

# Signs of Safety newsletter

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Welcome to the first Signs of Safety newsletter, bringing you up-to-date on the latest Signs of Safety activity in Knowsley.

Knowsley has teamed up with St Helens to implement Signs of Safety as a framework for working with families - not just in Children's Social Care, but across Early Help and partner agencies.

St Helens has their own project lead and plan for implementation, however, training sessions will involve staff from both Knowsley and St Helens.



## Implementation plan

Our implementation plan is currently being developed and this will be shared at the next Knowsley Safeguarding Children's Board meeting on Friday, 23 November 2018.

The implementation plan will incorporate timescales for training for staff and partners, the alignment of ICS templates as well as other relevant updates.

## Signs of Safety champions

In other local authorities that have implemented Signs of Safety, feedback from staff indicated that they needed support with Signs of Safety practice. Learning from others, we are looking for Signs of Safety champions to support staff implementing the model in practice. Champions will receive additional training.

**Please contact Tracey Overs if you're interested in being a champion.**



## Briefing sessions

Briefing sessions will be arranged to keep you up-to-date with the implementation of Signs of Safety. The sessions will also give you an opportunity to ask any questions.

## Training

There will be a number of training days for staff and partners starting with the senior leadership team starting on 12 and 13 December. Calendar invites will be sent to you directly when the training is rolled out to all staff and the dates and venues are confirmed.

## ICS

To support the implementation of Signs of Safety, the forms / templates on ICS will become more aligned with Signs of Safety over the next 12 months. To achieve this, the assistance of practitioners will be called upon in implementing the changes through a working group.