

Newsletter

Autumn 2019



Partnership Briefing

The new partnership arrangements have been agreed and a full copy can be found [here](#)

The current Safeguarding Team are managing the processes, so there is as little disruption as possible. The website and contact details will be changing (as you can see from the header of the newsletter), and the Partnership Branding and Logo will be being circulated alongside the new email addresses and social media accounts.



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The New Steering Group



The Steering Group is responsible for overseeing the strategic direction of our new Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Children Partnership (BHSCP) and on Monday 2nd September 2019 we had our first meeting. The Statutory Partners along with the chairs of the sub-groups and a representative from the Community Safety Partnership and Schools were present.

Our new Independent Scrutineer, Chris Robson, is responsible for chairing the Steering Group. Chris introduced himself and explained his role as the new Independent Scrutineer. There was a discussion about how best to use Chris's considerable expertise to identify strengths and areas for improvement. The Group agreed that Chris would be give specific safeguarding themes to scrutinise the work of the Partnership.



The first theme will be 'Domestic Abuse'.

Chris will be sending a proposal to the safeguarding leads explaining how he plans to scrutinise this work.

Chris will be holding a series of multi-agency focus groups on Friday 22th November 2019 to explore how our partners respond to domestic abuse. The focus groups will involve both managers and practitioners from Children's Services, Police, Health, Schools & Colleges as well as other professionals who have direct involvement including voluntary sector partners. Look out for an invitation to this important event.

We look forward to working with Chris in his new role!

Inspection Process: Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) - Update

The Group were updated on the new 'JTAI theme' which is 'Mental Health for children under the age of 15'. The Steering Group are ensuring that we are fully prepared if we have an inspection – which could happen at any time. The preparation includes looking at how single agencies support children with mental health issues and an assessment of how agencies work together to support and safeguard children experiencing mental health challenges.



LSCB Annual Report



Our Business Manager, Laura Perkins, presented a draft of the final LSCB Annual Report which covers the period from 1st April 2018 until 31st March 2019. The Steering Group were very impressed with this report, how succinct and easy to read it was. With a few minor amendments the report will be ready to present to the Health and Wellbeing Board in November 2019.

Newsletter contributions



Do you have something you would like to say about keeping children safe? Contributions to this newsletter from partner organisations are welcome. Please send your items by email to BHSCP@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Please note inclusion is unfortunately not guaranteed and items may be edited.

Learning Together to Safeguard the City 2019 – 25th November 2019

	Monday 25 th	Tuesday 26 th	Wednesday 27 th	Thursday 28 th	Friday 29 th
AM	<p>Aliyah Ali</p> <p>Childhood Trauma an inside view</p> <p>Brighton Town Hall – Committee Room 2</p>	<p>Young Mind</p> <p>Hove Town Hall - Council Chamber</p>	<p>Introduction to CAMHS</p> <p>BTH Com2</p>	<p>Dr Jamie Carter</p> <p>Abusive Head Trauma</p> <p>10.00 x 12.00</p> <p>Amex Stadium</p>	<p>Joint Seminar 09.30 x 16.00</p> <p>Tackling Neglect</p> <p>Charmandean Centre</p>
PM			<p>Trauma Informed Practice Workshop</p> <p>BTH Com 2</p>	<p>Safeguarding in Sport</p> <p>Amex Stadium</p>	<p>Joint Seminar 09.30 x 16.00</p> <p>Tackling Neglect</p> <p>Charmandean Centre</p>

Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Children Partnership are running a week of **events** to highlight specific areas of risk and concern that effect the young people we all work with across our locality.

This year is being used to focus safeguarding professionals on the effects of young people's mental health and how this can also be part of, or a manifestation of a larger picture of neglect for the young person.

The weeks sessions will look at aspects of recognition, potential interventions and assistance via services that can be offered to children, young people and their families. It will also consider the possible trauma caused by early neglect or abuse, which may in turn have led to poor mental health.



Learning & Development News and Updates

The Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Partnership continues to provide a full and varied training programme. This can be found by following the link below. It has been essential to provide a continuity of training, during the move into the new Safeguarding arrangements, the role of Learning Development Officer has not changed, and he will build on our existing programme adding new and relevant training offers as they are required in the ever-changing arena of Safeguarding.

BHSCP Multi-Agency Training (For the Full Programme – [click here](#)).

Dealing with Child Sexual Abuse

Location: Moulsecoomb | **Dates:** 23-10-2019, | **Time:** 9.30-4.30

Developing a Core Understanding

Location: Brighton & Hove | **Dates:** 5-11-2019, 14-1-2020, 10-3-2020, | **Time:** 9.30 - 4.30

Enabling & Supporting Compliance: (Working with Disguised Compliance and Forceful Counter Argument in Safeguarding)

Location: Brighton & Hove | **Dates:** 7-11-2019, | **Time:** 9.30-4.30

Assessment Referral & Investigation

Location: Brighton & Hove | **Dates:** 12-11-2019, 23-1-2020, 17-3-2020, | **Time:** 9.30 - 4.30

Domestic Violence & Abuse: The Impact on Children & Young People

Location: Brighton & Hove | **Dates:** 14-11-2019, 5-3-2020, | **Time:** 9.30 - 4.30

Child Protection Conferences & Core Groups

Location: Brighton & Hove | **Dates:** 21-11-2019, 4-2-2020, 24-3-2020, | **Time:** 9.30 - 4.30

For the full programme of Safeguarding Week, beginning 25th November click [here](#)

Learning Review: Baby Alex

Outline of case:

The Baby Alex Learning Review and Action Plan have been finalised, and a learning briefing has been shared on our website. The key learning points were:

- There is a need for the promotion of communication with GPs if there are concerns in a family regarding domestic abuse.
- When predisposing vulnerabilities are evident, including financial stress due to no recourse to public funds (NRPF), and domestic abuse, these should be considered, and the information shared appropriately.
- It is known that domestic abuse is harmful to children emotionally, but they can also be physically harmed.
- Professional persistence is essential to safeguard children.
- It is good practice to consider the impact of a new baby on fathers or secondary carers as well as mothers. This is particularly the case where concerns have been shared such as about the financial and practical impact of having a baby, or relationship issues. It is understood however that there are limited resources to promote this as standard practice in all cases but telling fathers that how they are feeling is important too is a start.
- Changing practice to ensure that there is a professional focus on fathers/secondary carers, particularly when they are the alleged perpetrators of domestic abuse, would involve action on three levels; as a public health issue, in early help service provision, and with individual practitioners.
- If a professional is referring a child for an assessment or opinion, it is acceptable to state that they do not know what the specific issue is?

Serious Case Review: Family Gray

This year we commissioned a large Serious Case Review featuring a family of four children with a history of chronic neglect. The family were well known to services in the city. The children had a period of Child Protection planning from 2010 to 2012 under the category of neglect.

This was stepped down to Child in Need and closed in July 2013. Concerns began to emerge in August 2013 and resulted in the second period of Child Protection planning in December 2013 again under the category of neglect. The children were removed into care in February 2014 and subsequently began to disclose sexual abuse.

In 2017 their mother and step father were found guilty of multiple offences relating to sexual abuse.

Learning from this review will be made available in early 2020.

Previous Local Serious Case Reviews and Learning Reviews can be found on the [Partnership Website](#).

National Serious Case reviews can be located on the [NSPCC Library](#)



There was an important job to do to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but **Nobody** did. **Somebody** got angry about that because it was **Everybody's** job.

Everybody thought that **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realised that **Everybody** wouldn't do it.

It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

Never assume!



Follow us @ [BrightonHoveSCP](#) to stay up to date with our latest news & information to help you keep children safe in our city. We regularly tweet about upcoming safeguarding events and national reports, guidance & campaigns. We also tweet to raise awareness of the key concerns of Brighton & Hove LSCB and provoke discussion on these matters.

Did you know you can sign up to receive our newsletter by email on our website?
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Keeping children & young people safe

And Finally – the branding may have changed but the message remains the same....

Safeguarding is Everybody's Business



Useful numbers:

Brighton & Hove LSCB office: 01273 292379

Designated Doctor Safeguarding Children: 01273 265788

Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children: 01273 574680

Brighton & Hove Police Safeguarding Investigation Unit: 101

Local Authority Designated Officer: 01273 295643

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