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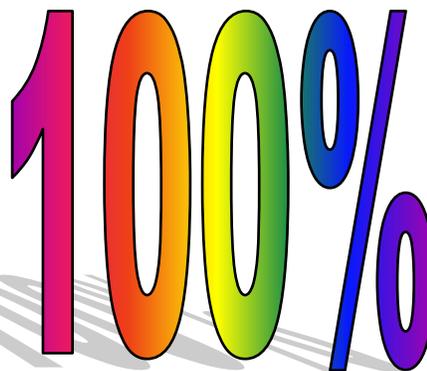
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Thanks!

Section 175 Audits

We were delighted to be able to report to the November KSCB meeting that all schools in Knowsley have now completed and submitted their section 175 audits.

Thanks and appreciation is extended to all schools, for the tremendous effort, and great response.

Board Education Representatives took the opportunity, on behalf of schools, to feed back to the Board some of the issues and challenges that had been raised in relation to completion of the 175 audit.

As a result a working group will be established to look at the terminology used in the audit, and ensure it is fit for purpose.

Anyone wishing to join and contribute to the future development of the audit is more than welcome. The initial meeting is taking place on Tuesday 19th January 2016. For further details please e-mail Susan Pennington Susan.pennington@knowsley.gov.uk

Compliance

Completion is only one aspect of the audit and it is the role of the Board and its members to also quality assure the audit returns. Therefore in order to continue to build on the success of the 175 audits so far, KSCB Education Representatives will be looking to do further work with schools over the next few months in relation to compliance.

In order to ensure the effectiveness of this piece of work, schools should consider the examples of evidence they wish to use with regards to the areas covered in the section 175 audit, and upload them onto the electronic audit tool.

Useful Links

www.knowsleyscb.org.

Child Protection Standards

Knowsley Runaway Missing from Home Protocol

http://knowsleyscb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p_ch_fam_miss.html

The Prevent Duty

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-children-from-radicalisation-the-prevent-duty#content>

Welcome

KSCB welcome a new representative for education on Knowsley Safeguarding Children Board. **Barry Bridden, Principal, Lord Derby Academy**, is the representative for the secondary sector.

There is now a comprehensive representation from education at the Board covering Early Years, Primary, Secondary, Further Education and Education Improvement.

This level of representation from one service area is absolutely necessary. It reflects the significance of education as a partner in the KSCB, while the commitment from those involved demonstrates the importance of safeguarding in Education



Peer Challenge

KSCB partners have been taking part in a process of peer challenge. The purpose of this is for the Safeguarding Board to self check where it is in terms of the journey from inspection and the progress made.

The review was conducted by Ian Rush, Independent Chair **Cheshire East Safeguarding Children Board**, and Paul Burnett, Independent Chair **Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board**. As part of this process they met with board representatives from all partner agencies. The education representatives they met with were, Education Improvement Officer, Susan Pennington and Education Safeguarding Officer, Vicki Clements, along with colleagues from Knowsley Community College. The overview of the initial results of this peer challenge was presented at the board meeting. There were a number of areas covered including,

Audits - A tool used to drive improvement, and there is evidence of a devised and implemented audit process, which is credible. However, all partners need to be confident using the audit tool, and there is no evidence yet of the impact.

Section 11 and Section 175 - There has been significant progress in relation these audits, and it was a 'robust journey'. However it is too early to check compliance.

Policies and Training – Evidence of good progress, with the implementation of a basic framework and business process. Work needs to continue regarding the promotion of thresholds, and ensuring the understanding is universal.

Strengths – Partnership and the introduction of a strong independent chair. Attendance and engagement are good across the board partners, and there is an increase in Board activity. Communication strategies are

well established including the development of bespoke communications and newsletters.

Development Areas – Some sub groups struggle with attendance. There is insufficient evidence that board members are having an impact in services. Board members driving improvement in their own agencies.

Voice of the child

A piece of work was commissioned from a company called **Voice for Children**. The aim of this was to capture more effectively the voices of children in the work of the Safeguarding Board.

As part of this work a survey was sent out to all secondary schools in the borough that students could choose to complete.

1808 young people in Knowsley Secondary schools chose to respond to the survey that asked them questions across a number of safeguarding issues. These included, Online Safety; Legal Highs; Child Sexual Exploitation; Neglect and Domestic Abuse/Healthy relationships. The results of which have been collated and shared with the Board.



The 'Prevent' Duty

The Safeguarding Board continue to promote the need for awareness and understanding of partner agencies and services in relation to the Prevent Duty.

The link to online training has been available for some time and is attached below. This is a short web based training programme aimed at raising awareness with staff.

Please could schools whose staff have already accessed the training confirm this and outline what difference you think the it has made via an e-mail to Susan Pennington. susan.pennington@knowsley.gov.uk

The training can be accessed via the following link:

http://course.ncalt.com/Channel_General_Awareness

A training session is available on 12th January at The Theatre Knowsley Community College, places may be booked by emailing steven.hale@knowsley.gov.uk

Referral into the Channel Panel

If you have concerns in relation to the Prevent Duty and are unsure of

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what to do please contact your agency link person in the first instance for guidance. For Early Years it is Ann Bodell, Schools it is Susan Pennington and for Knowsley Community College it is Trish Long.

To help share this information and promote awareness of Prevent, please see the attached poster.



prevent poster -
Knowsley Education.c

Private Fostering



Private Fostering is an arrangement that is made privately (that is to say without the financial involvement of a LA.) for the care of a child under the age of 16 years (under 18, if disabled) by someone other than a parent or close relative for 28 days or more.

KSCB is undertaking a piece of work to ensure all partners and their staff are fully aware of Private Fostering and their duties in relation to informing the Local Authority. 'Private fostering' is not the same as 'Fostering'. Children privately fostered are not in the care of the state, so if their carers don't tell the LA, therefore, they may be without support.

'There are an estimated 10,000 privately fostered children living in England and Wales. By law parents and carers must notify the local council. Sadly most don't'. (BAAF Adoption & Fostering)

A private foster carer is someone, not a close relative, who is responsible for providing the day to day care of a child in a way which promotes and safeguards their welfare.

The LA is legally required to make certain that all children privately fostered are being cared for by a suitable carer, in an appropriate environment, and that child/young person is safe and their needs are being met. This includes the duty to protect and safeguard privately fostered children/young people.

In order to support the work of the board please make available to all staff the attached briefing sheets on Private Fostering.



private fostering
1.doc



private fostering
2.doc

Information and Training

Knowsley Runaway- missing from home protocol September 2015.

Details of this document can be found on the Knowsley Safeguarding

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Children Board website. To access the information please use the link below.

http://knowsleyscb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p_ch_fam_miss.html

Guidance for Safer Working Practice 2015

The national **Safer Recruitment Consortium** recently made available an updated version of this guidance.

Edward Timpson, Minister for Children & Families, has written the foreword for the new 'Guidance for safe working practice' for professionals working in education settings. The original guidance was developed by a DfES network in 2005, with revisions in 2009. This 2015 update has been produced in consultation with representatives from local authorities, CAPE and a number of NASS schools. We hope that you will find this (non-statutory) guidance helpful when developing your staff behaviour policy / code of conduct. We will soon make available a basic training resource to support the introduction of 'safe working practice' in INSET / staff briefings.

Serious Case Reviews –Chronologies

There are a number of serious case reviews currently underway in Knowsley, and together with the learning from SCR's in other areas the importance of chronologies is evident. When feeding information into a SCR agencies and services will be asked to supply a chronology of significant events. Each reference on the chronology should be clearly evidenced and documented. Significant events should be referenced with action taken, outcomes anticipated and follow-up actions.

Protecting Children From Harm – Children Commissioner report

A new report has been published by the Children Commissioner looking at Protecting children from harm: A critical assessment of child sexual abuse in the family network in England and priorities for action. The executive summary can be accessed via the following link.

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/publications/protecting-children-harm-%E2%80%93summary>

Training

60 minute safeguarding sessions

The Trauma Caused by Exploitation. 8th Dec. 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Designated Safeguarding Lead Training

The next session is on Domestic Abuse and Risk Assessment. The course

is run by Malka Livingston. It takes place on 8th December 3:00 – 6:00 at Westvale CLC. **This course is only available to schools that have purchased the Knowsley Schools Safeguarding SLA.** To book a place please e-mail Lisa Ellis at Lisa.ellis@knowsley.gov.uk

Single Agency Child Protection Training

Dates are still available in the new year for schools wishing to host single agency Child Protection Twilight training sessions. For enquiries relating to hosting a course or booking places for staff please contact Lisa.ellis@knowsley.gov.uk

Child Sexual Exploitation and Missing Training

Delivered by **Catch22** this course aims to resource workers who are supporting young people who go missing from home or care, and/or may be at risk of being sexually exploited. It also will help identify, understand and respond to the young people's needs and the risk appropriately.

- Monday 14th Dec – x 2 sessions (10am – 12 and 1pm-3pm)
- Monday 18th Jan – x 2 sessions (10am – 12 and 1pm-3pm)
- Wednesday 24th Feb – 5 -7pm
- Monday 21st March – x 2 sessions (10am – 12 and 1pm-3pm)

These briefings will take place at Knowsley Early Years' Service, Whiston Willis, Milton Avenue, Whiston L35 2XY

To book on to a sessions please email steven.hale@knowsley.gov.uk

SHIELD team (preventing child exploitation team)– a 45 minute training session is available to all Secondary settings from January 2016. To book a sessions for your setting and get further information please email susan.pennington@knowsley.gov.uk

Updates

Child protection standards.

Work continues to ensure all partners are compliant with the Knowsley Child Protection Standards. In previous editions of this newsletter statistical information in relation to schools has been made available.

SHIELD team launch.

Thanks to all schools that sent representatives to attend the SHIELD team launch. The event was well attended across all agencies and service areas, and was a great introduction to the team.

Drug Survey

Dear Head teacher

As part of our work to develop a comprehensive strategy to tackle drug misuse in Knowsley we would value your opinions. Please could you



complete the survey below by 12th December. The survey will take no longer than 5 minutes .

Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/headteachersG>