the processes for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This course is specifically for managers who have a particular responsibility for safeguarding children and young people. **Cost:** £90

When: 25 January 2013, 09:00 -16:00

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

Child Protection Lead Officer (CPLO) Refresher

By Ofsted Regulations a CPLO must redo their training every 2 years, (Education Act 2002), so this course is a half-day course ensuring that the CPLO has all the most up-to-date changes and information. You **MUST** have attended the new CPLO course in order to attend this course. **Cost:** £60

When: 5 February 2013, 09:30 -12:30

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

Hidden Sentence – support for prisoners' families

Each year there are approximately 160,000 children who experience a parent being sent to prison. Hidden sentence is a one day workshop that gives an overview of the key issues facing families, the impact of the family's journey through the criminal justice system, and considers a range of strategies and resources to enable effective support and/or signposting to take place. Anyone who works with children and young people may at some time work with an offender's family. This could include practitioners in children's centres, school staff, early years and play workers, health visitors and a range of family intervention workers. **Cost:** £90

When: 8 February 2013, 09:30 -16:30

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

Sexual Health and Relationships — Level 2

If you are a Practitioner working with young people and you have a Level 1 in this subject, then this course will further enhance your knowledge and skills. This course aims to raise participant's awareness of young people's sexual health and relationship risks.

Cost: £90 (£40 for Early Years, Childcare and Voluntary groups)

When: 14 February 2013, **Where:** Start Point Sholing, Wood Close, SO19 0SG

“
I am not young
enough to know
everything.
- Oscar Wilde

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**For more information or to book your place on
any of the above courses please contact:**

Email: Multiagency.training@southampton.gov.uk

Tel: 023 8083 3781 or 3480

News from our partners

Private Fostering

A private fostering arrangement is when a child who is under 16 (18 if disabled) is cared for by someone who is not their parent or close relative for

28 consecutive days or more. These arrangements are often set up through informal networks without any knowledge or involvement from the local council. These children may be at risk of abuse and yet no one knows who they are, where they live, or who is looking after them. There is a potential vulnerability amongst this often hidden group of children. A close relative includes step-parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles, whether by full blood, half-blood or by marriage.

The objective of Private Fostering is to safeguard privately fostered children by:

- 'Changing the behaviour' of professionals who work with children in identifying private fostering arrangements in the course of their work;
- 'Reducing the number of children in un-notified private fostering arrangements' in England.

You as professionals can support this by asking questions about who is being privately fostered and raise awareness: A fact sheet for professionals is available to help you identify what is a private fostering arrangement: <http://bit.ly/VzOIGC>

Police Domestic Abuse Campaign

Over the Christmas period, Hampshire Constabulary ran a 'Speak Out' campaign against Domestic Abuse. As part of the campaign, stickers appeared in men's bathrooms in clubs and pubs in 85 venues across Hampshire, and messages were targeted towards female victims through social media. Hampshire Constabulary has also recently signed an Enhanced Measures Protocol with the Crown Prosecution Service to ensure that perpetrators are also prosecuted in cases where a victim withdraws their support.

Information from the campaign can be found here: <http://hampshiredomesticabuse.org.uk/>. The website also includes a section for children and young people affected by Domestic Abuse.



Our next newsletter will be published in April.

Do you have an item you would like to publish?
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