

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN NEWS

JULY 2010

Meeting of LSCB & Children's Trust:

The usual meeting of the Safeguarding Children Board for July was replaced by a combined meeting with the Children's Trust members to look at new governance arrangements.

Child Protection Conference Activity

There are currently over 675 children subject to child protection plans. The number has increased by more than 100 in the past year. 50% of those children have plans because of concerns about neglect; Over 200 children are on plans because of concerns about their emotional wellbeing. Fewer than 100 children have plans because of the risk of physical or sexual abuse. The break down by age remains constant with children between the ages of 1 and 4 being the most at risk. The number of children 16 and over subject to plans has increased steadily throughout the year.

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Child Protection Conference Records

We will soon be piloting a scheme where Child Protection Conference Minutes will take the form of 'the chairs summary', the outline child protection plan and copies of the reports. Work to improve the number of initial conferences that are held within statutory timescales is ongoing.

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Suicide Prevention Strategy Launch

The protocol for staff working with children and young people at risk of suicide or self harm was launched at an event at the end of June. A series of awareness raising events will be run across the county during the autumn.

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Training Validation

Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board has agreed a new scheme to validate safeguarding children training in Derbyshire. The validation is for courses that are run by individual agencies. Practitioners can be confident that a validated course is properly run, evidence based, relevant, has agreed learning outcomes and is compatible with courses run by the DSCB training team. The current DSCB training

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programme can be downloaded at

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Safeguarding Service Staff

Over the past few months there have been a number of changes in staffing arrangements:
Deputy Assistant Director Jane Parfremment (Responsibility for internal management of the safeguarding children service)

Operations Manager Sara Wilson (Managing child protection processes, allegations against staff etc)

Strategy Manager Dona Womack (Policies, procedures, projects, business plan, co-ordinating serious case reviews etc.)

Child Protection Managers

Karen Barden & Jane Williams (North)

Debbie Peacock & Ian Tucker (South)

Adrienne Williams & Toni Perry (Police CRU)

Business Service Manager Julie Brooks

Business Service Officers:

Gill Windle (Matlock)

Jayne Brooks (South)

Jackie Bannister (North))

Procedures Update

The Derby & Derbyshire safeguarding children procedures will be updated during the autumn, anyone who would like to be involved or is aware of any errors or omissions in the current version should contact

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DSCB Annual Conference

Planning for the 2011 Annual conference has already begun. If you would like to be involved contact phil.heasman@derbyshire.gov.uk

Working Together 2010

Details of how to order or download Working Together 2010 can be found on <http://www.education.gov.uk/>

Guidance for safer working practice

This very useful document giving clear advice on a range of issues relevant to all staff is available in hard copy or can be downloaded at <http://www.education.gov.uk/>