



Helping Children Thrive 2020



Working with children and
their families in Knowsley

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***This document replaces the
Knowsley's Threshold of Need
guidance 2018***

The Helping Children Thrive 2020 document was recently implemented in Knowsley and was signed off by the multi-agency partnership.

It was created in order to help practitioners embed the Signs of Safety framework into their practice, looking at how practitioners in the first instance can offer help and encouragement to families to find their own solutions and to offer help and support when needed.

It sets out our approach to keeping children in Knowsley safe and protected from harm. Our commitment to Early Help and ensuring Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility is key to supporting children and families in Knowsley.

The challenge for practitioners is changing culture and not referring to the previous terminology i.e. levels 123&4. The KCSP is asking for assurances from agencies as to how it is being implemented in practice.

Click [here](#) to access the document.

KSCP Newsletter

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Introduction – Independent Chair

Dear colleagues, I am pleased to introduce our summer newsletter and to welcome back Sarah Herron, our training officer who has been on maternity leave. As highlighted below, we are noting that parents are not receiving Child Protection reports in good time for their case conference. Please look at this as if parents don't understand what is working well and what professionals are worried about, they cannot respond properly when planning to safeguard their own children.

You will also see we are seeking to recruit additional Young Advisers. Our current Advisers reported on the work they had undertaken with young people about neglect in Knowsley; one of our priorities to tackle. The report has informed our work and helped us to identify areas we need to focus on. If you know a young person who would be interested in joining please talk to them, good support is offered and they would be made to feel very welcome.

I know these are difficult times and I would like to thank you all for your work during lockdown and continued restrictions. I hope you manage to get a break over the next few weeks and enjoy some time in the sun, wherever that may be!

Audrey Williamson – KSCP Independent Chair

Sharing of Child Protection Reports

The Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Unit have noted a significant decline over the last three months of the sharing of child protection conference reports with parents. This is not in line with Knowsley's Safeguarding Standards which stipulate the sharing of reports with parents, something that all agencies have agreed to do. Allowing parents to participate in the Child Protection process enables them to make decisions about their children. We have a responsibility to share information with parents and it is difficult for them to contribute if they are unaware of what professionals are recording and sharing.

It is recognised that current restrictions imposed because of the Covid 19 pandemic can make it difficult to physically share reports. Reports can be shared via other methods such as over the telephone.

Keeping Children Safe in Education

The latest version of the statutory guidance issued to schools and colleges will come into force on the 1st September 2020. It is currently available for information purposes only, the current 2019 guidance must be used until then. [Click here](#) to access the new version.

SIGNS OF SAFETY: Update



Signs of Safety is an innovative, solution focused and strengths based approach to working with children, young people and their families.

Due to the current circumstances all multi agency implementation meetings have been put on hold, these meetings are soon to recommence, dates will be sent to partner agencies shortly.

KSCP Training Update

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic we have suspended all face to face training but remain committed to providing practitioners with up to date information and training opportunities via other methods such as 7 Minute Briefings, virtual 60 Minute Briefings, webinars, online training courses and newsletters. The latest updates and training opportunities can be found on the KSCP website via the following links:

<https://www.knowsleyscp.org.uk/multi-agency-training/online-training-courses/>
<https://www.knowsleyscp.org.uk/news/7-minute-briefings/>

We have updated the online training page on our website to include a number of free online training courses provided by external agencies and charities. Scroll down to find the 'Access to free online training' section. Topics include: Bullying, Disability and Self-harm and risky behavior.

Reducing Parental Conflict The Early Help and Prevention team has funding for Reducing Parental Conflict training that can be delivered virtually. If you want to recognise damaging parental conflict and discover some tools to support parents in developing more constructive communication, you can access the training that has been developed by DWP working with the Early Intervention Foundation. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Effective Partnership Working

There has been so much really effective joined up working across the partnership to ensure children and families in Knowsley are protected, kept safe and supported during the Covid pandemic. Services have shared links and support mechanisms to reduce isolation for children and families and ensure they have access to remote support services. Schools have been supported to offer vulnerable children ongoing education and prepare for the social distancing re-opening. Knowsley Volunteer Hubs have been set up and so many services kept very tight communication to try to minimise the silent harm so many professionals were concerned about. In addition, so many keyworkers delivered ongoing services across Knowsley as a silent army supporting the community and so many continue to do so.

Job Opportunity: Young Advisors *Recruiting Now*

Young Advisors (YAs) are young people aged 15 – 21 (24 with additional needs) who will engage other young people to promote their voice in Knowsley around issues that matter. Applications to be submitted no later than **Friday 14th August**. Please click on the links below for more information on how to apply:

[Young Advisors Recruitment Flyer 2020](#) [Young Advisor Job Description Person Spec KNOWSLEY](#)
[Young Advisors Application Form 2020](#)