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| [LSCB_logo2009](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/children_and_families/lscb_-_safeguarding_children.aspx)**LSCB Bulletin**  Frontline News  **November 2018** |
| **Message from Alistair Jordan – Project Manager LSCB**  Welcome to the November edition of the LSCB Bulletin. As Project Manager within the LSCB, I get to work with some extraordinary people as well as work on strategic safeguarding issues. The big event within the LSCB this month has been the joint LSAB and LSCB Safeguarding and Dignity Awards. This was an opportunity for all our partners to nominate staff who have gone the extra mile to treat individuals with dignity and respect and to support and protect adults and children at risk and we heard some very inspirational stories about the excellent work going on within the borough.  A photograph of the winners is shown below. Pictures showing winning nominees at recent event  Picture of back room staff who organised recent awards eventI would also like to take this opportunity to thank the ‘back room’ staff who worked so hard behind the scenes to ensure that the event worked so well. One of our winners commented:  **Picture of LSCB project maanger who wrote the introduction to the Newsletter***Firstly can I say congratulations on the event on Thursday, it was fantastic to attend a really positive and inspiring event. I was really pleased with my award on a personal note as well. It was hosted well and I felt like it will be a great event to build on, I shall gladly support it again next year.*  It was also an opportunity for everyone to network and share good practice as we had nominations from many different areas. Look out for a dedicated Newsflash outlining the details of the winners. Of course not everyone could win, but congratulations to all those who were nominated – you have made a real positive difference!  **WELCOME to the November edition of the Frontline News.**  **This is a very comprehensive Bulletin with lots of useful information within.**  **Topics covered include:**   * **Change from CAF to Early Help Assessment** * **Training and Development** * **CDOP (Child Death Overview Panel) Newsletter**   **Please take time to read it and share within your organisation.**  **Please also look at the LSCB website**  [**Cheshire East LSCB Website**](http://www.cheshireeastlscb.org.uk/homepage.aspx)  **CHILDREN’S RIGHTS MONTH**  **Logo for article on Children's Rights Month**November Children’s Right’s Month is here! We would like you to dedicate the whole month to raising awareness of children’s rights, making it clear to children and young people that we value their opinions. The awareness month stems from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, if you would like to find out more please follow this link: [Unicef - Children's Rights](https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/).  **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**  The Cheshire East LSCB Training newsletter has been circulated. Please see the attached for more information. There are also a series of Working Together lunchtime seminars that may be of interest. This is an opportunity for practitioners to meet informally to discuss issues affecting day to day practice.    **NHS AGES AND STAGES ASSESSMENT TOOL**  As part of the recent Step Up Step Down Report, Wirrall Community NHS Foundation would like to share the following tool which they are using.  **Picture of stop watch to illustrate article**  **ONE MINUTE GUIDES ON THE LSCB WEBSITE**  There are a number of guides on the [Cheshire East - LSCB - Website](http://www.cheshireeastlscb.org.uk/homepage.aspx) that you may find of interest, including:  One Minute Guides  Strategy Meetings/S47 – October 2018  SMART Planning – June 2016  LADO – August 2016  Prevent – November 2015  Prevent and Channel Duties – October 2016  Prevent and Channel Duties training for practitioners – October 2016  Bruising in Children who are not Independently Mobile – June 2016  Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Hub – CEDAH – September 2016  Modern Slavery – A Practitioner Guide – October 2015  Signs of Safety – September 2017  7 Minute Guides  Bruising in Immobile Infants  Forced Marriage  Non Accidental Injury to an infant – Panel Case  **LIBERTY PROTECTION SAFEGUARDS**  The Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill was introduced to the House of Lords in July 2018 and seeks to replace the current system known as ‘Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards’ (DoLs) with new 'Liberty Protection Safeguards' which will become law through the bill.  The reforms seek to:  • introduce a simpler process that involves families more and gives swifter access to assessments  • be less burdensome on people, carers, families and local authorities  • allow the NHS, rather than local authorities, to make decisions about their patients, allowing a more efficient and clearly accountable process  • consider restrictions of people’s liberties as part of their overall care package  • get rid of repeat assessments and authorisations when someone moves between a care home, hospital and ambulance as part of their treatment  You can access further information through this website - [Department of Health](http://emails.healthcareconferencesuk.co.uk/rsps/m/gXGd7zPhKndyumvcKqQS4XSRTsReZm3-bFbATRtFj4Y) July 2018   *“This new legislation, based broadly on our recommendations, will go a long way towards addressing the flaws of the current system and better protect the most vulnerable in our society.”* Nicholas Paines QC Law Commissioner  **HEAD LICE**  There have been cases of head lice in schools in Cheshire East. The link below provides the most up to date information and links to information on treatment and control. There is no requirement for children with head lice to be excluded from school. Treatment is simple and can be done in 10 to 30 minutes with a 'nit comb' on (ideally) wet hair with conditioner, repeated every few days for 2 weeks. Medicated shampoos and sprays are only recommended if wet combing hasn't been effective.  [www.gov.uk/guidance/head-lice-pediculosis](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/head-lice-pediculosis)  **Picture of parent cheking hair of young child for lice in related article**  **REFERRALS TO HOUSING TEAM**  The government has recently introduced the Homelessness Reduction Act to include the Duty to Refer.  This was effective from 1 October 2018. This duty requires all public bodies to make a prompt referral to the Housing Options Service if there is an identified risk of homelessness to a household.  This is a high bar and requires a risk or threat of homelessness but at any time you identify housing issues, such as landlord disputes, financial problems that are impacted on rent or mortgage payments please contact the Homechoice & Prevention Team on 0300 123 5017 (option 1) or email [cheshirehomechoice@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:cheshirehomechoice@cheshireeast.gov.uk) with details of the case.  There is also an online form that can be completed [here](https://hpa2.org/refer/CHEAST). The earlier you refer the more chance of Picture depicting homeless man illustrating article on duty to refer under the Homelessness Reduction Actsuccess the team will have in alleviating a risk of homelessness.  Further copies of the leaflet and more information can be obtained from [lynn.glendenning@cheshireest.gov.uk](mailto:lynn.glendenning@cheshireest.gov.uk).    **PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS**  Picture of parent and children in school uniform exiting car to go to school in related article on inconsiderate parking around schools and other establishments  Inconsiderate parking around schools and other similar establishments can be a safety issue for children arriving and leaving. Civil Enforcement Officers within Cheshire East work very hard with Cheshire Fire and Rescue and Cheshire Police to promote safer parking. The Cheshire East Parking Enforcement Team worked with Bexton Primary School in Knutsford and they produced their very own school keep clear song which can be found on YouTube at [youtu.be/bVQfzhfjaf0](https://youtu.be/bVQfzhfjaf0)  **RESOURCES FOR STRUGGLING TEENS**  **Picture of young man with scribble on a picture behind him representing all the things going on in his head relating to article on teenage angst**YOUNG MINDS  This charity offers online guides to help teens identify their problems from bullying to bulimia and is a mine of clearly written advice. youngminds.org.uk  KOOTH  An emotional-wellbeing platform with a love chat service that lets young people seek free, anonymous help from its team of counsellors. kooth.com  MINDSHIFT  This app for children coping with anxiety includes a test of systems, advice about panic attacks and a fun inspirational quote generator. Is free for iOS and Android.  CHILDLINE  Counsellors are on hand to talk young people through their problems, no matter hos big or small, for free and in confidence. 0800 1111. childline.org.uk  **DUTY OF CARE CAMPAIGN**  The Daily Telegraph is running a special ‘Duty of Care’ campaign. For more information go to telegraph.co.uk/duty-of-care-campaign. They are endeavoring to force social media firms to protect children. Data amassed by charities, academics, and doctors, links children’s use of social media and gaming to a range of serious and lasting harms, many of which build gradually over time and go undetected by parents or teachers. They accuse some social media providers of cynically targeting young children, using addictive ‘hooks’ from the worlds of behavioural psychology and gambling to capture ‘new skins’ to keep them logged on for as long as possible. This can lead to issues such as internet addiction, sex texting, grooming and online bullying.  Illustrative picture from Daily Telegraph campaign  **CHILDREN OF PRISONERS**  It is estimated that more than 200,000 children a year are separated from a parent by parental imprisonment with about 17,000 of those children experiencing their mother’s imprisonment. Because women are more likely than men to be the primary carer, children can be suddenly separated from the closest relationship they have known. A lot of work is being undertaken at the moment to ensure better care of prisoners’ children.  **DID YOU KNOW …**  Picture of overweight child with shirt gaping to illustrate article on childhood obesityAccording to The Sandbach Chronicle, east Cheshire has the North West’s lowest rate of childhood obesity. Figures released by Public health England shows that 7.3% of 4 – 5 year olds and 15.4% of 10 – 11 year olds were obese in the borough in 2016 – 2017. Although the figures were well below the North West average of 10.3% and 20.8% respectively and the national average of 9.6% and 20% respectively, health officials are keen to do more. Councillor Jos Saunders, Cabinet member for Children and Families said ‘We know that good habits adopted early in life have a long lasting impact and we want to equip our children with the skills and knowledge to understand and implement these good habits.’ Working with health partners, the 0-19 service sees health visitors in Children’s Centres and school nurses available throughout the year for advice, hoping to promote a greater awareness of the connection between sugar intake and obesity.  **DOCUMENT ACCESSIBILITY**  **Picture showing blank book illustrating article on making documents accesible to all**From September 2018, [new accessibility regulations for public sector websites and apps](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/accessibility-requirements-for-public-sector-websites-and-apps) came into force which means our content needs to be accessible to all users, especially those with disabilities. This includes content within documents, and on our intranet.  If you are creating documents that will be published online, you should follow a few simple steps to make sure they can be read by everyone, regardless of technology or ability. This also applies to external agencies commission to create documents on our behalf so if you are sending information to be included in our Newsletters, please ensure it is compliant.  [Guide to creating accessible documents (PDF, 1MB)](http://cedocs.ourcheshire.cccusers.com/Documents/Creating%20accessible%20PDF%20documents%20from%20Microsoft%20Office%202010.pdf) - step-by-step instructions on how to create and check Microsoft Office documents for accessibility and convert to accessible PDF.  [PDF standards expected from third-party suppliers (MS Word 1.4MB)](http://cedocs.ourcheshire.cccusers.com/Documents/PDF%20standards%20expected%20from%20third-party%20suppliers.docx?Web=1).  Documents that are not compliant will no longer be accepted. CAF IS CHANGING TO EARLY HELP ASSESSMENT  |  | | --- | | Logo reflecting change of name from CAF to Early Help Assessment | | **IMPORTANT INFORMATION!**  **CAF is changing to Early Help Assessment**  The name ‘CAF’ is changing to Early Help Assessment. This reflects that now we are using [Signs of Wellbeing](http://www.cheshireeastlscb.org.uk/professionals/signs-of-safety.aspx), we have moved away from the structure specified in the CAF framework. We also think Early Help Assessment is easier for everyone to understand.  CAF Assessments will become Early Help Assessments, CAF plans will become Early Help Plans, and we will have Early Help meetings instead of CAF meetings. | | **New** Early Help forms  The CAF forms will also be changing to reflect the new name, and to help to support practitioners to use Signs of Wellbeing. The new forms should be simpler to use and reflect the structure and flow of Signs of Wellbeing meetings.  The new forms will be going live on **Monday 19th November**. | | What’s different about the Early Help assessment?   * WP_20180213_11_16_51_RichThe child/ young person’s views are now at the start * There is just **one** set of the three columns to holistically assess what the child needs (this is no longer split between the four domains of health and development, learning, parents and carers, family and environmental). * Each worry statement and goal now needs to have a **scaling question,** and you need to say where you and the family scale the situation at the moment. | | What’s different about the Early Help plan?  Plans will look quite different:   * The child/ young person’s views are now at the start * You will have **one plan** to address **each worry statement** * You will start your meetings with your **scaling question** to find out how worried everyone is at the moment. * You then explore what people need to see to go up one point on the scale. **How** you get to that next point becomes the **actions** to your plan.   **Remember:**  **Most of the actions** should be things **the family and network people will do** in the **child’s everyday life.**  The family and the network need to come up with **most of the ideas** for what should happen. It’s the professionals’ job to support them to come up with the solutions through the types of **questions we ask**. | | Forms and Guidance  The new paper versions of the new Early Help forms are all available now on the [Early Help website](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/care-and-support-for-children/services-from-childrens-social-care/early-help/early-help-forms-and-support-for-professionals.aspx) along with guidance on how to complete them using Signs of Wellbeing.  Quick reference guides on using the three columns, direct work tools, scaling, and writing Worry Statements and Wellbeing Goals are available on Signs of Safety page on the [LSCB website](http://www.cheshireeastlscb.org.uk/professionals/guidance-on-using-signs-of-safety.aspx). | | Important things you need to know:   * **Only the new paper forms will be accepted** by Early Help Brokerage **after 19th November** – please submit any old versions by close of play on Friday 16th. The Early Help Brokerage Team will be available to support you to transfer the information to the new forms. Please send paper forms to the GCSX mailbox for safe WP_20180227_10_49_59_Richcontact: [EHB@cheshireeast.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:EHB@cheshireeast.gcsx.gov.uk) * **You need to scan and attach any direct work with families** whether this is the three houses, safety house, a genogram, or circles of support diagram, or all of the above! (guides and templates for these are on the [LSCB website](http://www.cheshireeastlscb.org.uk/professionals/guidance-on-using-signs-of-safety.aspx).)   **For the paper forms:** send these to the Early Help Brokerage GCSX mailbox with your assessment or review form  **In the electronic system:** attach these in the system as a document.   * **If you are reviewing an existing plan after the 19th November you will need to use the new plan form** (both as a paper version and in the electronic system) even though the previous assessment or plans were on the old forms. This will mean that you will need to transfer and fit the information from your old form into the new one. **You might want to allow extra time for this.** | | What support is available?  We hope you will find the new forms easy and straightforward to use, but if you need any support or advice please contact:   * Your Signs of Safety/Wellbeing **Practice Lead** within your organisation – for schools your Practice Leads are in the SCIES WP_20180212_13_58_24_RichTeam [SCIES@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:SCIES@cheshireeast.gov.uk) * **Louise Wright our Lead Practitioner for Signs of Safety** [Louise.Wright@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:Louise.Wright@cheshireeast.gov.uk) * **For partner agencies only:** The **Early Help Brokerage team** for support in completing Early Help work, including one to one support [EHB@cheshireeast.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:EHB@cheshireeast.gcsx.gov.uk) | | What training is available?  WP_20180212_13_58_31_RichDetails of the **Early Help Assessment training** (used to be CAF training) can be found here on the [Early Help website](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/care-and-support-for-children/services-from-childrens-social-care/common-assessment-framework/caf-training.aspx).  Details of **Signs of Safety training** can be found here on the [LSCB website.](http://www.cheshireeastlscb.org.uk/professionals/signs-of-safety.aspx) | | **Contact us at:**  [SignsOfSafety@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:ChildrensImprovement@cheshireeast.gov.uk) |   **CDOP NEWSLETTER**  Please find attached the latest Newsletter from the Child Death Overview Panel. It outlines information from the recent conference.    **CONTACT US**  To submit news items or for further information contact:  [LSCBEast@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:LSCBEast@cheshireeast.gov.uk)  Gill Frame, Independent Chair  [LSCBEast@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:LSCBEast@cheshireeast.gov.uk)  Alistair Jordan, LSCB – Project Manager  [Alistair.Jordan@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:Alistair.Jordan@cheshireeast.gov.uk)  Ingrid Victor, LSCB - Business Support  [Ingrid.Victor@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:Ingrid.Victor@cheshireeast.gov.uk) FOLLOW US Recognised symbol of white bird in blue box to indicate Twitter. Twitter @CELSCB  White letter F in blue box which is recognised symbol of Facebook Facebook [Cheshire East Local Safeguarding Children Board](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cheshire-East-Local-Safeguarding-Children-Board/344751365591676) YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT Did you find this newsletter useful? What could be better?  Do you have a story to share about the work your team has done?  **Thumb up, thumb down images to reflect questions as to how well we are doing.**Your feedback is important – contact me at [LSCBEast@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:LSCBEast@cheshireeast.gov.uk) |
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