

# Warrington Safeguarding Children Board Newsletter

## Edition 8

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### Welcome

Welcome to Edition 8 of the Warrington Safeguarding Children Board Bulletin.

In this edition we give you the latest national and local news affecting safeguarding children and introduce you to the board's new Business Manager, [Nicola Avery](#)

### WSCB Update and Team News

#### Lay Member Update

Russell Malley has stepped down from his role as board lay member. The board would like to thank Russell for his work and commitment in supporting the board since joining in April 2013. The board intends to advertise for a new lay member shortly.

If you are interested in becoming a lay member and would like further information on the role please email your name and contact details to [wscb@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:wscb@warrington.gov.uk)

#### Pan Cheshire Policy Group

Warrington SCB has joined with Halton, Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester Safeguarding Boards to develop a Pan Cheshire Policy Group. The group will be responsible for maintaining the Pan Cheshire Safeguarding Procedures and will link in with the new provider of the on-line procedures a company called 'Reconstruct'. It is hoped the new on-line procedures, developed by 'Reconstruct' will be available from April 2014, more on this in future editions.

#### Ofsted

As you may be aware Ofsted intends to undertake a review of the effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board at the same time as the inspection of the local authority. Warrington Safeguarding Children Board has developed an 'evidence bank' in anticipation of a future inspection. If you have any evidence relating to the effectiveness of the agencies within Warrington working together to safeguard children please email the evidence to us at [wscb@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:wscb@warrington.gov.uk)

#### WSCB and Partnerships Business Manager



The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Nicola Avery as its new Business Manager. Nicola was Warrington Borough Council Safeguarding Unit Quality Assurance Officer and will take up her new post on 3 February 2014.

The Board would like to express its thanks to Colin Jones who looked after the role of Business Manager on an interim basis.

#### Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children



As reported in the last issue (Number 7) the team has been joined by Pauline Owens, the new Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children and Children in Care with Warrington Clinical Commissioning Group. Pauline is an experienced Designated Nurse from the Dudley area in the West Midlands.

## **Additions and Amendment to WSCB Procedures:**

### **Forced Marriage Protocol**

WSCB has developed a Multi - Agency Forced Marriage protocol based on a Liverpool SCB protocol and guidance given to staff in Bridgewater Health Care. The protocol will be considered for adoption on a Pan Cheshire basis by the new Pan Cheshire Policy Group.

### **National Updates**

In December 2013 the BBC highlighted the growing problem of young people anonymously bullying and trolling themselves online in what some are calling cyber self – harm.

The article can be found at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-25120783>

### **Serious Case Reviews**

The NSPCC website has a very useful section on learning from published national Serious Case Reviews. The section includes: Research and statistics, policy and guidance and best practice.

[http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/resourcesforprofessionals/serious\\_case\\_reviews\\_homepage\\_wda82779.html](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/resourcesforprofessionals/serious_case_reviews_homepage_wda82779.html)

The NSPCC website also has a section called 'At-a-glance thematic briefings' which highlights the learning from case reviews that are conducted when a child dies or is seriously injured and abuse or neglect are suspected. Each briefing focuses on a different topic, pulling together key risk factors and practice recommendations to help practitioners understand and act upon the learning from case reviews.

[http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/resourcesforprofessionals/scrs/at-a-glance-briefings\\_wda99475.html](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/resourcesforprofessionals/scrs/at-a-glance-briefings_wda99475.html)

### **Rochdale SCR**

On the 20 December 2013 Rochdale Safeguarding Children Board published two separate Serious Case Reviews in relation to 7 young people who were subject to serious and prolonged Child Sexual Exploitation. All the young people and their families had significant contact with statutory health and social care services, as well as with the police and a number of non-statutory services. A briefing note for workers in Warrington is currently being prepared. The summaries of both SCRs can be found on the Rochdale SCB website: <http://www.rbscb.org/news.aspx?ID=23>

### **NSPCC Underwear Rule Campaign**

Warrington Safeguarding Children Board is pleased to support the launch of the second phase of the NSPCC Underwear Rule campaign which commences on 13 January 2014. The campaign is designed to encourage and empower parents of 5 - 11 year olds to talk to their children about keeping safe from sexual abuse. For more information go to [www.nspcc.org.uk/underwear](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/underwear)

### **Local News**

#### **CSE Awareness Week**

Monday 20 January 2014 saw the launch of a Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness across Warrington, Halton and Cheshire East and West. All Board agencies, especially those involved in supporting exploited children and investigating incidents are coming together to highlight the issues and problems associated with child sexual exploitation. Visit our website at: [www.warringtonlscb.org](http://www.warringtonlscb.org)