

Signs of Safety newsletter

Summer 2022



TRAINING FOR ALL

The **Introduction to Signs of Safety** course continues to run over 4 mornings on Zoom.

Courses were run in March and May 2022 and were well received.

During 2022/3 the course will be run bi-monthly. Dates for the year ahead have been set and you can book on now via the KSCP Training Booking Portal: <https://kscbtraining.knowsley.gov.uk>. There are only 20 places available per course so log on now to secure your place!

*note – when booking, please make sure 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 will be running bi-monthly ½ day **Signs of Safety Briefings** for new starters, students or those who would like a refresher! From September all briefings (Children's Social Care and Partner Agency Briefings) can be booked via the KSCP Training Booking Portal: <https://kscbtraining.knowsley.gov.uk>.

For any information regarding any of the training courses please contact Vicki (contact details below).

Bespoke Training for Children's Social Care

During 2022/3 we have arranged some bespoke training courses for all staff in Children's Social Care. They will be delivered by Kerry Yendall, licensed trainer and will cover a variety of topics. If you work in Children's Social Care and don't have the list of topics / dates, please ask your Team Manager.

WHAT'S WORKING WELL?

More meetings are now taking place face to face which has been really good for families and staff alike. Staff have reported that it's been good to start using the model more in meetings where people are present as it helps with the conversations, and it's been really nice to see families' reactions in person when all of the positives are being shared with them – something that was definitely harder during virtual meetings!!

THANK YOU & GOODBYE

We would like to say a massive thank you (and goodbye) to Chris Vose in IT. Chris is retiring in July and whilst you may not all know Chris, she has been instrumental in the IT side of the roll out of Signs of Safety in Knowsley; supporting staff to make the changes in the forms and building the family friendly print out of the assessment. Enjoy your retirement Chris!!



What needs to happen next?

- The newsletter will now be published quarterly (July, Oct, Jan & April).
- We would love to share more examples of what is working well (especially from other agencies). Please send your good news stories examples to Vicki 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 Celine Gafos or Vicki Caplin to arrange this.