



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

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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 how effective 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 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 20 March 2015, agenda items included:

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

An additional week of Chelsea's Choice performances has taken place in Derbyshire schools bringing the total number of young people who have received CSE awareness via this drama to 7350, across 53 educational settings, including mainstream, independent and special schools, and support centres.

In February two CSE introductory training events took place for multi agency professionals including a performance of Chelsea's Choice and inputs from the Police CSE team and Safe and Sound (the Derby based CSE voluntary organisation). Both events were positively received by the 200 participants.

DSCB are actively promoting 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

This e learning includes information on CSE, risk indicators and trafficking.

The National Awareness Day for CSE was 18 March and DSCB marked the event by issuing a CSE progress bulletin and pledge request (link below)

http://www.derbyshirescb.org.uk/user_controlled_lcms_area/uploaded_files/National%20CSE%20Awareness%20Day%20bulletin%20pdf.pdf

Serious Case Reviews (SCRs)

ADS14 the review into the death of a one year old child was presented to the Board in March. Recommendations for the Board and partners were agreed, including awareness and understanding of supervision orders, working with disguised compliance and non-engagement, information sharing

across borders, and information sharing in local MARAC (multi agency risk assessment conference) processes. Work has already commenced to ensure that these recommendations are actioned and where necessary, changes occur.

The review relating to the death of a young person after a drugs overdose is continuing. Family visits have taken place to listen to their views of the services received. A professionals' learning event, and third panel meeting to discuss findings and recommendations will take place end March/ mid April 2015.

The SCR pages of the DSCB website are currently being updated, for queries regarding these or any other SCR processes please contact the Board team 01629 532181.

Reports round-up and date of next meeting

A Domestic and Sexual Violence update was given about the work taking place in relation to domestic abuse and sexual violence across the city and county. The report on current progress included:-

The 2015-2018 Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy has now been approved by the Governance Board and will be available on the Safer Derbyshire website shortly, www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk

The Governance Board has requested that a formal Information Sharing Agreement be developed to ensure that information collated by the Police regarding **repeat and serial perpetrators** can be shared and recorded by agencies safely. A task and finish group is meeting to progress this.

Following a recommendation from a HMIC inspection Derbyshire Constabulary is piloting **Domestic Abuse Scrutiny Panels**. Similar to Rape Scrutiny Panels the Domestic Abuse Scrutiny Panels will consider cases of domestic abuse that have been unsuccessful in obtaining a conviction at court. The panels will be chaired by members of the Local Criminal Justice Board to ensure independency.

The next update will be at the September Board 2015.

The updated DSCB Performance and Outcome report was presented for the first time containing additional performance information from Board partners, including Health, CAYA and Police. Work will continue to improve reporting further and to enable members to scrutinise their own and other agencies' performance relating to safeguarding children.

At the March Board it was the turn of the **Chesterfield Locality Planning and Commissioning Partnership** to report their progress against the DSCB priorities. A reminder of the priorities is below, but for further information of the work in the Chesterfield locality contact ann.coverley@derbyshire.gov.uk

DSCB Priorities focus on:

- Ensuring the effectiveness of the board is outstanding and the safety and wellbeing of children and young people in Derbyshire is the priority
- CSE and e-safety
- Children and young people affected by parental substance misuse
- Children and young people misusing substances (including legal highs)
- Emotional well-being of children and young people (including self-harm and suicide)
- Children and young people affected by domestic violence

The next DSCB meeting is Friday 19 June 2015.

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