

KNOWSLEY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Farewell to **Audrey Williamson** - KSCP Independent Chair

Later this month Audrey Williamson will leave her post as the Independent Chair of Knowsley Safeguarding Partnership.

Audrey was appointed in 2014; following an Ofsted inspection of Children's Services that concluded that services at that point were inadequate overall. Her knowledge, experience and commitment at a strategic and operational level, concerning local and national issues provided enabled the partnership to make informed decisions and her influence has been a key factor in building a stronger more effective partnership.

Audrey's experience has been invaluable in following the changes that have been introduced through the new safeguarding arrangements. Her advice from the independent scrutiny was invaluable in enabling the partnership to make this transition into new arrangements.

Audrey can look back on her time at Knowsley with immense pride. She has made a significant contribution towards safeguarding and protecting children in Knowsley from harm.

Knowsley Safeguarding Children Partnership would like to wish Audrey best wishes for her future.

Ian Mulcahey; KSCP Business Manager

Clinical Commissioning Group

I think the word "galvanising" sums it up! As a Board we were failing / drifting before Audrey arrived. Her style was a breath of fresh air if not a little scary to encounter when she first arrived. However I look back with huge respect and admiration as to how she has helped us transform the Safeguarding Children Partnership we are now. I will miss her!

Helen Meredith; Chief Nurse

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Safeguarding Partners

Merseyside Police

On behalf of Merseyside Police and specifically the Detective Chief Inspectors past and present, thank you so much for your commitment and support over the years. Protecting vulnerable people and certainly child protection is a significant challenge for our partnership and your knowledge and experience has been greatly appreciated and helped shape the way Merseyside Police have protected members of the community in Knowsley.

Once again, from Merseyside Police and on behalf of our communities, thank you for your passion, tenacity and professionalism. Good luck and take care.

Helen Bennett; Detective Chief Inspector

Knowsley Council

On behalf of Cllr Harvey, Mike Harden and myself, I would like to thank you for the support and commitment you have given to the children, young people and families over the years. Our services, and particularly our safeguarding services, have gone from strength to strength, supported by your leadership of the Children's Safeguarding Board and more recently the Partnership.

We wish you all the best for the future.
Julie Moss; Executive Director



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CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER REPORT - CHILDHOOD IN THE TIME OF COVID

This report aims to set out, in one place, the key ways in which children's lives have been impacted as a result of the Covid-19 crisis – the nation's biggest test since the Second World War. In doing so, it provides a roadmap for what must be done to enable children to recover from their experiences, and how their needs must be put first in the event of further lockdowns.

Six months have passed since the Covid-19 pandemic took hold in this country and we entered an unprecedented lockdown. This report highlights the risks to children caused by the pandemic and the measures to contain it, particularly the most vulnerable, and push for their interests to be a top priority.

You can find the report at the following link: [Childhood in the Time of Covid](#)

The Signs of Safety Governance meeting has been reintroduced and the September meeting was well attended by a wide range of agencies/partners. The meeting agenda covered issues regarding group supervision, systems updates, training and evaluation. The Signs of Safety newsletter will be published and circulated this month.

With regards to systems updates, the Early Help Module and Children's Social Care ICS will be going live on the 24th November 2020.

A two day 'An Introduction to Signs of Safety' virtual training course has been commissioned, this will take place via the Teams platform. Places will be initially offered to priority groups of practitioners and any remaining places offered to partner agencies. Contact sarah.herron@knowsley.gov.uk for more information. Vikki Caplin (victoria.caplin@knowsley.gov.uk) will be delivering themed Signs of Safety Briefings on a number of topics, more information will be published in the forthcoming newsletter.

Check out the Signs of Safety section on the [KSCP website](#) for more information regarding the Signs of safety approach.



KSCP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Virtual 60 Minute Briefing – Completing Child Protection Conference Reports.

A briefing to support Multi Agency practitioners in completing high quality reports for Child Protection Conferences.

Thursday 22nd October 2020 12-1pm via Teams. Book via the KSCP Booking Portal.

Virtual Graded Care Profile 2 Training dates will soon be available, check the booking portal for more details.

