

Welcome to the new Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership Newsletter. You may have noticed that this edition looks a lot different to our previous newsletters and that's because we have rebranded! This newsletter will include information on recent changes for the partnership, details of training and learning for professionals.

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- Multi-Agency Training and much more!

Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership Re-brand!

As part of our improvement journey, it was decided that now would be a good time to re-brand the Partnership and combine our new visions and values with a new logo and look. We met with a group of health ambassadors at Solihull Sixth Form College and discussed what the partnership does, what safeguarding means and how we can represent children and young people of all ages. The young people came up with some ideas and these were taken to a group of Graphic Designers at University Hospitals Birmingham to bring those ideas to life. After consultation with the young people over their preferred designs, as well as consulting with our Learning and Development Group and Executive Group, we have decided on our new branding which can be seen above and below. This logo will form our full rebrand and will accompany our Vision Statement and Values. You may also notice that we have removed the 'local' and we will now be known as Solihull Safeguarding Child Partnership or SSCP for short. You will be seeing our branding a lot from now on but if you happen to come across any documents with our old logo please flag them with us at lscp@solihull.gov.uk. If you have our 'old' logo on your internal websites or intranet pages could we also ask that these are now switched to our new one.



Solihull Right Help, Right Time, Right Response Launch

Throughout December Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership are holding three events, which are now fully booked with a good representation from partner agencies, to raise awareness of the latest developments by Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership. These include:

- The Thresholds Document; [Right Help, Right Time, Right Response](#)
- [The Neglect Strategy](#)
- The Graded Care Profile – all agencies are asked to have neglect champions who have completed appropriate training ([Neglect](#) and [GCP2](#) training)
- Developments around [Regional Procedures](#)
- [Findings from the Multi-Agency All Age Exploitation Audit](#)
- [Early Help Procedures and Guidance](#)
- [Reflective Supervision](#)
- [Voice of the Child Practice Standards](#)

The events are aimed at Practitioners, managers and leaders in all agencies who are directly responsible for providing safeguarding interventions, including early help and child protection interventions for children and their families. Leads who attend have been asked to share and embed this information in their organisation's practice; if you are not attending an event, please take the opportunity to follow the links and read the information above to share and use it within your safeguarding work.

Inspections Updates

Appointment of the Children's Commissioner - the Secretary of State has appointed Sir Alan Wood as Commissioner for Children's Services in Solihull. His role is set out in the Statutory Direction located at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/direction-issued-to-solihull-metropolitan-borough-council> Sir Alan Wood commenced in his role on 1 November 2022 and will be publishing his report in January 2023.

Inspection of local authority children's services (ILACS) - the findings will be published on 13 January 2023

Inspection of Birmingham North, East and Solihull Probation Delivery Unit (PDU) - the full report is located at: <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmiprobation/inspections/an-inspection-of-probation-services-in-birmingham-north-east-and-solihull-pdu/>

Joint Learning from DHRs, SARs and CSPRs – Quick Guides

The SSCP, SSAB and SMBC Domestic Abuse Lead have worked together to produce a series of short guides on several safeguarding issues which can be found [here](#). These include a guide on coercion and control, responding to allegations from family and friends, and reflective practice and supervision. The collection of guides will continue to grow, and practitioners are encouraged to take time to read these guides to reflect and learn, so please check in on the Safeguarding Solihull website for updates.

Private Fostering

The Solihull MBC Fostering Team have provided a useful PowerPoint presentation on Private Fostering which acts as a guide to help individuals understand private fostering arrangements and the different types you may encounter which can be found [here](#). If you would like a version with additional voice recordings, please contact lscp@solihull.gov.uk who can send this to you.

If you have any queries regarding fostering, please contact bcorrigan@solihull.gov.uk or lygraham@solihull.gov.uk.



To contact the fostering duty team please call: 0121 788 4253.

West Midlands Regional Procedures Updates

Bullying

Bullying is defined as 'behaviour by an individual or group, usually repeated over time, which intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally'. A child who bullies is defined as 'a person who habitually seeks to harm or intimidate those whom they perceive as vulnerable' (The Diana Award).

This procedure covers several types of bullying from hate crime to sexualised bullying and harassment.

The West Midlands Regional Procedures Group updated this in October 2022 so please could you ensure you familiarise yourselves with this updated version [here](#).

If you would like to ensure you are made aware of updates or changes to our regional procedures, you can sign up for updates on the website [here](#).



**REGIONAL
CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES
FOR WEST MIDLANDS**

West Midlands Regional Section 11 and Care Act Compliance Audit Tool

In the New Year, the Partnership will be launching a new Regional Audit Tool which covers both the Section 11 Audit and Care Act Compliance requirements. This audit will launch at the same time across the Wider West Midlands in the hope it will minimise the impact on partner agencies who work cross-border and who would previously have received multiple requests for audits across the year. We had hoped this tool would be launched in the Autumn however there are some further tweaks to develop the tool which will be beneficial for both partners and partnerships. For those who will be asked to complete the tool, further communications will be sent to you in due course.

VRU Training on the Impact of Gangs on Girls and Young Women

Birmingham City Council in partnership with **Barnardo's Training and Consultancy Service** is delivering a **FREE Introductory awareness raising, half day session** to provide multi-agency practitioners, community representatives and carers with the skills, knowledge and confidence to recognise and initially respond to girls and young women at risk from gangs, county lines and criminal exploitation. This training will be delivered through a solution focused approach.

The training will be delivered by subject expert, **Mark Pearson**. Mark has extensive experience in policing and multi-agency working, including having held the role of police lead in an award winning co-located multi-agency team whose primary focus was on safeguarding both young women and young men and families affected by gangs and criminal exploitation.

There are several dates available for this training. Please see the Eventbrite link [here](#) to book on to the training and find out more information.



'We're All right' Learning Hub



The association for young people's health

has produced a wealth of resources to improve support for young people affected by sexual violence. Developed in partnership with youth advisors. The 'We're All right Learning Hub' has something for everyone whether you're a professional working with young people, a family member or a friend of a young person affected by any kind of trauma. The [modules](#) which include podcasts, activities and readings, are designed to support self-reflection and learning.



DVPN/DVPO Training Webinar

In November West Midlands Police delivered a webinar on Domestic Violence Protection Notices (DVPNs) and Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs). The webinar was recorded, and the event can be viewed [here](#).

SSCP Quarterly Learning Briefings

From early January the Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership will be circulating quarterly learning briefings to strategic leads in partner agencies with a request from the Chair of the Learning and Development Group that they review the key messages and consider what action needs to be taken to embed the learning across their organisation. Each briefing will include a summary of the most recent learning from multi-agency audits and reviews of serious incidents in Solihull, as well as key messages from national learning. Strategic leads will be asked to provide written assurance on the action they have taken to embed the learning across their workforce. The quarterly learning briefings will also be published on the SSCP website and referenced in future newsletters.

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

The Improvement Board met in November to review progress and discuss key actions. To read an update on the meeting please click [here](#).

Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership Training

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

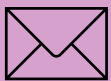
<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Module 2 – Child Protection; An Introduction to multi-agency working	18.1.23
	9.30-16.30
	7.3.23
	9:30-16:30
Module 3- Child Protection; the challenges of multi-agency working	8.2.23
	9.30-16.30
Module 1 Early Help Virtual Training	24.1.23
	09:30-12:30
	21.3.23
	09:30-12:30

Module 1b Early Help- Recognising and supporting parents in parental conflict	26.1.23 9:30-16:30 15.3.23 9:30-16:30
Module 5a – All Age Exploitation Awareness Virtual Training	1.2.23 09:30-12:30
Virtual Training - An introduction to safeguarding for voluntary & community sector organisations	3.2.23 13:00-16:00
An Introduction to Contextual Safeguarding Virtual Training	9.2.23 09:30-12:30
Module 4 - Child Protection: Analysis, judgement and leadership in partnership working	8.3.23 9.30-16.30
Virtual training- Parents as partners in tackling child exploitation (CE): Working with and supporting parents affected by CE	14.12.22 9:30-12:30 22.3.23 09:30-12:30
Missing- Welfare Return Interviews virtual training	16.2.23 13:30-16:00
Module 6 - Neglect: Impact on child development	19.1.23 9:30-16:30
Module 6(b) - Neglect: Domestic Abuse	31.1.23 9:30-16:30 16.3.23 9:30-16:30
Module 6(c) – Neglect: The Graded Care Profile 2	15.2.23 9:30-16:30 14.3.23 9:30-16:30

Module 7 - Physical Abuse: Impact on child development	14.2.23 9:30-12:30
Module 8 - Emotional Abuse: Impact on child development	9.3.23 9:30-12:30
Sexual Abuse: Impact on child development	2.2.23 9:30-16:30
Managing Allegations against Staff	16.2.23 9:30-12:30

Merry Christmas!

Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership would like to thank you all for your hard work this year working together to keep children, young people, and families safe in Solihull. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to working with you all in 2023!



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**Listening, Learning and
Improving Outcomes for
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