

Sefton LSCB Newsletter

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Welcome to Sefton LSCB's July 2020 Newsletter. Please share as widely as possible with your colleagues and throughout your networks.

Introduction from Paula St Aubyn, Sefton LSCB Independent Chair

For many, COVID-19 is still impacting on their daily lives personally and professionally. Services have found new ways of working and as restrictions are starting to ease, many will maintain this positive practice going forward. Some children have returned to school and staff are continually risk assessing to ensure that those children are safely managed attending school.

Technology has played a significant part in continuity of service during COVID-19 and services and families have quickly adapted to new ways of communication. I would like to thank you all for your hard work and commitment to safeguarding children in Sefton.

Sefton LSCB Business Unit continues to work remotely and remains contactable by email. The partnership are meeting virtually to ensure the work of the LSCB continues.

Stay safe and well everyone.



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7 Minute Briefings

The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel (CSPRP)

THE CHILD
SAFEGUARDING
PRACTICE REVIEW PANEL

The CSPRP is an independent panel commissioning and overseeing reviews of serious child safeguarding cases. The Panel want national and local reviews to focus on improving learning, professional practice and outcomes for children. Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel works with the [Department for Education](#).

The CSPRP published their first newsletter in June 2020 which includes:

- What are the risks for babies under one in lockdown?
- Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews
- Safeguarding Children at Risk from Criminal Exploitation
- Panel Updates
- Stakeholder News –recently published resources
- Have Your Say – Share good practice from your area

[CLICK HERE](#) to view CSPRP Newsletter



The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel periodically commissions reviews of national significance. The first of these reviews, about safeguarding children at risk from criminal exploitation '**It was Hard to Escape**' was published in March 2020. [CLICK HERE](#) to download a copy.

Catch 22—Pan Merseyside Child Exploitation Service works with young people under 18 years old across Merseyside who are experiencing, or at risk of, child criminal or sexual exploitation. For more information or to access their services visit their website [CLICK HERE](#). For more resources on exploitation, check out our [useful links and resources page](#).

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INFORMATION FOR EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS

NSPCC has released its third podcast in a series focussing on education during the pandemic. In the podcast a Head of Department at a large secondary school talks about the concerns her school has had and how these have been addressed.

[Listen to the Podcast:](#) Impact of coronavirus on school staff and pupils.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The Government in England has agreed to extend a voucher scheme for children to provide free school meals during the summer holidays. [BBC News: What's happening to free school meals this summer?](#)

Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing

Sefton Public Health have issued an Emotional Wellbeing Toolkit for Schools. The toolkit was developed with the support of local school staff and aims to provide a quick guide to best practice in order to help Sefton schools, colleges and other educational settings know what they should be providing or commissioning to meet the emotional wellbeing needs of their pupils and know when and how to access further support, if required. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the toolkit.

Sefton LSCB thanks Sefton Young Advisors

who have undertaken some work exploring the impact of COVID-19 on children and young people in Sefton. [CLICK HERE](#) to download the presentation and see what Sefton young people have said about their experiences during lockdown.



Think U Know have new home activity packs to support parents during COVID19 and the closure



of schools. The packs contain simple 15 minute activities to do with your child to support their online safety. [CLICK HERE](#) to access and download your pack.

Government



Keeping Children Safe in Education (DfE):

Department for Education (DfE) have published updated guidance for schools and colleges on safeguarding children 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'. This guidance will come into force on 1 September 2020. [CLICK HERE](#) to download the guidance.

Safeguarding network have [summarised the key changes](#) for your ease of reference.

Guidance for schools: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

What school leaders, teachers and school staff need to do during the COVID-19 outbreak. [CLICK HERE](#) to access a range of Government Guidance.

See Training Section on page 3 for information about future DSL training for Schools and colleges ONLY.;

Children in Need and Children in Care: Educational Attainment and Progress

Research shows that the educational attainments of CIN and CIC in England are significantly lower than for other pupils. A study was undertaken between School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol and the Rees Centre, University of Oxford aimed to identify factors that help explain this 'attainment gap' for CIN and CIC. [CLICK HERE](#) to download the Executive Summary.

My Sefton

Sefton have published the **Children & Young People's Plan 2020-25** which sets out how Sefton intend to maximise the health and wellbeing of all children and young people living in Sefton. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the plan.



COVID19 has meant that ways of connecting online are more important than ever. If you are a parent/carer visit UK Safer Internet Centre (Parents and Carers) for tips, advice, guides and lots of resources to help keep your child safe online.

www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers





SEFTON LSCB TRAINING



Sefton LSCB face to face training has been suspended during COVID19 and during this period we expanded our online learning and useful resources. We have been working hard to provide useful resources during COVID19 and we hope you find these helpful. [CLICK HERE](#) to visit Sefton LSCB website and access our wide range of resources. The resources are updated regularly so keep checking for new updates.

GOOD NEWS!!! Sefton LSCB is resuming some training in Autumn 2020, however places will be limited due to social distancing restrictions. We plan to deliver training to smaller groups and condense the sessions into shorter times. It is still vital however, that practitioners attending LSCB training experience the multi-agency approach and networking.

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) training for Sefton Schools/Colleges ONLY will resume in September 2020. This course is for DSL refresh and also for staff new to the role of DSL. The DSL training will be run in smaller groups of no more than 10/12 attendees and the course will be condensed into a half day session (due to reduced numbers). This will allow for social distancing restrictions. Dates are below:

DSL (2 sessions) AM/PM	7 September 2020	9.30-12.30	1.30-4.30	PDC Formby
DSL (2 sessions) AM/PM	8 September 2020	9.30-12.30	1.30-4.30	PDC Formby
DSL (2 sessions) AM/PM	17 September 2020	9.30-12.30	1.30-4.30	PDC Formby
DSL (2 sessions) AM/PM	18 September 2020	9.30-12.30	1.30-4.30	PDC Formby
DSL (2 sessions) AM/PM	1 October 2020	9.30-12.30	1.30-4.30	PDC Formby
DSL (2 sessions) AM/PM	2 October 2020	9.30-12.30	1.30-4.30	PDC Formby

[CLICK HERE](#) to book DSL training or visit Sefton LSCB Training Calendar to book a session.

Working Together to Safeguard Children will also resume in September 2020 and will be run in smaller groups with a condensed 1 day course (rather than 2 days).

WORKING TOGETHER TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN (1 DAY COURSE)

Dates:	Dates:	Dates:	Time	Venue
24 September 2020	12 October 2020	19 November 2020	9.30am-4.00pm	PDC Formby
25 September 2020	13 October 2020	20 November 2020	9.30am-4.00pm	PDC Formby



[CLICK HERE](#) to book Working Together to Safeguard Children training (now 1 day course).

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 (DfE) states...

Everyone who works with children has a responsibility for keeping them safe. No single practitioner can have a full picture of a child's needs and circumstances and, if children and families are to receive the right help at the right time, everyone who comes into contact with them has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action

Virtual Awareness Session—We are with you at Sefton STARS in collaboration with **Sefton LSCB** are offering a virtual awareness session of their service on **15 July 2020 @ 1pm-4pm**. Spaces are limited to 20 people so be quick. [CLICK HERE](#) to book a place. The first 20 eligible bookings will receive confirmation via email with joining instructions. **BE QUICK TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**



Transition from Childhood to Adulthood:

Sefton Council have published a Protocol for children and young people with care and support needs and their carers. It is aimed at young people with disabilities and complex support needs who may require care and support from adult services. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



Gillick Competence, Fraser Guidelines

NSPCC Learning has updated information about Gillick competency and Fraser guidelines, which help people who work with children to balance the need to listen to children's wishes with the responsibility to keep them safe.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the guidance at



The invisible voice of children under 2

NSPCC Learning Podcast—Infants under 2 years may not be able to verbally express what they see and experience to social workers and practitioners. Hear how Social Workers and practitioners can monitor risks and ensure the safety of infants under 2 to prevent these from becoming child safeguarding practice reviews. [CLICK HERE](#) to access.

The Children's Commissioner "We're all in this together" report and local area profiles of child vulnerability provide a way for partnerships to understand which groups of children are likely to be at risk under lockdown. Central government will target additional resources at area's most in need.



Lockdown Babies—Lockdown has changed all our lives in so many different ways. But if there's one thing that hasn't changed it is that babies are still being born. The Children's Commissioner has been particularly concerned about the limitations in support offered to new families under lockdown, the reductions in contact with Health Visitors and the inability to maintain birth registers. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the briefing paper.

In 2019, Sefton LSCB published [SCR Matilda](#) which included a recommendation that 'the LSCB should invite the Director Public Health, Sefton Council, to work with partnership agencies and with Sefton Council's communication team to adopt the most appropriate campaign to raise awareness of the impact of shaking a baby.'



Sefton Public Health team scoped out various campaigns and had agreed to lead the partnership in the implementation of the [ICON programme](#). In May 2020, NHS England and NHS Improvement (North) Safeguarding Team advised of their intention to fund the roll out of the ICON programme across Cheshire and Merseyside through CCGs.

The Campaign is based around coping with a crying baby in order to reduce the incidence of Abusive Head Trauma (AHT). Research suggests that some adults lose control when a baby's crying becomes too much and could go on to shake a baby with devastating consequences. Effective evidence based programmes studied provide a simple message that supports parents/care givers to cope with infant crying and includes:

- I – Infant crying is normal
- C – Comforting methods can help
- O – It's OK to walk away
- N – Never, ever shake a baby



The purchased programme will include the access to training materials for the workforce and a range of leaflets and posters.

Sefton Public Health team have continued to progress the implementation of this programme on behalf of the partnership. For more information visit ICON website www.iconcope.org

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES—WHAT'S NEW?

Sefton LSCB has reviewed and updated Practice Guidance Support for Professionals. There are more than 20 practice guidance briefings relating to a wide range of safeguarding topics eg. Disguised Compliance, Parental Alcohol Abuse, Assessing the Child's Lived Experience and many more.



[CLICK HERE](#) to access Sefton Guidance to support your practice.



If you have any suggestions or comments on the LSCB Newsletter, please contact the LSCB team on Tel. 0151 934 4706 or email seftonlscb@sefton.gov.uk.

The next edition of the Sefton LSCB Newsletter will be published September 2020.