

Solihull Local Safeguarding Children Partnership Newsletter

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Welcome to the **LSCP** newsletter.
Do contact us if you have any queries.

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Improving Outcomes for Children in Solihull Update from Independent Chair, Penny Thompson CBE – September 2022

On 30th August, the Improvement Board met for its six-weekly meeting to review progress and discuss key actions. Penny Thompson CBE, the Independent Chair for the board has provided an update on the meeting.

The meeting discussed the Integrated Improvement Plan, Performance Information and Quality Assurance, Recruitment and profile the DfE visit. To read the full update please click [here](#).

DVPNs/DVPOs webinar

West Midlands Police are delivering a webinar on Domestic Violence Protection Notices (DVPNs) and Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs). The webinar will include a case study presented by Solihull Community Housing and will help professionals to understand the difference between DVPNs and DVPOs. For more details on the webinar including how to book please click [here](#).

Call for new LSCP trainers

Do you have knowledge & experience in safeguarding that you would be willing to share with others?

The LSCP is looking for professionals with a variety of safeguarding knowledge & experience to join the LSCP multi-agency training pool.

This will involve you co-delivering training four times per year and being back up trainer for 2 times in LSCP multi-agency safeguarding training.

The LSCP will provide a train the trainer course to support you to be confident in delivering training to a multi-agency audience, and ensure you are kept up to date with LSCP development work. If you are interested you will need to discuss this with your manager & complete the attached agreement and submit it to lscptrain@solihull.gov.uk to express your interest.

If you have any questions please feel free to call the LSCP training officer on 07818898074.

New Multi-Agency Learning Resources and Safeguarding Procedures

- 1. Reflective Supervision**
- 2. Voice of the Child Practice Standards**

The above two pieces of practice guidance are located in the safeguarding children procedures at: <https://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/local-content/1UzN/miscellaneous-additional-local-information/?b=Solihull>

Reflective supervision and understanding and capturing the voice of the child/child's lived experience are two aspects of practice which have consistently been demonstrated as weak in multi-agency audits in Solihull.

- 3. Multi-agency Physical Abuse procedures**
- 4. Multi-agency Sexual Abuse procedures**

Following the death of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes the Solihull LSCP led on the development of the West Midlands procedures for responding to physical abuse concerns. The Physical Abuse procedures are located at: <https://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/pkyzqy/regional-safeguarding-guidance/physical-abuse>

Solihull LSCP has led on the development of the West Midlands procedures for responding to sexual abuse concerns. The Sexual Abuse procedures are located at:

<https://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/pkyzqy/regional-safeguarding-guidance/sexual-abuse>

These new procedures were launched by Solihull LSCP earlier this year at two virtual learning events, however not all partner agencies were well represented at the event.

- 5. Learning from the National Review into the deaths of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes and Star Hobson**

Following the publication of the National Review report in May 2022 a webinar was held by the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel for frontline practitioners in Birmingham and Solihull attended by approximately 400 staff. A briefing note for practitioners was produced by the National Panel which is located at: https://www.safeguardingsolihull.org.uk/lscp/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/05/ALH-SH-Practitioner-Resource_FINAL.pdf

- 6. Learning from a rapid review: alcohol and co-sleeping**

This learning briefing reflects the learning from a rapid review which was undertaken by the LSCP following the death of a baby. A local child safeguarding practice review has been commissioned by the safeguarding partners which will be concluded by the end of the year.

The rapid review learning briefing is located at: <https://www.safeguardingsolihull.org.uk/lscp/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/10/The-impact-of-alcohol-on-parenting.pdf>

- 7. Joint Learning Resource**

On the home page of the Solihull Safeguarding website there is a link to a series of briefings which summarise the learning from CSPRs, SARs and DHRs located at:

<https://www.safeguardingsolihull.org.uk/joint-learning-from-dhrs-sars-csprs/>

It is important that practitioners are aware of this resource and that they are familiar with the key messages.

What you need to do next

Please familiarise yourselves with the above learning resources and multi-agency procedures, giving careful consideration to those opportunities in your day to day practice where you can utilise the learning to improve your practice.

Strategic Leads across the partnership have been asked to consider ways to embed this learning into your organisation's operating processes, so you should be hearing more about these resources very soon.

Domestic Abuse Statutory Guidance

Please see below the link to the **Domestic Abuse Statutory Guidance July 2022** – This statutory guidance is aimed at organisations working with victims, perpetrators and commissioning services, including the police, local authorities, and the NHS. It is also of relevance to organisations dealing with consequences of domestic abuse such as employers and financial institutions.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1089015/Domestic_Abuse_Act_2021_Statutory_Guidance.pdf

West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership FREE TRAINING on Ending Male Violence against Women and Girls (EMVAWG)

Violence against women and girls covers a range of distressing and unacceptable crimes, they take place in every locality across the UK and can happen within current or previous relationships, in families, and in communities. West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership (WMVRP) is working with partners, local authorities and communities to prevent these crimes from happening, starting at an early age.

This training will cover;

- What is ending male violence against women and girls (EMVAWG)?
- The government's strategy to ending male violence against women and girls
- What is the Public Health Approach to Violence and what the VRP are prioritising as part of the agenda?

Please see the document titled 'EMVAWG Training 22 23' [here](#) to book on to the training and find out more information.

A new modern slavery project at St Basils Youth Hub

The Community Safety Partnership has funded a pilot project at St Basils Youth Hub, which will mirror the work at SIFA Fireside and aims to offer a 'front door' crisis service for young adults aged 18-24 who are experiencing exploitation and are at risk of homelessness. The coordinator of the project is Callum Shuttleworth callum.shuttleworth@stbasils.org.uk, who has an extensive background in working with young people and homelessness – welcome Callum! Please get in touch with him to discuss partnership working, and once the Modern Slavery pathway is established, please ensure that your modern slavery safeguarding and signposting includes this new service.

Developing a Multi-Agency Understanding of the Role of 'Housing' in Tackling Exploitation

The aim of this webinar is to develop a shared understanding of exploitation risks amongst adults and children, and to acknowledge the important role 'housing professionals' play in the process of identification of exploitation and how they offer of ongoing support to victims, as part of the multi-agency response to dealing with exploitation.

The webinar is being held on Wednesday 12 October 2022 at 10.00 - 11:30am. For more information on the webinar and to find out how to book please click [here](#).

Spotlight on Existing Multi-Agency Procedure

Allegations against staff or volunteers

All allegations of abuse of children by those who work with children (whether in a paid or unpaid capacity) must be taken seriously. This procedure should be applied when there is an allegation or concern that a person who works with children, has:

- Behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child
- Possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child
- Behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates he or she may pose a risk of harm to children
- Behaved or may have behaved in a way that indicates they may not be suitable to work with children

This procedure has recently been updated to extend position of trust provisions to capture those that lead activities in sporting and religious settings.

The West Midlands multi-agency procedure can be found at:

<https://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/ykpzy>.

Panahghar Eventbrite training events

Panahghar safehouse provide support and safe refuge to the BME community domestic abuse victims. They have launched a training event. Please click the link below to book your place.

15th December 2022 for Immigration Training

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/immigration-a-case-of-bme-domestic-abuse-victims-tickets-396638264727>

Good Practice, Working with Vietnamese Missing and Trafficked Children

West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership are offering free training sessions for front line professionals working with trafficked and missing young people. This training offer is a direct response to concerns raised in the West Midlands in relation to the trafficking and exploitation of Vietnamese children and young people. The aim is to improve the direct response for children and young people from the Vietnamese community. Details of the training can be found [here](#).

Fearless

[Fearless](#) is a website that provides young people with a site where they can access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality. It provides a safe space for them to give information to about crime - 100% anonymously.

Crime stoppers provide this site and there are a range of resources available for professionals, including posters that can be downloaded/ ordered free to advertise the website;

<https://www.fearless.org/en/professionals/resources/downloads>

West Midlands VRU have recently funded a fearless campaigns on knife crime

<https://www.fearless.org/en/campaigns/knife-crime>

Contextual safeguarding

How do you do Contextual Safeguarding? What does it mean to have a Contextual Safeguarding system? Over the last three years the contextual safeguarding unit have been working with ten children's social care departments and their partners to create systems that can keep children safe from harm when they're out and about in their communities. They have now launched a Scale-Up Toolkit that includes over 150 free resources for practitioners, policy changers and partners. You can access the toolkit [here](#).

The Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse

Earlier this year, the West Midlands Multi-Agency Sexual Abuse procedures were launched <https://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/pkyzzq/regional-safeguarding-guidance/sexual-abuse/#s5195>. The procedures include links to tools and information from the Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse who are running a series of free one hour webinars to introduce professionals to our practical suite of resources and how they can be used in their work. These free webinars focus on spotting the signs and indicators of child sexual abuse and speaking to children about sexual abuse. For more information on the webinars and to book your place, please go to the CSA Centre website [here](#).

Multi-Agency Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse Panel Briefing

The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel has published a panel briefing of key findings from a thematic analysis of rapid reviews and local child safeguarding practice reviews where domestic abuse featured.

Findings include:

- A lack of understanding of domestic abuse;
- The need for increased awareness around how domestic abuse impacts children;
- A lack of consideration for children's opinions and lived experiences.

Recommendations include:

- A whole-system response to domestic abuse with child safeguarding partners being central to local responses;
- A domestic-abuse informed response across all safeguarding partners;
- The need for reviews to record the protected characteristics of each family member to ensure diverse needs are identified.

To read the panel briefing, please click [here](#).

LSCP Training

The courses we are currently offering are detailed below. All courses can be booked through the LSCP website <https://training.solihullscp.co.uk/Learning-and-Development.aspx>

Course	Dates
An Introduction to Safeguarding Children for the Voluntary & Community Sector Virtual Training	22.11.22 13.00-16.00
Module 1 Early Help Virtual Training	9.11.22 9.30-12.30
Module 1b – Early Help- Recognising and supporting parents in parental conflict Face to Face training	15.11.22 9.30-16.30
Module 2 – Child Protection; an introduction to multi-agency working Face to Face training	2.11.22 1.12.22 9.30-16.30

Module 3- Child Protection; the challenges of multi-agency working	13.10.22 8.12.22 9.30-16.30
Module 4- Child Protection: Analysis, judgement and leadership in partnership working	10.11.22 9.30-16.30
Module 5a – All Age Exploitation Awareness Virtual Training	Dates to be added for Jan- March soon
An Introduction to Contextual Safeguarding Virtual Training	Dates to be added for Jan – March soon
Working with Parents as partners in Child Exploitation	1.11.22 9.30-12.30
Module 6- Neglect; impact on child development Face to Face training	3.11.22 9.30-16.30
Module 6c Neglect; Graded Care Profile 2 Face to Face training (unless you are a qualified social worker or Paediatrician you will need to have completed Module 6 before attending this course)	20.10.22 7.12.22 9.30-16.30
Module 7- Physical Abuse Face to Face	18.10.22 9.30-12.30
Module 8 – Emotional Abuse Face to Face	17.11.22 9.30-12.30

Module 9 Sexual Abuse Face to Face	29.11.22 9.30-16.30
Managing Allegations Against Staff Face to face	1.11.22 13.00-16.00

Booking is made via the LSCP website; <https://training.solihullscp.co.uk/Course/CoursesDetailListing.aspx>



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