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Dear Colleague,

I am writing to make you aware of the Reflective Practice Meetings toolkit developed on behalf of the Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Board to assist agencies apply reflective practice effectively. Although not mandatory to use, it is an excellent tool which will allow you to capture, record, and measure just how effective multi-agency settings are in providing the very best outcomes for children and young people.

“Reflective practice involves the critical analysis of working practices to improve competence, promote professional development, develop practice generated theory, and help professionals make sense of complex and ambiguous practice situations” (Cowdrill and Dannahy, 2009).

This tool can support this analysis by allowing time to look back and consider if there are ways in which practice and outcomes could have been different or confirm that these were the appropriate actions at the time. There is a clear link into the agreed multi-agency supervision standards in the city and it can be a useful activity in assessing children’s and families progress and outcomes.

The PSCB Case Review Committee will be routinely asking partnership agencies to feedback on the findings of reflective practice sessions as part of the Board’s challenge and scrutiny function and your cooperation will be greatly valued and appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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