

Welcome to the Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership Newsletter. This newsletter will include information on recent changes for the partnership, learning for professionals, updates to procedures and details of training.

## Welcome our new Business Manager!

Hello, my name is Esther Blake and I'm delighted to have joined the Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) as new permanent Business Manager. I'm new to Solihull and the West Midlands as I have previously spent many years working with partnerships in Berkshire. As the SSCP Business Manager I have the privilege of working closely with colleagues from agencies across Solihull, and although I've only been in post only a couple of weeks, it's clear that there is a huge desire locally to work together effectively and make a real difference for our children and families. I've been warmly welcomed by my new team and colleagues from across the partnership, and I look forward to working with you.



Please take a few moments to look through the useful information, guidance and links in this newsletter, and do let us know (via the SSCP mailbox [sscp@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:sscp@solihull.gov.uk)) if you have any ideas for future articles or how to make our communications work better for you.

### **SSCP Quality Assurance Framework and Learning and Improvement Framework**

The SSCP have recently published their [Quality Assurance Framework \(QAF\)](#) and [Learning and Improvement Framework \(LIF\)](#). The QAF demonstrates the approach to evaluating the effectiveness of safeguarding children arrangements in Solihull. It includes several components such as multi-agency and single agency audits, multi-agency datasets, independent scrutiny and the voice of children, young people, families & front-line practitioners. This sits alongside the LIF which demonstrates how learning is identified, disseminated, and implemented in practice within a multi-agency context, to improve outcomes for children and young people and their families within Solihull. The SSCP disseminates learning through a range of mechanisms such as the SSCP newsletter, embedding learning into our multi-agency training, webinars and learning events.

## **Learning from Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews in Solihull**

In May, the SSCP hosted a webinar on teams to raise awareness of key learning from recent child safeguarding practice reviews and demonstrate what has been done in response to the recommendations. For those who were unable to attend, the webinar can be found [here](#).

## **Learning from Multi-Agency Audits 2022/23**

Throughout 22/23 the SSCP Audit Group completed 5 multi-agency audits, looking at the following themes: Domestic Abuse, Strategy Meetings, Physical Abuse, Partnership Engagement in Multi-Agency Meetings and Sexual Abuse. The findings from these audits, both individually and as a whole, as well as what we have done as a result of those findings can be found [here](#). If you would like individual copies of any of these slides, please contact [sscp@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:sscp@solihull.gov.uk).

Our audit findings help us to identify what we want to do differently for our children and families in Solihull. One of the key findings across a number of our audits is reminding us to consider a Child's individual differences and their intersectionality, particularly when trying to understand their lived experiences. The NSPCC have produced learning for practitioners in relation to:

- [safeguarding d/Deaf and disabled children and young people](#)
- [safeguarding LGBTQ+ children](#)
- [safeguarding children who come from Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic communities](#)
- [safeguarding children with special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\)](#)
- [looked after children](#)
- [child mental health](#)

Our Physical Abuse Audit also reminds us to ensure practitioners are being professionally curious. A quick guide on [professional curiosity](#) can be found on our [Joint Learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews, Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews](#) page on the SSCP website along with a range of other quick guides on topics such as risk assessments, information sharing and responding to allegations by family and friends.



## **NHS Birmingham and Solihull – Child Protection Medicals Multi-Agency Training**

NHS Birmingham and Solihull have developed and delivered training on Child Protection Medicals for the multi-agency audience to assist in decision making when one may be required. These events were led by Designated Doctors for Safeguarding Children – Dr Helen Chaplin and Dr Jane Armstrong. They have also produced a recording for professionals which can be found [here](#).

## West Midlands Regional Procedures Updates

Over the last few months, a number of our regional safeguarding procedures have been reviewed such as [Children living away from home](#), [Children from abroad](#), [Children missing from care, home and education](#) and [Physical Abuse](#). Some of our procedures have also had some amendments such as a new section of victim blaming language being added to our [Online safety](#) procedure.

Procedures are updated at various points throughout the year and our procedures site has an amendments page to ensure you don't miss anything. You can also sign up for updates on the website [here](#).

In addition to our shared regional procedures, we also have Solihull specific tools and pathways such as our [Solihull missing from care, home, and other settings procedure](#). You can find all of our local procedures by going to our [procedures website](#) and selecting Solihull.



# REGIONAL CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES FOR WEST MIDLANDS

### Open Consultations

#### Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023

The government currently have an open consultation in which a number of changes are being proposed to Working Together, this includes Education becoming the fourth statutory partner in safeguarding partnerships. The link to the proposed changes and consultation can [here](#).

#### Information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners

This consultation seeks views on a revision to non-statutory guidance: Information sharing advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services to children, young people, parents, and carers. The draft information sharing guidance document and link to share your views can both be found [here](#).

#### Domestic Homicide Review Legislation

The government are also consulting on amending domestic homicide review (DHR) legislation (Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (DVCVA)). To find out more and provide your views click [here](#).

## Safeguarding Practice Learning Forum

The Safeguarding Practice Learning Forums are facilitated by the SSCP and Solihull Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) and are a way of bringing practitioners and managers from a range of partner agencies together to share learning as well as providing a 2-way consultation process for the SSCP and SSAB to hear directly from frontline practitioners. The next meeting is being held on 26<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm – 4pm at the Loft. Further details will be available [here](#) when booking opens.

### Resources

The **Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse** have produced a guide on '[Managing risk and trauma after online sexual offending](#)' designed to help professionals to safeguard the whole family when a parent has accessed child sexual abuse materials

The **Child Accident Prevention Trust** have produced a series of resources on [button battery safety](#) and [safety around dogs](#).

The **Solihull Parenting Team** have organised a number of workshops and groups throughout the summer and into the Autumn term. For more information and to book onto any of these workshops you can access their Eventbrite page [here](#).

## Learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews Training

The West Midlands Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Birmingham Community Safety Partnership has commissioned Richmond Fellowship to deliver a regional Learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews training offer across the seven local authority areas for multi-agency professionals across the West Midlands.

The training is committed to sharing important learning and recommendations from DHR's with a view to inform and change guidance and practice amongst professional networks, including identifying earlier opportunities to intervene, to reduce the risk of harm to victims and their families, manage perpetrators harmful behaviour and share information about agencies and services that can assist.

For further details on the training including dates and links to book your place please click [here](#).



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## Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership Training

### **REMINDER: MULTI-AGENCY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR 2023-24**

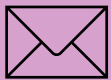
Through September - December 2023 we will not have access to a ground floor space to deliver safeguarding training and the space we have is only available via stairs, there is no lift.

We will ensure that all of our courses are available on a termly basis and therefore request that if you have any difficulty climbing stairs that you book on multi-agency safeguarding training from January 2024 onwards.

The courses we are currently offering are detailed below. We routinely add new course dates and therefore if you cannot make any of the dates below or are interested in other courses including virtual training, you can register your interest or book onto a course on the Partnership training portal <https://training.solihullscp.co.uk/Learning-and-Development.aspx>

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Module 1b Early Help – Recognising and supporting parents in parental conflict (Face to face)	18/10/23 09:15 – 16:15
Module 2 – Child Protection: An introduction to multi-agency working (Face to face)	27/09/23 09:15 – 16:15
	17/10/23 09:15 – 16:15
Module 3 – Child Protection: The challenges of multi-agency working (Face to face)	26/10/23 09:15 – 16:15
Module 4 – Child Protection: Analysis, judgement and leadership in partnership working (Face to Face)	07/11/23 09:15 – 16:15
Module 5.3 – Including contextual safeguarding in individual assessments (Face to face)	13/09/23 09:30 – 13:00
Module 6 - Neglect: Impact on child development (Face to face)	12/09/23 09:15 – 16:15
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Module 6(c) – Neglect: The Graded Care Profile 2 (Face to face)	25/10/23 09:15 – 16:15

Module 6.4 - Understanding and Responding to Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse (Face to face)	28/11/23 09:15 – 16:15
Module 7 - Physical Abuse: Impact on child development (Face to face)	14/11/23 09:30 – 12:30
Module 9 - Sexual Abuse: Impact on child development (Face to face)	11/10/23 09:15 – 16:15
Managing Allegations against Staff (Face to Face)	08/11/23 09:30 – 12:30



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