

GP Safeguarding Children Briefing

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Welcome to the 14th CCG Safeguarding Children Briefing for GPs. This briefing is sent out on a quarterly basis from the CCG Safeguarding Team to support GPs in Safeguarding Children.

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Safeguarding Leads Conference

The Annual Safeguarding Leads Conference took place on 15th March at Wood Green Animal Shelter in Hunts.

Louise Drury presented on behalf of Cambridgeshire Children's Social Care to update attendees on the Integrated Front Door (see below).

Nicola Herberholz provided information on health needs of unaccompanied asylum seeking children.

Susie Tinsley from Cambridgeshire Police provided information on county lines and gang abuse (see below).

Wendy Coleman gave an interesting talk on the Community Fire Safety Group.

Thank you to all those who attended, it was great to see so much commitment. If you any ideas or suggestions for further conferences/training events then please email Natalie Fenton on Natalie.fenton@nhs.net.

Identifying Sexual Abuse

The Brook Sexual Behaviour Traffic Light Tool uses a traffic light system to categorise the sexual behaviours of young people and is designed to help professionals:

- Make decisions about safeguarding children and young people
- Assess and respond appropriately to sexual behaviour in children and young people
- Understand healthy sexual development and distinguish it from harmful behaviour

<https://www.brook.org.uk/our-work/category/sexual-behaviours-traffic-light-tool>

Children's Social Care

Cambridgeshire have been working on updating their Threshold Document and the new Integrated Front Door.

http://www4.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/lscb/homepage/37/the_integrated_front_door

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and Early Help Hub (EHH) is the single point of contact for all safeguarding and wellbeing concerns regarding children and young people in Cambridgeshire.

Please take note of the new Professionals number: 0345 045 1362

There will be further workshops available on the [Cambs LSCB](#) website. Please keep checking for updates. You can also access the presentation on the training page.

You can access Peterborough Threshold Guidance on the [Peterborough Safeguarding Boards](#) website.

Report a Safeguarding Concern for both [Cambridgeshire](#) or [Peterborough](#) using the joint referral form to Children's Social Care. This can also be accessed by System1 users via communications/CAPCCG/Safeguarding/joint referral form.

Online Safety

Tri.x have published a new briefing and practice guide on keeping children safe online
http://www.trixonline.co.uk/website/news/pdf/policy_briefing_No-195.pdf

All professionals who work with children and young people should have an awareness of the variety of e-communication and the different online platforms children use to communicate. In order to ensure they can offer basic safeguarding advice to children in this context, it is important for professionals to try to keep up to date of the new apps which are being used and the abbreviations children and young people are using.

Professionals working with children and young people need to know the basics - what they are, why they're popular, and what the potential risks are when these apps are not used responsibly. Having a basic understanding can make a huge difference between a positive and a negative experience for children and young people.

Domestic Abuse

NICE is producing new guidelines to help people who work with children spot and stop abuse or neglect. The draft guidelines aims to help all practitioners working with children and young people under 18 recognise abuse and neglect, carry out an assessment and provide early help and interventions - ensuring that the voices of children and young people are heard and reflected. The [draft guidelines](#) are currently out for consultation and the deadline for input is 5pm on Wednesday 19 April.

AVA publication [Responding to domestic abuse - resource for health professionals](#) provides information on supporting adults and young people over 16 years old, and replaces *Domestic Violence: A Resource Manual for Health Care Professionals (2006)* and *Improving Safety, Reducing Harm: Children, Young People and Domestic Violence – a Practical Toolkit for Front-line Practitioners (2010)*.

The resource includes pointers to help practitioners identify potential victims, initiate sensitive routine enquiry and respond effectively to disclosures of abuse. There is a new section on dealing with perpetrators of domestic abuse and violence.

Mental Health

Public Health England has produced the following guidance: The mental health of young people in England. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/improving-the-mental-health-of-children-and-young-people>.

The report describes the importance of mental health and wellbeing among children and young people and the case for investment in mental health.

It also summarises the evidence of what works to improve mental health among children and young people in order to inform local transformation of services.

Local support:

www.kooth.com – An online counselling resource for young people.

www.keep-your-head.com/CP-MHS - an online website providing young people with a range of support services available to them.

County Lines

In our area we have some “county lines” issues.

A “County Line” is the method used by an urban gang to extend their drug dealing into new locations. The group will utilise a telephone number: a “drugs line” to market their business and contact customers to sell them Class A drugs at street level.

Gang members are moving into drugs markets outside the urban areas where they usually live (in particular London and Birmingham) and operate, because they are unknown to the local police, there is less competition locally from rival gangs, and non-metropolitan police forces tend to have less experience of addressing this type of activity. The exploitation of vulnerable people is central to county lines. For example, young people are groomed and/or coerced into moving or selling drugs, and the homes of vulnerable adults can be taken over as a base from which drugs are sold.

County Lines are a national issue affecting the majority of policing areas in the country and pose a significant threat due to the gang’s use of violence, exploitation of vulnerable adults and children and the associated criminality linked with Class A drug use.

Locally the police are finding a small number of young people and vulnerable adults are being drawn in to either moving these drugs or weapons around the county, or being safe havens. This then leads young people to arming themselves with weapons. Some young people are children of parents who are involved in organised crime groups. The police are undertaking further work around this issue.

FGM

The RCGP have included many useful resources on their website regarding FGM, including mandatory reporting and the FGM enhanced dataset.

Please ensure your practice has procedures in place to ensure that if FGM is suspected you are aware how to support the affected patient, and the referral process.

<http://www.rcgp.org.uk/policy/rcgp-policy-areas/female-genital-mutilation.aspx>

Safeguarding Admin Network

Safeguarding admin networks have been meeting in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough since November 2016. It is recognised that there is a need for strong administrative processes to support safeguarding processes, and the network provides an opportunity to learn and share.

Areas that have been discussed include Child Protection Conferences (how to access templates, recording minutes, etc), patient registrations/de-registrations, read codes, pathways and other resources. It has been useful to identify areas of good practice, and ongoing needs.

If your practice has a staff member who would like to be included please email Natalie Fenton on natalie.fenton@nhs.net.

GP Safeguarding Training

We have three dates for GP level 3 safeguarding training for 2017, which are offered by both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LSCB's. The training is open for both GP's and Practice Nurses.

- 27th June 2017 (Peterborough)
- 7th November 2017 (Cambridgeshire)

Book via the LSCB:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/lscb> 01480 373 522 LSCB@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Other training sessions that may be of interest:

- [SCIE Safeguarding Children Course](#)
- [AVA project: various training events relating to domestic abuse](#)
- [Cambs LSCB](#): FGM Workshop 13th October 2017
- [NSPCC](#) How safe are our children conference 21-22 June 2017
- Gang Exploitation (To book please email lscbtraining@cambridgeshire.gov.uk):
 - 26th April 09:30-12:30 at Thorpe Wood, Peterborough
 - 3rd May 09:30-012:30 at Police HQ, Huntingdon

CCG Safeguarding Children Team

We would like to introduce James Burden, new appointed Lead for Named GPs by NHS England.

"NHS England has appointed me to the position of Clinical Advisor on Safeguarding, in this position I will be helping to create and support a clinical network of Named GPs. The Named GP role is vitally important to many local healthcare systems as the advice to clinicians can help protect children, adults and support the clinician through sometimes complex issues. An effective network supports patients, GPs, Named GPs and NHS England. I look forward to working with all Named GPs and escalating issues to NHS England that are important to GPs and patient safeguarding "

jamesburden@nhs.net

Deborah Spencer has taken the role of Designated Nurse for Looked After Children, and we also have Zaneeta Bushnell as our Safeguarding Administrator.

Please see the [contacts sheet](#) below which can be printed off and displayed.

Thank you for all you do to continue to safeguard children. Emilia, Sarah, Natalie, Deborah and Zaneeta.

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Non-emergency 101

Emergency 999

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Peterborough
www.peterboroughlscb.org.uk01733 863744

Other

NSPCC National Helpline0808 800 5000

Childline0800 1111