

Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board News

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

March 2016

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 **18 March 2016**; here is a summary of items discussed:

Reports round-up

The Goddard enquiry and Derbyshire's position was discussed. Goddard is a national independent enquiry into child abuse specifically sexual abuse and including CSE. A focus is on which institutions have failed to protect children from abuse. The purpose is to provide support to victims, make practical recommendations, and to ensure children received appropriate care.

The enquiry has issued a long list of organisations in which it is interested, Derbyshire and Derby are included. The whole enquiry could last around 7 years, depending on the work generated. Goddard has set up "truth commissions" where survivors of sexual abuse can tell their story.

It was agreed that the Chair of DSCB will sit on the Goddard oversight group and the Board will remain updated of progress.

A Memorandum of Understanding between Partnerships relating to Safeguarding and Wellbeing of Children and Adults in Derbyshire was agreed by the Board to formalise links, relationships and governance arrangements across strategic partners such as Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board, The Children's Trust Board, Derbyshire Health and WellBeing Board and Safer derbyshire (Community Safety).

Suicide, self harm and emotional wellbeing was discussed at length with information on data provided by Public Health. A DSCB serious incident learning review on the issue is expected to make recommendations regarding the issue (see SCRs below).

Government Review of LSCBs: an update was provided regarding this national review of LSCBs; how they function and plans/changes for the future. Derbyshire have contributed to a consultation and await the findings of the review in the Spring.

Sub group activity:

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) update

For further information contact the Child Protection Manager for vulnerable young people julie.oldknow@derbyshire.gov.uk

UCREATE is a Primary School competition to be launched across the county in June 2016, to highlight risks and dangers of sexting.

A second CSE Leads seminar is planned for end April 2016. Partners are asked to prioritise attendance.

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

<http://www.derbyshirescb.org.uk/professionals-and-volunteers/child-sexual-exploitation/default.asp>

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. The SCR report is in draft.

A serious incident learning review regarding the apparent suicide of a young person in Derbyshire is due to conclude for the next Board meeting in June 2016.

A criminal trial is ongoing regarding Derbyshire case ADS14. The case relates to alleged physical abuse of a 21 month old child in 2014. The Board is preparing for publication of the SCR report in consultation with partners and a media strategy is in place.

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 to our Acting Independent Chair Andy Stokes. A recruitment process for the new Chair is nearing completion.

And.... DSCB said good luck to Amanda Clarke, Board Manager since 2013 who is leaving at Easter. Jane Lakin will be undertaking the temporary Board Manager role from May 2016 for 6 months.

The next DSCB meeting is 17 June 2016

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