

Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board



Newsletter.

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WELCOME to the first in a new series of quarterly Newsletters from Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board. The Newsletter aims to collate news about what's happening on Safeguarding Children issues, locally, regionally, across Wales and nationally.

Compiled by the Policy Officer for Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board, it will be distributed by email to member agencies, partnerships and the wider community.

Please contact the Policy Officer for Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board, if you would like your news added.

1. What is Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board?

Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board (PSCB) was formed in October 2006. Every Local Authority in Wales has to establish a Local Safeguarding Children Board to make sure that the partners of the Board safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Pembrokeshire.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children means that organisations will need to make sure that children and young people in Pembrokeshire enjoy the best possible health and don't suffer abuse, victimisation and exploitation.

Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board is a member of the Dyfed Powys Safeguarding Children Forum. This forum aims to make sure that there is a common approach to safeguarding children across Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Powys.

Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board also works with other LSCBs to make sure that there is a common approach to child protection across Wales through the All Wales Child Protection Procedures Review Group, the Welsh Assembly Government Children Safeguards Group and the Welsh Assembly Government LSCB Monitoring Review Group.

2. What does Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board do?

Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board co-ordinates the work each partner organisation of the Board does to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Pembrokeshire; and monitors the quality of this work. This includes writing policy, running training events, measuring how well each organisation safeguards children and reviewing cases when things go wrong in order to make recommendations to improve procedures

and practice. Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board will also work with the community to raise awareness around safeguarding children issues.

The focus of the Board will be making sure that the work done to protect children and young people from abuse and neglect is robust and of good quality in Pembrokeshire. As soon as Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board is sure that all work around protecting children is robust and of good quality the Board will expand its work into the broader areas of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

3. Who are the statutory Members of Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board?

Statutory Membership

1. Pembrokeshire County Council

a). Childrens Services

David Halse (Chair) Head of Child Care Commissioning

Graham Longster Head of School Improvement and Inclusion

b). Housing

Lyn Hambidge Head of Housing Commissioning

2. Hywel Dda NHS Trust

Chris Hayes Director of Acute Services

3. Pembrokeshire Local Health Board

Dr June Picton Medical Director

4. National Public Health Service

i) Janet Evans Designated Nurse with Child Protection Responsibilities

ii) Dr Alison Maddocks Designated Doctor with Child Protection Responsibilities

5. Dyfed Powys Police (Pembrokeshire Division)

Euros Lewis Superintendent

6. Dyfed Powys Area Probation Service

Lynne Wheatley Area Manager

7. Youth Offending Team

Liz King Youth Offending Team Manager

8. Statutory Administration Posts

Simon Plant LSCB Policy Officer and Multi Agency Training Co-ordinator

Janice Longhurst LSCB Support Worker

Co-opted Membership

9. CAFCASS

Gwynon Tuckey Area Director CAFCASS Cymru.

10. PAVS

Judith Edwards Project Manager - Action for Children

11. Pembrokeshire County Council

Matthew Brown Child Protection Co-ordinator

4. What has Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board achieved this year?

▪ PSCB “Accredited” Training Programme

The Training Sub Group has completed the development of the LSCB Accredited Training Strategy.

The PSCB “Accredited” Training Programme will consist of three tiers of training for targeted professional groups.

Tier 1. Those in contact with children and young people, and adults who are parents/carers.

Tier 2. Those who work regularly with children and young people, and adults who are parents/carers

It is a prerequisite that all trainees complete the previous tier of training before completing this tier.

Tier 3. Those with a particular responsibility for safeguarding children

It is a prerequisite that all trainees complete the previous tier of training before completing this tier.

Tier 1 Training Pack development

The development of the Tier 1 Training Pack is complete and this training pack has been distributed to the training pool of agency trainers. The training pack has been delivered by trainers in their own agency and has received positive feedback.

Since the rollout of tier 1 training on 22nd September 2008 194 professionals have been trained.

This training will be evaluated and the impact that this training has on practice within agencies will also be audited. The results of the first audit will be reported in the Spring Issue of this newsletter.

Tier 2 Training Pack development

The development of the Tier 2 Training Pack is complete and will be distributed to trainers shortly. Further progress will be reported in the next issue of this newsletter.

Tier 3 Training Pack development

The development of the Tier 3 Training Pack will begin in December 2008.

▪ [Review of Premises Licenses and Gambling Notifications](#)

[Did you know?](#)

Since the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005 were Implemented Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board have had responsibility for reviewing all premises licenses and gambling notifications to ensure that licensees are meeting the licensing objective of protecting Children and Young People. Since these acts have been implemented 1300 separate premises licenses and gambling notifications have been received, logged and reviewed.

Since March 31st 2008, 63 licensing applications have been received, reviewed and logged. No gambling notifications have been received. These applications have been reviewed, signed off and logged by the Child Protection Co-ordinator. There have been no issues or concerns raised as part of the review process therefore no representations have been made in this period so far.

Meetings with a number of licensees have been held regarding ensuring that their premises and arrangements are safe for children.

▪ **Policy, Protocol and Procedure Development and Distribution**

Distribution of the New All Wales Child Protection Procedures 2008

900 copies of the New All Wales Child Protection Procedures which became operational on April 1st 2008 have been distributed throughout all member agencies of Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board. These procedures have been distributed throughout NHS Trusts, Local Health Board, Voluntary Organisations, Pembrokeshire County Council Social Care and Housing Directorate and Education Directorates.

Did you know?

The All Wales Child Protection Procedures 2008 are available on the Internet. These can be found alongside many other All Wales Protocols and Regional Protocols at www.childreninwales.org.uk/areasofwork/safeguardingchildren/awcprg

▪ **Joint Substance Misuse and Child Care Protocols**

Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board highlighted, through its audit and monitoring process, the need for joint working arrangements for children who are affected by Parental Substance Misuse.

A working group of the Community Safety Partnership in Pembrokeshire has developed three joint protocols between Substance Misuse Services and Pembrokeshire County Council Child Care Services. Joint protocols have been developed for the following groups of children:

- Child Protection
- Pre birth and pregnancy
- 0 – 4 year olds

The working group will continue to review the protocols above and develop the following protocols:

- 5 – 11 year olds
- 11 – 18 year olds

▪ **Audit and Monitoring Activity**

Since March 31st 2008, the management and practice of the Child Protection Process for 88 children have been audited.

Where there are positive factors and best practice highlighted about the management of the Child Protection Process these are raised with the Executive Board through the Audit and Monitoring sub Group Report.

▪ LSCB Self Assessment and Improvement Toolkit Pilot

Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board were successful in a bid to undertake a pilot of a Self Assessment and Improvement Toolkit for LSCBs

Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board have worked alongside 6 other LSCBs, Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales and a research team, consisting of Tony Morrison and Professor Jan Howarth, to develop a Self Assessment and Improvement Toolkit for use across Wales.

Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board is continuing to work with CSSIW and the research team to create the benchmarks for LSCB work across Wales. This work should be complete by March 2009.

▪ Business Planning and Annual Report

Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board has produced a 3 year business plan 2008 – 2011. Each year PSCB produces an Annual Report on the progress against the previous years business plan. This annual report also outlines the planned work for the next year.

This annual report on progress for 2007 – 2008 is available on request from Simon Plant.

All Business Planning and Reports will soon be available on our new website.

5. Future Developments

▪ Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board Website

Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board has set up a small working group to develop the content of the website. The website will be hosted by Pembrokeshire County Council. The estimated launch date will be January 2008.

▪ Junior Safeguarding Children Board for Pembrokeshire

Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board has set up a small working group to develop a strategy for facilitating children and young people to participate in and consult upon the work of Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board. Further information around this exciting development will be included in the winter issue of the newsletter.

▪ BASPCAN 7th National Congress, University of Wales, Swansea. September 13th -16th 2009

South West Wales is hosting the 7th National Congress for the British Association of the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. The congress will be titled “Changing Landscapes, Emerging Challenges”.

The BASPCAN Scientific Committee invites you to submit an abstract for consideration.

This is YOUR opportunity to present your research, your service and your policy developments to a national and international audience.

Health Professionals, social workers, law enforcers and lawyers, therapists, educationalists, early years, voluntary sector professionals, local and national politicians will all be represented at the BASPCAN 7th NATIONAL CONGRESS in Swansea in September 2009.

There is further information at www.baspcan.org.uk

6. Future issues of Pembrokeshire Safeguarding Children Board's newsletter.

Please contact Simon Plant if you have anything you would like to contribute to the newsletter or if you would like further information on any items in this issue of the newsletter.

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