

Signs of Safety newsletter

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Training

Signs of safety briefings have been delivered to over 90 Health Visitors with more sessions planned. There is a briefing to Cafcass staff in November.

Further two and five day training sessions have been scheduled between now and the end of the year. Bookings onto the training can be submitted via Carol Thomas – please email Carol.Thomas@knowsley.gov.uk to book your place.

Training events are well attended by Children's Social Care and Targeted Services staff, as well as partners.

Support and coaching workshops

Support and coaching workshops were also arranged for staff to gain further training in particular areas related to signs of safety. The next workshops are as follows:-

Signs of success and appreciative inquiry - 20 November, 9.30am to 12.30pm and a second session 1.30 to 4.30 at Partnership for Learning, Halewood
 Danger statements and safety goals workshops - 6 January 2020 - 9.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4.30pm at St Helens Town Hall

In addition to the above, practice lead practice sessions (which are open to all practice leads in all agencies) are in the process of being planned.

I will update you in the next newsletter where and how you can access the sessions.

Updates

It has been a busy period over the summer with practitioners putting into practice signs of safety. In Children's Social Care and Targeted Services, there has been external scrutiny of work undertaken by practitioners generally. In terms of signs of safety, there was evidence that the approach is being adopted in practice which is really good to see.

On 1 October, the first initial Child Protection Case Conference was held implementing the principles of signs of safety. There have been a number of conferences since then and so far the feedback has been positive.



The signs of safety practice guidance was launched on 24 September with Children's Social Care and Targeted Services staff. The event was well received.

I attended the annual signs of safety leadership event in London on 23 September. The event was attended by over 60 local authorities across the country. The biggest challenge to implementing signs of safety reported by all local authorities relates to IT issues. I am pleased to inform you that here in Knowsley, we will be purchasing the signs of safety Liquid Logic package that will support practitioners in implementing signs of safety over the next 12 months.