

Signs of Safety newsletter

June 2021

School Governor's Training

26 School Governor's recently attended a twilight session on Signs of Safety to ensure they had some understanding of the model to enable them to support the schools they work with. Most of those attending hadn't heard of Signs of Safety before, so it was great to receive their feedback:



It was a really great training course and definitely something I will be able to use.

I like that all agencies involved will be speaking the same language and should all have a better understanding of the processes.

I like the way it slows down thinking and helps you break the situation down to be able to come to a conclusion about the best next steps.

When I heard 'Safeguarding' I thought this would be a very 'dry' topic, however unexpectedly I really enjoyed the course, got a lot out of it, and really hope the model succeeds in Knowsley!

Brilliant delivery. Easy to listen to and very relatable.

I like that the model encourages using simple language and that the scale scoring system is a seemingly easy system to use that all stakeholders will understand and be able to utilise.

Training – ½ day and 2 day

The Introduction to Signs of Safety course is usually a 2-day face to face course. Due to covid restrictions it is currently being run virtually over 4 mornings.

The next **Introduction to Signs of Safety** course is going to be run in September. It will be virtual on Zoom over 4 mornings (**27th – 30th September, 9.30am-12.30pm**). There are 20 places available so book on asap via the KSCP Training Booking Portal:

<https://kscbtraining.knowsley.gov.uk>

Further multi-agency dates will be advertised as soon as they are available.

When booking please ensure you check if it is the 2 full days or 4 half day (morning only) course and that you can attend all the sessions. If you are unable to make one of the sessions, please wait until the next course as due to the nature of the course, and real-life case study that is used, you need to complete all the sessions together.

If you can't wait until then – Vicki Caplin and Sarah Herron will be running monthly ½ day courses for new starters, students or those who would like a refresher! Vicki will be running the course for Children's Social Care and Sarah will be running it for partner agencies. Please contact Vicki or Sarah for dates:

Victoria.caplin@knowsley.gov.uk or

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What's working well?

One of our Independent Reviewing Officers (IRO) has shared how she has been using Signs of Safety scaling questions with a young person in a review meeting. Without sharing too much information, the young person was subject to Deprivation of Liberty (DOLS) restrictions and the IRO found that by using the scaling questions they were able to support the young person in exploring how we needed to see an improvement in the scaling for us to be able to review the DOLS order and other issues. Following the review, they drew up an individual plan with set targets for the young person and they are using the scaling process every week to review progress. The IRO reported that the process really helped the young person in understanding the decision-making process.

It's great to hear how using the Signs of Safety model is making a difference to these young person's understanding of their situation and we wish them all the best! Well done to all involved!

What needs to happen next?

We would love to share more examples of what's working well – please send examples of when using Signs of Safety has helped a family, you have used the model or held a group supervision in your team to Vicki Caplin to be included in the next newsletter.

If you or your team would like any bespoke training on any aspect of Signs of Safety, please do contact Vicki to arrange this.