



## **LSCB Newsletter: Winter 2016**

Dear colleagues

Welcome to the latest newsletter for B&NES LSCB members. Now that we have enjoyed Christmas and the New Year, it seems like a good opportunity to reflect on some of the key achievements that the LSCB managed in 2015, as well as looking forward to some of the continuing challenges that we will all face in 2016.

### **Key Achievements of 2015**

Following on from the success of the Stakeholder Event in November 2014, we saw a continued emphasis on Early Help Services from all agencies throughout 2015. We strengthened the links between Health Visitors and Children's Centres and began to actively address the need to improve information sharing between agencies at an early help stage. This was the subject of interesting discussion at our December meeting, and as a result of this, we now have a number of key actions to continue to develop over the coming months.

We also continue to develop some interesting work with families of prisoners which has come out of presentations to the LSCB and our Spring 2015 Development Day from the Barnardo's 'i-hop' Programme. The numbers of young people affected by parental imprisonment are small, but significant and up until recently, the needs of this group has not been recognised. The raised profile and the work of the CAPI Programme in conjunction with some local schools should maintain the good start we have made in gaining a better insight into supporting families at an early stage.

The November development workshop saw us focusing on FGM. This was particularly important as it reminded all agencies that it is now an offence not to report concerns of FGM. The session was thought provoking and challenging but it was very important in ensuring that the profile of this aspect of safeguarding remains in a prominent place in our practice and thinking.

On a more general note, it was also positive to see that the themed discussions we have introduced to our quarterly meetings continue to develop and energise debate on some key strategic and operational issues. These discussions saw some active involvement from service-users, front-line

managers and practitioners, which ensured that the Board was able to hear directly how services are being delivered and perceived.

### **Challenges for 2016**

It will not be any surprise to highlight the continuing reduction of key budgets as one of our key challenges over the coming 12 months. All of the agencies within the LSCB will continue to face difficult decisions about how to prioritise resources and ensure that safeguarding young people remains a priority. These challenges will only be manageable by ensuring that partner agencies work together and pool expertise, knowledge and resources. The continuing plans to develop and launch the MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) in mid-2016 will be a key strategic development in this process.

The MASH will also serve as a key step in ensuring that the agenda around safeguarding children and young people becomes increasingly linked to the agenda for safeguarding adults. The appointment of Reg Pengelly as the Chair for the B&NES LSAB will also ensure that all strategic and practice innovations across both safeguarding agendas can be shared and ensure we all work as efficiently and effectively as possible.

A continuing challenge for the coming year will be to ensure that our services and responses to the CSE/Missing agenda continue to be strengthened and developed. The past 18 months have seen considerable progress in how the LSCB has driven the improved understanding of this agenda across the B&NES area. This year's Stakeholder Event on 26<sup>th</sup> January will focus on CSE, and this will be a good opportunity to hear from some key-note speakers about current research and practice so that we have an opportunity to measure our progress against some very current thinking in this area of practice.

February 5<sup>th</sup> will see the launch of the new South West on-line Child Protection Procedures. The web-site and content of the procedures have now been updated and refreshed and should be easy to navigate and access. This follows the awarding of the contract to manage the site to a new company called Signis. Signis also manage a number of on-line procedures for the West Midlands area and across London. Further information on the launch of the new CP Procedures will be sent out in mid-January.

### **Stakeholder Event; Child Sexual Exploitation; One Year On 26<sup>th</sup> January**

The Annual Stakeholder Day will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 10am – 4pm at the Guildhall, Bath.

The key-note speaker will be Alyas Karmani. Alyas is the Co-Director of "Street UK", who are a specialist violence prevention intervention provider working with young people from a mainly Muslim background who are at risk of criminality, sexual violence and extremism.

The day also includes a performance/presentation from the "Loudmouth" theatre group who will present a piece that sets out the dangers of on-line grooming and exploitation. The event also has speakers from our local services on the work of the Willow Project and BASE.

This is the first time that we have held the event in Bath, and this should mean improved accessibility for those travelling by train. However for those contemplating use their cars please be advised that parking charges will apply across the city centre car parks. **Prior booking is essential:** To book and secure your place on this exciting event, please follow the link to: [LSCB Stakeholders event](#)

### **Forthcoming Training Events; January to March 2016**

The LSCB offers a wide range of training opportunities for those working with children and families. All forthcoming training, booking and venue details can be accessed by logging on to <https://bathnes.learningpool.com>. If you have any difficulty logging on, please contact Helen Heal on 01225 294210

#### **Standard Inter-agency Child Protection on:**

This is a one day, free course focusing on a multi-agency approach and response to Child Protection issues. This course is an opportunity to develop your knowledge around child protection issues and the processes involved:

● 6<sup>th</sup> Jan ● 15<sup>th</sup> Jan ● 29<sup>th</sup> Feb ● 17<sup>th</sup> March ●

#### **Advanced Inter-agency Child Protection training on:**

This is a two day Advanced course focusing on a multi-agency approach and response to Children at significant risk of harm. 20-21<sup>st</sup> Jan

● 4-5<sup>th</sup> Feb ● 24-25<sup>th</sup> Feb ● 21-22<sup>nd</sup> March ●

#### **Working with hostile and aggressive service users (2 day):**

This is an exciting and innovative two day course offering a safe inter-agency environment where delegates will develop their skills in working constructively with resistant and hostile behaviours

● 11-12<sup>th</sup> Feb ●

#### **Working with Parents where Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is an issue**

Delivered by Barnardo's, this is a new, one day course for practitioners who are working with parents and families affected by CSE. This course aims to look at practical approaches, tools and resources to use with families and explores effective ways to support parents when their child is being, or is at risk of being, sexually exploited.

● 4<sup>th</sup> March ●

#### **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Advanced Skills for Practice**

Delivered by Barnardo's, this is a one day course that aims to equip frontline practitioners to work with young people who are being or have been sexually exploited and act as a source of support and guidance to colleagues.

● 18<sup>th</sup> March ●

#### **Child Neglect; Safeguarding and Child Protection**

This is a one day advanced course for those looking to refresh and build on their knowledge and skills to support children and families living in environments with high levels of Neglect.

● 11<sup>th</sup> March ●

### Domestic Abuse and Child protection

This is a one day advanced course for those looking to refresh and build on their knowledge and skills to support children and families living in environments with high levels of domestic abuse.

● 29<sup>th</sup> March ●

### Toxic Trio: Domestic Abuse, Substance misuse and parental mental ill health

This is a one day advanced course for those looking to refresh and build on their knowledge and skills to support children and families living in environments where parents or carers experience poor mental health, misuse substances and issues of domestic abuse impact on their parental capacity.

● 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb ●

### Fabricated and Induced illness

This half day session provides awareness of fabricated or induced illness in children, which is a relatively rare form of child abuse, however where concerns exist, it requires professionals to work together.

● 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 9.30-13.30 ●

### To refer or not to refer: Thresholds Workshop

This is a 2 hour free workshop is for all members of the children's workforce who would like the opportunity to discuss and explore the thresholds for a referral to children's social care.

● 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 10-12 ●

### **Early help training;**

Common Assessment: ● 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 9-1pm ●

Initiating and recording difficult conversations: ● 10<sup>th</sup> Feb; 10-12pm ●

Lead Professional and Team around the child: ● 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016 ●

## **Booking Procedure**

Click on the course title or visit <http://bathnes.learningpool.com> to see further details about this course.

Once you have logged in you will be automatically redirected to the course page where you can see course information and sign-up for a place.

If the system asks you to **view** course details, please make sure that you **also** sign up for a session. **You will not be booked on to the session if you don't 'sign-up'.**

Further information available from

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