



## Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Board

# Newsletter

Autumn 2018

### Update from the Chair...

I am delighted to write this forward for our latest PSCB newsletter. As is the case when safeguarding our children, there are so many activities it is difficult to report on everything. I would like to thank our Children and Families Department for a very successful Ofsted inspection. I cannot do justice to all of the staff who worked tirelessly, sometimes through the night, to support the process but crucially, demonstrating the high level of commitment, care and professionalism in the Department. The leadership and the broad range of staff connected with keeping our children safe in a challenging environment should be proud.

In this edition we will provide information on our new PSCB website/twitter account, the new ICON (helping parents cope with crying babies) campaign, the new homeless reduction act and a full update on training dates.

We are delighted to introduce our new apprentice, Harry, who is making a positive contribution to the team.

I hope you enjoy this edition and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas with best wishes for the New Year. Thank you for all you do to keep our children safe in Portsmouth.



### Update from the Business Unit ...

You may have already noticed that we have a new and improved [website](#)! Earlier in the year, during the takeover day, our Chair, Rich John, and Lucy Rylatt, our Partnerships Manager, met with a care leaver who gave some really constructive feedback on our website. That it was not eye-catching enough, lots of lists that were overwhelming, difficult to navigate etc. We took this on board and set to work on a refresh. Some of the changes include a dedicated area for One Minute Guides and strategies along with a workforce area and a protected area to manage meeting documentation better.

This is a really good example of how young people's views have an impact on our work. If you have any comments to wish to make on our new site please let us know.

As well as a new website, the business unit has also been having an upgrade by means of our own [twitter account](#). We are finding this is a very powerful tool to promote events happening in and around the city. It's also a good means to understand what other organisations and LSCBs are doing.

We published our latest Annual Report last month. To read the report in full please follow the link [here](#)

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## We have a new member of our team ...



My name is Harry Tumber & I am the new business administrator for the PSCB Training programme. You may have spoken to me already regarding training, but this is me introducing myself to you. If you do have any queries please email me on [harry.tumber@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:harry.tumber@portsmouthcc.gov.uk).

I have been in post since 17<sup>th</sup> September and will be completing an apprenticeship to build on the skills I have previously learnt through A levels, working as an account executive, retail assistant and assistant manager at a café. I enjoy football & boxing and have previously played for Portsmouth FC U18.

## PSCB Multi Agency Safeguarding Training Programme update

The training courses continue to be well attended and are booking up fast. We will be publishing new dates on the website in January so keep an eye out for those. Current dates can be found [here](#). We will also be moving towards an online booking system through the PSCB website in 2019 but in the meantime please complete a [booking form](#) as usual and email it to [psbctraining@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:psbctraining@portsmouthcc.gov.uk).

There are currently spaces on the following upcoming courses:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (school staff)	18 March 2019
Working with Childhood Neglect	1 day training on either 20 <sup>th</sup> or 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2019

Restorative Practice has spaces too for PCC and voluntary sector staff. Please book via: [rptraining@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:rptraining@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)

Restorative Practice	Dates Available
	9/10 January 2019
	4/5 February 2019
	6/7 March 2019
	20/21 March 2019



## ICON (abusive head trauma) Campaign - rollout in Portsmouth

The ICON preventative campaign is based around parental coping with a crying baby. ICON represents the message below:

**I – Infant crying is normal**

**C – Comforting methods can sometimes soothe the baby**

**O – It's OK to walk away**

**N – Never, ever shake a baby**

Abusive Head Trauma in infants is 100% preventable and yet, little in the way of a co-ordinated prevention campaign exists in the United Kingdom.

The PSCB, in conjunction with the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board, is planning to roll this out within the Portsmouth area in the coming months. This is an evidence based intervention programme aimed at helping parents and carers cope with a crying baby and help reduce the incidence of Abusive Head Trauma.

Abusive Head Trauma (AHT), also known as Shaken Baby Syndrome, is a devastating form of child abuse. The impact of AHT, whether or not the baby survives, is immeasurable for the child and family and the financial cost to society is significant. The costs may include; inpatient hospitalisation, long term medical service intervention, special education needs, foster care placements, court proceedings, prison costs, probation costs, Serious Case Review costs, loss of societal productivity and occupational revenue.

Evidence suggests that 70% of babies shaken are shaken by men and the literature points towards an inability to cope with a crying baby as being one of the key reasons for caregivers losing control and shaking a baby. Research into crying shows a demonstrable relationship between the normal peak of crying and the ages of babies subject to AHT. This increase, peak and decrease in crying in normal infants is described as the 'normal crying curve'.

The [DadPad](#) is an additional element of the programme which has the ICON messages incorporated into it, and is aimed specifically for dads (or father figures) in both an electronic (App) version and a fully wipe able print version. The DadPad team can be contacted via Tel: 07403 274 757 or Email: [hello@thedadpad.co.uk](mailto:hello@thedadpad.co.uk)

We will share more information as this campaign progresses.



## 4LSCB Procedures Website

The [4LSCB Procedures](#) website is the repository for all policies and procedures that are used across Hampshire . You can now [register](#) to be notified of any updates to this site. There have been some recent updates to the following chapters:

<a href="#">NHS-CPIS (Child Protection Information Sharing)</a>	<p>This is a direct link to The Child Protection - Information Sharing project (CP-IS) which is helping health and social care staff to share information securely to better protect society's most vulnerable children.</p>
<a href="#">Children from Abroad</a>	<p>The 2014 guidance 'Care of Unaccompanied and Trafficked Children: Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities on the Care of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking and Trafficked Children (2014)' has been replaced with 'Care of Unaccompanied Migrant Children and Victims of Modern Slavery: Statutory Guidance for local Authorities (2017)'. There is an accompanying amendment to text to reference section 51 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.</p>
<a href="#">Dangerous Dogs and Safeguarding Children</a>	<p>This chapter has been reviewed and updated as part of the continuing improvement of the SCB template procedures. The guidance within explains the importance of professionals making routine enquiries regarding dogs in the household whenever they are working with children and families. It then looks at the action which is required when a child is injured by a dog and / or when there are concerns that a dog in the household may be dangerous or prohibited.</p>
<a href="#">Gang Activity, Youth Violence and Criminal Exploitation Affecting Children</a>	<p>This chapter has been updated to include a link to the Home Office publication Criminal Exploitation of Children and Vulnerable Adults: County Lines. This guidance outlines what county lines (and associated criminal exploitation) is, signs to look for in potential victims, and what to do about it. Information was also added throughout to describe how organised criminal groups exploit young people and use them to distribute money and illegal drugs along 'county lines'. The chapter has also been re-titled.</p>
<a href="#">Trafficked Children</a>	<p>The 2014 guidance 'Care of Unaccompanied and Trafficked Children: Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities on the Care of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking and Trafficked Children (2014)' has been replaced with 'Care of Unaccompanied Migrant Children and Victims of Modern Slavery: Statutory Guidance for local Authorities (2017)'. There is an accompanying amendment in the text to reference section 51 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.</p>

