



## Welcome to the Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board (DSCB) newsletter.

December 2015

We'll update all staff and volunteers working with children and young people about key information from our board meetings, every three months.

The board co-ordinates and monitors the effectiveness of safeguarding work of agencies and bodies involved in protecting children and young people across Derbyshire.

Each board meeting includes updates of sub-group activity, such as serious case reviews, CSE and policies and procedures, and a presentation by a Locality Planning and Commissioning Partnership regarding their work linked to DSCB priorities.

Other safeguarding issues affecting the county are discussed by all multi-agency partners, and the latest performance report is scrutinised.

The last Board meeting was **11 December 2015**; here is a summary of items discussed:

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### Reports round-up

**The LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer) presented the LADO annual report.** The LADO deals with allegations against staff, carers and volunteers. 349 referrals were submitted to the LADO for consideration between April 2014 to March 2015. This compares with 298 for the same period 2013 to 2014. The government stipulates LADO outcome categories. These are **substantiated, false, malicious, unsubstantiated**. Of the outcomes for the last 12 months (for cases which are reported as complete) 64 were substantiated, and 94 unsubstantiated. 20 were categorised false and 9 malicious. For further information contact the Derbyshire LADO [miles.dent@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:miles.dent@derbyshire.gov.uk)

**DSCB Performance report:** A standing agenda item is scrutiny of the DSCB performance report which includes management information from DCC Childrens Services, Derbyshire Police and Health. For information on performance contact [sara.bartlett@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:sara.bartlett@derbyshire.gov.uk)

**Mandatory Reporting of Female Genital Mutilation:** members were reminded of the mandatory reporting duty which requires regulated health and social care professionals and teachers in England and Wales to report 'known' cases of FGM in under 18s which they identify in the course of their professional work, to the police. **The duty applies from 31 October 2015 onwards.** See below in Policies and Procedures update regarding changes to FGM guidance and where to find this.

**Starting Point:** the new contact and referral service for Derbyshire went live in September 2015. Members were reminded that early help, advice, support and safeguarding services for children and young people in the county are now all in one place, with health, police and social care staff based in one location. A new advice and consultation line for professionals working with children is also

based in Starting Point with support available from social care specialists. DSCB Lay Members attended Starting Point for a site visit in November and shared their positive observations. For further information on Starting Point contact [deb.smith@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:deb.smith@derbyshire.gov.uk)

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## Sub group activity:

### Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) update

A CSE awareness took place on 29 September 2015 aimed at District and Borough Council colleagues. The session included a "Chelsea's Choice" performance and launch of the Community Safety lead "Say Something if you See Something" campaign. For further information contact the Child Protection Manager for vulnerable young people [julie.oldknow@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:julie.oldknow@derbyshire.gov.uk)

DSCB/DCC continue to promote the CSE e learning to all partners, access is via membership to the CSE National Working Group, see the DSCB website for how to complete (link below).

[http://www.derbyshirescb.org.uk/prof\\_cse.html](http://www.derbyshirescb.org.uk/prof_cse.html)

The e learning includes information on CSE, risk indicators and trafficking. **All staff are asked to complete this.**

A roll out of further CSE training is currently taking place across DCC children's services (to include front line staff and managers). Training is being supported by Safe and Sound Derby.

### Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) update

A serious case review is nearing completion relating to the death of a child in May 2015. A focus of the review is neglect. A practitioner learning event with 16 multi agency professionals took place in October 2015, themes from this event are informing the draft SCR report.

A new serious incident learning review has commenced regarding the apparent suicide of a young person in Derbyshire. A learning event for this case is planned for 1 March 2016.

For queries regarding these or any other SCR processes please contact Amanda Clarke on 01629 532181.

### Policies and procedures update

The next update to the joint safeguarding procedures will go live **21 December 2015**. Staff are asked to familiarise themselves as **the update includes a new chapter on radicalisation and violent extremism**, and **significant changes to chapters on FGM and abusive images of children**.

The threshold document, escalation policy and self harm guidance have also been amended. To access the changes from 21 December visit [www.derbyshirescb.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirescb.org.uk) interagency procedures tab.

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## DSCB priorities

For the next year DSCB will highlight two main priorities:

**CSE and E safety:** we will work jointly with partners in the prevention of, and protection from, issues of child sexual and online exploitation;

and

**Emotional health and wellbeing:** we will ensure support provided to children and families affected by self-harm, suicide and substance misuse is effective, and that an awareness raising and

educational campaign about the risks is developed for professionals, parents and young people.

**And finally....**DSCB said thank you and good luck to our Independent Chair Christine Cassell who is leaving Derbyshire for Rotherham LSCB. The new DSCB vice chair Andy Stokes, Head of Public Protection in Derbyshire Police, will provide cover until a new Chair is recruited.

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## **The next DSCB meeting is 18 March 2016**

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