

Newsletter

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Partnership Updates

The [BHSCP business plan](#) has now been signed off, this will run for 3 years until 2023 and focuses on 4 priorities for improving the safeguarding of children in our city.

<p>Priority 1: Partnership Engagement and Accountability Agency Lead: Brighton & Hove City Council</p>	<p>Priority 2: Safeguarding children from violence and exploitation Agency Lead: Sussex Police</p>
<p>Priority 3: Reducing Neglect Agency Lead: Brighton & Hove City Council Strategic Objectives</p>	<p>Priority 4: Mental Health and Emotional Health and Wellbeing Agency Lead: Brighton & Hove CCG</p>

Operation Northwood From October 2020, Sussex Police made some changes to their current processes around deploying to 'Welfare' or 'Safe and Well' checks. Sussex Police is committed to putting the needs of vulnerable people at the heart of all they do, and are now employing a new system to ensure that the most appropriate agency deals with any identified concerns.

The Exploitation Group has been given the task of reviewing:

- The [National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel report](#), It was hard to escape: safeguarding children at risk from criminal exploitation to identify local learning points which apply to Brighton & Hove.
- The Waltham Forest Safeguarding Children Board [Serious Case Review Child C](#) findings and recommendations. Key recommendations are around home schooling and County lines.

A working group has been established and an initial meeting has been set up for later in the month.

ICON launches 18th November so the Partnership will need your support to get the message out to all frontline staff - 'Babies cry, you can cope'.



Sussex Children's Sexual Assault Referral Centre (Children's SARC)

continue to run open days and with children returning to school, it is so important that all agencies understand their role. Check the [NHS website](#) for more information.

BHSCP Training

Virtual Training has arrived! Check out the Learning Gateway or check out our Website [BHSCP.org.uk](#) because we are adding new dates and offers each week.

"Keep Learning"

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

Meet the Partners

Deb Austin, Interim Executive Director of Families, Children & Learning - Brighton and Hove City Council

My role is one of three lead safeguarding partners in Brighton & Hove. Along with representatives from the police and the health authority, we hold statutory responsibility for safeguarding children in the city.

A key element of my work is to ensure strong and effective partnership arrangements are in place that focus on the needs of our children and young people. This includes making sure that staff across agencies and organisations have the training, resources and connections in place to keep children and young people safe.

Within the city council, I am the strategic lead for the development and delivery of services we provide for Families, Children and Learners. I lead the Families, Children & Learning Directorate which provides these services through three branches:

Education & Skills

Health, SEN and Disability

Children's Safeguarding & Care.

I am a social worker by profession, and I have worked for Brighton & Hove City Council for many years. Having held both operational and strategic roles in children's safeguarding, I have first-hand experience and understanding of the challenges faced by those making daily decisions around safeguarding.

Working with my leadership team, our ambition is for Brighton & Hove to be the best place for children and their families to live; where children and their families live safe, successful lives. Vital to achieving our vision is providing a learning environment that allows everyone to flourish. Working with our safeguarding partners is at the very heart of achieving our ambition.

I believe we are on a journey of continuous improvement in meeting our vision and I look forward to meeting you all along the way.

Training Update

For Autumn 2020 we have made significant changes to the programme and various offers can currently be accessed virtually. Training be primarily delivered via Microsoft Teams, (although some other virtual platforms maybe offered). Our overall offer is temporarily been reduced; we are doing all we can to ensure we return to our extensive training offer as soon as we can.

In relation to core training- (to be undertaken as mandatory for anyone new to role)

Under the current COVID restrictions we are delivering this as follows.

Day 1 - please complete the **e-learning module BH 20/75** found on the Learning Gateway. (on the e-learning tab at the top of the page)

Day 2 and Day 3 are now virtual.

Dates will be published via the website and can also be found on the Learning Gateway. We are trying to add more dates, as we are currently introducing these sessions with fewer participants. Thank you for your patience in these unprecedented times.



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Safeguarding Children (for professionals use only): 07770 381421 /
07901 757673 / 07788 364165 / 07796 940091 | Brighton & Hove
Safeguarding Investigation Unit: 101

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