

# Newsletter

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## Partnership Updates

The BHSCP is continuing to support multi-agency work via both virtual meetings and working.

The forthcoming Partnership Board meeting (8<sup>th</sup> June) has been postponed. We envisage that the Partnership Board meeting will go ahead on 28<sup>th</sup> September.



Covid 19 Measures: lead partners met fortnightly since early April to formulate and continue a city-wide approach to multi-agency/organisation work to deliver a joined-up response to the challenges we face in these unprecedented times. BHSCP lead partners identified a need to respond to the heightened risk to vulnerable children and families during Covid-19 lockdown periods, many of whom are now 'hidden' from professionals. This includes e.g. children whose usual protective factors such as attending school, being cared for by other relatives have been removed. Thank you for your efforts to promote a BHSCP safeguarding message **"If you see something... say something"** to encourage the public to report safeguarding concerns to the Front Door for Families.

We will continue to use this message over the summer and would be grateful if you could support us by continuing to share and promote this slogan.



## ICON

As the lockdown restrictions continue, the message 'Babies Cry, You Can Cope' is so important. That's why BHSCP support the ICON message.

'If you see or hear something ... say something'.

## Instagram

The Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Children Partnership now have an Instagram account. Follow our account to keep updated on Partnership Events @brighton\_and\_hove\_scp

## Training

The BHSCP training programme continues despite any obstacles. Recent 'Safeguarding in the Community' training went ahead via Zoom. This was a great success.

Thank you to Albion in the Community, BACA and Sussex Police.

Worried about a child? Call Front Door For Families on 01273 290400 or in an emergency, call 999

## Meet the Partners

**Naomi Ellis, Deputy Director**

**Safeguarding and Looked After Children, Sussex CCGs**

"Sussex CCGs are a lead partner agency with statutory responsibilities for safeguarding children.

My role within the partnership is to represent Health, working closely with agencies across the system to ensure that best practice, improvement and innovation are at forefront of delivery of the safeguarding agenda. I ensure the partnership are kept up to date with local and national activities, priorities and concerns around children's health.

As a Registered Nurse, with over 30 years' experience, my role within the CCGs is to maintain strategic overall leadership for the Safeguarding and Looked After Children agenda across the Sussex CCGs, working together with leaders across health and social care in both commissioning and provider organisations. I have recently aligned services and structures for safeguarding across Sussex, and am committed to ensuring that Children within our local population benefit from relevant innovations in healthcare"



## Training Update

Our face to face training is currently suspended and it is unlikely that classroom-based training will resume until September at the earliest. Roll out of the Graded Care Profile 2 training tool to measure Neglect has also been delayed due to Covid 19. **However, we are looking to make this an e-learning offer as soon as possible.**

The BHSCP business team is looking at how we can work in this changing environment to continue to offer multi-agency training where feasible. The team is also signposting colleagues to local and national training and resources as well as providing on-line. For further information please follow the BHSCP website or contact David Hunt, the BHSCP business team's training officer.

There are also new Safeguarding and Exploitation e-learning modules available via the [Learning Gateway](#).

An L&D meeting will be scheduled before the summer holidays to explore training delivery in the autumn, including the annual November safeguarding week.

### Useful Numbers:

Brighton & Hove SCP Office: 01273 292379 | Local Authority  
Designated Officer: 01273 295643 | Brighton & Hove Safeguarding  
Investigation Unit: 101 | Designated Doctor for Safeguarding  
Children: 01273 265788 | Designated Nurse for Safeguarding  
Children: 01273 574680

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