



Welcome to the NSCP Newsletter

The new safeguarding arrangements have now been in place for almost a year and the Partnership continues to strengthen as we focus on supporting safeguarding practice.

Particular thanks must go to Chris Few who is stepping down from the position of Independent Scrutineer having supported the transition from the local safeguarding children board to the new arrangements. Chris has made a tremendous contribution to safeguarding children in Nottinghamshire over the 10+ years of being the Independent Chair and we wish him well for the future

We hope you find this newsletter useful and informative and if you have any suggestions on how to improve it please get in touch.

Partnership Update

Earlier this month Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership joined with colleagues from Nottingham City Partnership and the Violence Reduction Unit to host a thought-provoking conference on contextual safeguarding. Keynote speakers included Dr Carlene Firmin, from the University of Bedford and Dez Holmes from Research in Practice. If you were not able to attend their presentations will be made available on the NSCP website and details of a new guide on contextual safeguarding are later in this newsletter.

The first joint Strategic Leadership Group for the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Partnerships has taken place. The group will ensure that cross-cutting work is identified and coordinated between the two partnerships and oversee the work of the joint CDOP.

In January 2020 the NSCP Partnership Forum will be used to reflect on the past year and look at ways to further develop the arrangements. It will also focus on two areas of safeguarding practice; improving multi-agency working through strategy discussions and responding to harmful sexual behaviour.

Also in this issue

Learning from practice – how ‘rapid reviews’ are supporting learning

Details of the East Midlands Children and Young People Sexual Assault Service

New resources for practitioners including; a guide on contextual safeguarding and updated ‘green card’

Focus on private fostering

How to access Reducing Parental Conflict e-learning

Operation Striver – what to do with intelligence about child sexual exploitation

Partnership priorities

Learning from practice

New rapid reviews are working well and enable the partnership to quickly find out if any immediate action is needed to ensure children's safety and share any learning.

'Working Together' July 2018 has replaced the old system of Serious Case Reviews with a new process which require the safeguarding partnerships to undertake 'Rapid Reviews' and where appropriate 'Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews.'

The Safeguarding Partners must undertake a **15 day** 'rapid review' of all serious child safeguarding cases which are those in which:

- Abuse or neglect of a child is known or suspected and
- The child has died or been seriously harmed

The Local Authority is responsible for identifying serious child safeguarding cases and notifying the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel (the 'National Panel').

The Safeguarding Partners then carry out a rapid review of the case to enable the partners to:

- **Gather the facts** about the case, as far as they can be readily established at the time
- Discuss whether there is any **immediate action** needed to ensure children's safety and share any learning appropriately
- Consider the potential for **identifying improvements** to safeguard and promote the welfare of children
- Decide what steps they should take next, including **whether or not to undertake a child safeguarding practice review**

A Child Safeguarding Practice Review is a more comprehensive review, involving practitioners and families, which is required to be completed and published within 6 months.

In Nottinghamshire the Safeguarding Partners have completed five 'rapid reviews' to date and a further child safeguarding practice review is currently underway. Partner organisations have worked hard at gathering the information needed and have contributed constructively and openly to the reviews and this has been really appreciated.

Learning from reviews is shared through the Partnership's multi-agency safeguarding children training programme, learning bulletins and the NSCP website.

The [babies that don't cruise rarely bruise](#) video, developed through the Partnership, continues to receive very positive feedback. The short film is aimed at developing practitioners understanding of the significance of a bruise in a non-mobile baby and it is now being picked up and used by other areas and promoted through NHS England.



Did you know we have a local service based in Nottingham which offers support for children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse?

EMCYPSAS provides medical care and holistic assessment following sexual abuse for children and young people up to the age of 18 years, or up to 24 years of age if a young adult has a learning disability. It offers comprehensive services from initial medical examination through to follow-up care and therapeutic support.

Anyone can make a referral and the service accepts referrals 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, including bank and public holidays.

Call 0800 183 0023 for advice or to make a referral.

The aim is that you get the right help for children and young people at the right time. Advisors can offer you advice, or can guide you through the referral process, taking account of the referral pathway and local safeguarding procedures.

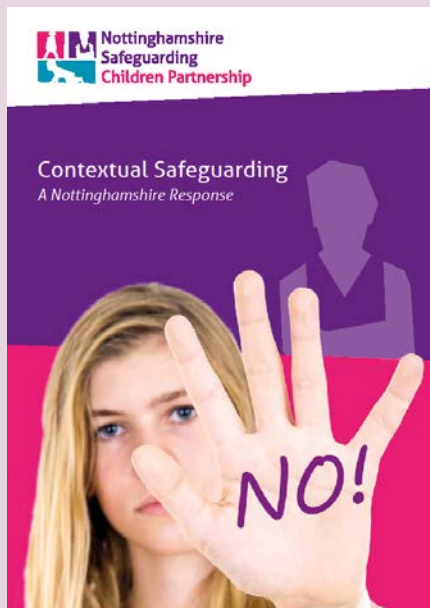
For more information go to: <https://www.emcypsas.co.uk/>

Indicators of abuse

A new 'Green Card' is currently being developed and will be available soon via the NSCP website resources section.

The new guide will include a brief explanation of the different forms of child abuse along with indicators and information about what action to take. The booklet will be made available in electronic format and hard copy – check the NSCP website for updates.





Contextual Safeguarding is an approach to understanding, and responding to, young people's experiences of significant harm beyond their families. The relationships young people form outside of their families (whether online or community) can sometimes expose them to violence and/or abuse.

These threats can take a variety of different forms and children can be vulnerable to multiple threats, including exploitation by criminal gangs and organised crime groups such as county lines, trafficking, online abuse, sexual exploitation and the influences of extremism leading to radicalisation.

The NSCP provides a range of guidance and training on issues that fall under the heading of 'contextual safeguarding' and a new booklet is now available that provides the definition of each threat or risk, high risk indicators, steps to take and where to go for further advice.

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/nscp/resources/for-professionals-and-volunteers

Focus on Private Fostering

Private Fostering is when a child or young person lives with someone who is not a close relative. Parents may arrange for their child to live with someone else for many reasons. For example, if they have to go abroad for lengthy periods or need to be admitted to hospital, or because of relationship breakdown. A child or young person may be sent from abroad to stay in the UK for educational or health reasons or a child may live away from home because they do not get on with their family.

To help Nottinghamshire County Council keep children safe and support families, all parents and private foster carers must notify us. If not, they miss out on essential welfare checks for the children, plus other support services.

Are you aware of any adults who are private foster carers?

- Is an adult looking after someone else's child?
- Is the child below the age of 16 (18 if disabled)?
- Is the adult NOT the child's parent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, legal guardian or other person with parental responsibility?
- Is the child going to be cared for more than 28 days?

If you have answered 'yes' to ALL these questions, then a child is being privately fostered, regardless of whether the adult carer receives payment. If this is the case, then please contact Nottinghamshire County Council – MASH on 0300 500 8090 or email mash.safeguarding@nottscc.gov.uk



Reducing Parental Conflict (RPC) E Learning – Modules still available!

In our last newsletter we promoted the RPC programme and the training events available. We still have 10 courses planned for 2020 but most of these are fully booked up, however, we do still have all 4 modules available via E Learning.

What is RPC?

Parental conflict, which can range from a lack of warmth and emotional distance, right through to swearing and shouting, is known to be a risk factor for poor child outcomes, particularly when conflict is frequent, intense and poorly resolved. There is growing understanding and awareness of the need to address and reduce parental conflict that sits below a domestic abuse/ violence threshold.

If you sign up for the E learning you will get access to all modules:

- Module 1: Understanding Parental Conflict and its Impact on Child Outcomes
- Module 2: Recognising and Supporting Parents in Parental Conflict
- Module 3: Working with Parents in Conflict (looking at practical tools you can use with parents)
- Module 4: The Role of Supervisors and Managers

Each module will take between 30-45 mins to complete. NB. This E learning is not available through our usual booking on system but directly through Knowledgepool so if interested please e mail Sarah Bale who will set you up with an account: sarah.bale@nottsc.gov.uk . **Please note we will be setting these accounts up in batches, so it may take between 1-2 weeks before you get your log in details. Once registered you have 6 months maximum to complete all modules.**

It's easy to find NSCP courses and e learning:

- Simply go to our login page: <https://nottsc.learningpool.com/login/index.php>
- If you haven't already set up an account go to our training page for guidance on how to do this : <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/nscp/training/upcoming-courses-and-events>
- Search on Learning Pool for NSCP courses and e learning

For any further support / guidance including clarifying your registration key, please contact Sarah Bale: sarah.bale@nottsc.gov.uk or 0115 99774439

Child Sexual Exploitation Operation Striver

If you have non-emergency intelligence concerning child sexual exploitation, please submit it to the police through Operation Striver.

Information about:

- **Locations:** Fast food premises, hotels/guest houses, or other locations
- **Vehicles:** Make/model, colour, vehicle registration mark
- **Contact Details:** Mobile numbers, E mail addresses
- **People:** Names/Nicknames, persons who could present a risk to children

The information provided will contribute towards the collation of intelligence regarding children and young people exposed to or at risk of CSE, the development of disruption strategies and inform current and future investigations concerning the sexual exploitation of children and young people

Further guidance regarding CSE can be found in the Inter-Agency Safeguarding Children Procedures along with the Operation Striver Form which you can use to submit intelligence: https://nottinghamshirescb.proceduresonline.com/p_ch_sexual_exploit.html

Forms should be submitted to: cnm@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Please note that this process does **not** replace the requirement to refer children at risk of harm under the inter-agency safeguarding children procedures to children's social care or the police and that any immediate risks should be reported via 999 or 101 to the police control room.



Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) – this continues to be a priority for the partnership, we now have a better understanding of the risks to children in Nottinghamshire thanks to the CSE Problem Profile & Threat Assessment developed by Nottinghamshire Police. The Cross Authority CSE Group leads on developing and improving the response to CSE, improving the voice of children and reducing inequality by improving understanding of specific vulnerabilities for minority groups.

Contextual Safeguarding

- o Raising awareness and developing a cultural shift
- o Reinforcing existing pathways and frameworks
- o Development of a pre-referral tool (for criminal exploitation)
- o Briefings/training – development of E learning
- o Further development of place-based intelligence sharing and interventions
- o Ensuring exploitation work is connected

Strategy discussions – we are working to improve the quality of strategy discussions to make sure they are timely, involve the right people and are well recorded. Teresa Godfrey, Group Manager Children's Social Care, is leading this work assisted by Bob Ross, NSCP Development Manager. A full review is being undertaken with frontline practitioners so that the current challenges can be fully understood and an action plan is being taken forward.

Injuries to pre-mobile babies – making sure that the bruising in babies' pathway effective

Information sharing

- o Introduce and embed information sharing of child protection plan details with the police
- o Monitor the impact of the Child Protection Information System (CP-IS)
- o Review the basis for checks to be undertaken by the Safeguarding Children Information Management Team

MASH – the MASH Steering Group is taking forward improvements to help manage the demand on resources and help it function effectively by

- o Looking at children's emotional health and wellbeing practitioners being based in the MASH
- o Promoting a clear pathway within health and education for young people that self-harm or parental overdose
- o Support professionals to provide as much contextual information as possible when making a referral
- o Promote the Brook Traffic Light Tool for harmful sexual behaviour
- o Support schools to respond to concerns about sexual behaviour

S.136 Mental Health Act – support;

- o The implementation of the protocol to ensure that children subject to s.136 are transported appropriately
- o The reporting of data related to children taken to a place of safety and
- o The case recording regarding gender dysphoria