

# LSCB Bulletin Frontline News February 2018



## Message from Sally Rogers, Chair of the LSCB Executive

I am Quality and Safeguarding Director for Eastern Cheshire CCG and the breadth of experience I bring to this role includes my clinical, nursing and 15 years in business in sales, marketing and Business Development across the UK and into Europe. Currently I am Chair for the Executive Committee to the LSCB. This is a rotational role and I would like to formally thank my colleague from the Police, Pete Shaw, for agreeing to take over this role in June. I have been directly involved in safeguarding for over 6 years within our clinical commissioning group. Every day is different, interesting and brings its own challenge. The support of the CCG designated nurses is fundamental to the success of the great work that goes on across East Cheshire. They are a fabulous team who bring many years of experience to inform the difficult decisions we all make on a daily basis in the safeguarding arena. I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank them for all they do to keep children safe.



Welcome to the February edition of the Frontline News. Topics covered include the revised Threshold of Need information and a Seven Minute Briefing on SUDIC. Please take time to look at the LSCB website and send us your comments.

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## LSCB Staff Update

We were sad to see our Quality Assurance Officer, Curtis Vickers leave, but wish him well on his promotion. We are pleased to welcome Deborah Waterhouse to the team.

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## LSCB Website



We are constantly reviewing the information on our website – [www.cheshireeastlscb.org.uk](http://www.cheshireeastlscb.org.uk)

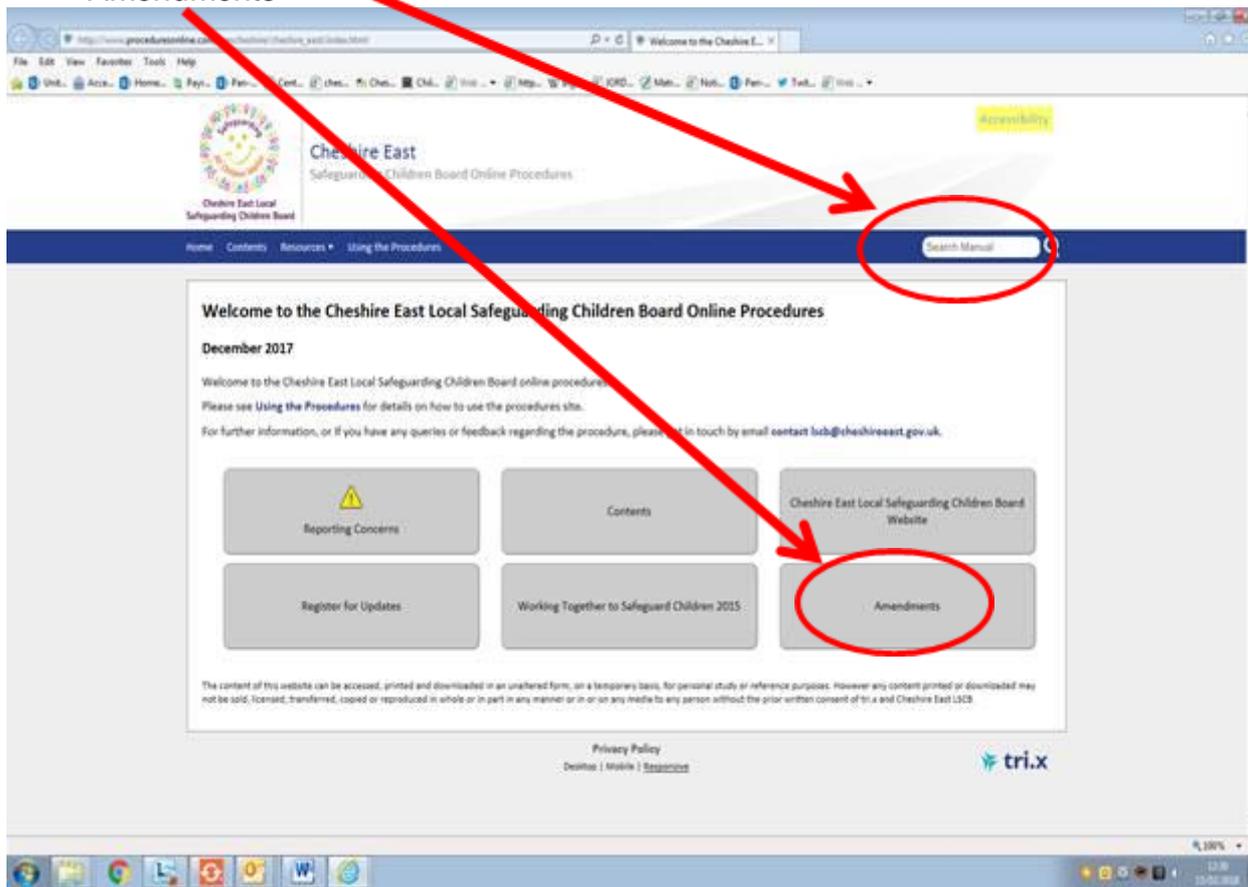
If you have any information you feel should be included, please let us know. And if you feel there is any information which is out of date or incorrect, please contact us. It is important that we present a website which is relevant and useful and easy to navigate.

If you are searching our website for information on LSCB Policies and Procedures, you may find the following useful.

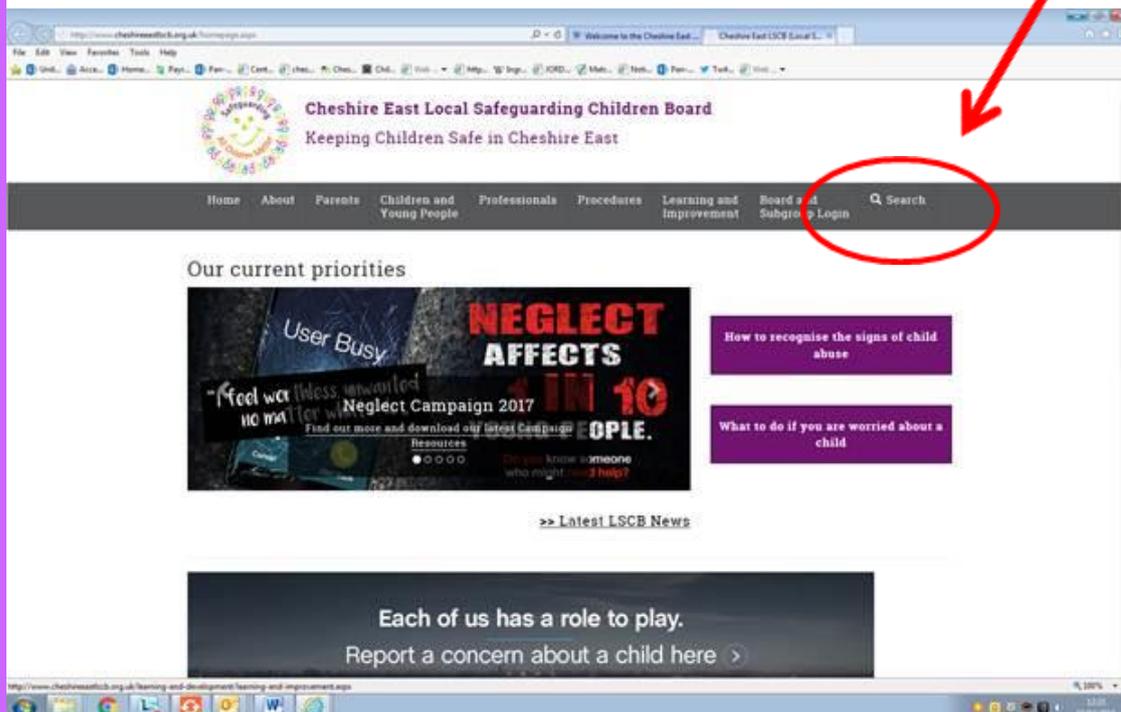
Due to the current layout of the websites there are three places to search for policies and procedures:

The [Online Procedures](#) website has two search options

- Search Manual
- Amendments



The [Cheshire East Local Safeguarding Children Board](#) website also has a search option. Please make sure you use them all as they don't search each other.



## Female Genital Mutilation



The United Nations led an International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM in February and the following is taken from their website:

Female genital mutilation (FGM) comprises all procedures that involve altering or injuring the female genitalia for non-medical reasons and is recognized internationally as a violation of the human rights of girls and women.

It reflects deep-rooted inequality between the sexes, and constitutes an extreme form of discrimination against women and girls. The practice also violates their rights to health, security and physical integrity, their right to be free from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, and their right to life when the procedure results in death.

UNFPA, jointly with UNICEF, leads the largest global program to accelerate the abandonment of FGM.

There is guidance on our website but more information can be obtained by accessing the Multi-agency statutory guidance on FGM:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/512906/Multi\\_Agency\\_Statutory\\_Guidance\\_on\\_FGM\\_-\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/512906/Multi_Agency_Statutory_Guidance_on_FGM_-_FINAL.pdf)

### Seven Minute Briefings

Seven minute briefings are based on a technique borrowed from the FBI. It is based on research, which suggests that seven minutes is an ideal time span to concentrate and learn.

Learning for seven minutes is manageable in most services, and learning is more memorable as it is simple and not clouded by other issues and pressures. There are a number of Seven Minute Briefing notes available with one of latest being around the management of sudden unexpected infant death.



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### Learning and Development

Regular updates on training available are sent out via our training team, to book a place contact [iscbtrainingadministrator@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:iscbtrainingadministrator@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

## Safer Internet Day



Commissioner Mariya Gabriel recently opened the Safer Internet Day celebration at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. Bringing together multiple stakeholders in an annual celebration, Safer Internet Day has grown year-on-year since its launch in 2004, delivering a call to action for everyone to play their part in creating a better and safer internet for all citizens, but especially for children and young people.

With forecasts indicating that by 2020, 20.4 billion connected devices would be in use online (compared to 8.4 billion at the end of 2017), Commissioner Gabriel took this opportunity to highlight the vital role that sits with policy makers: from education to cybersecurity and cyber-hygiene, families and schools must be supported in learning how to be citizens in a digital society.

Against this background, Commissioner Gabriel launched [#SaferInternet4EU](#), an awareness campaign aimed at fostering digital culture among children and young people. The campaign will encompass initiatives running throughout 2018 and will cover a wide range of topics, including critical thinking, media literacy and digital skills necessary to identify and combat fake news, seek trusted sources of information and reinforce cyber hygiene.

Commissioner Gabriel emphasized the desire for young people to actively take part in this initiative and to become [#SaferInternet4EU Ambassadors](#) by spreading the messages of the campaign to their peers.

(Image and words from their website)

On our website, there is plenty of information on keeping children and young people safe online.



## Threshold of Need Guidance

This has been a major piece of work and you are requested to disseminate it as appropriate.



Timely Support for Families in CE - Guidal



## December Frontline Bulletin

Apologies! I gather some of you couldn't open the December Frontline Bulletin. Please find it attached here in a different format for your perusal.



LSCB Frontline Newsletter December



## Neglect case studies in Early Help cases



We are looking for case examples to share with other practitioners where situations have been managed within early help/universal services where neglect issues have been identified. If you have such an example we would love to hear from you. A case study template is embedded below with guidance notes. Use of our Early Help Assessment Tool (for example the CAF) should be helpful to support identification and management of some neglect issues when working with children/young people and families at targeted/complex levels of need. Use of the Neglect Screening Tool and GCP2 is prompted as part of the assessment for use when appropriate. If you can help, please complete the form and return to

[Lindsay.thompson@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:Lindsay.thompson@cheshireeast.gov.uk)



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## Local Government Chronicle Awards

We are pleased to share this exciting news from the Cheshire East Team Voice:

Two children and families projects have been shortlisted for the Local Government Chronicle awards which champion innovation in the public sector.



The Campaign of the Year aimed to raise awareness of neglect and how to encourage people to help protect vulnerable children. For more information, visit the [Cheshire East Local Safeguarding Children Board website](#).

In Children's Services – the Emotionally Healthy Schools project, led by Middlewich High School, focussed on improving resilience across all our schools and on developing teaching staff to ensure they meet the mental health and wellbeing needs of their pupils. Read more about the project on the [Local Government Association website](#) where it is featured as a case study.



## November Children's Rights Month



Do you remember November Children's Rights Month where we took the opportunity to engage with young people and encourage them to help shape the decisions that affect their lives?

Many of our colleagues got involved by putting themselves in a young person's shoes by taking the 'no car challenge', sitting an exam or surviving on £21 for a week and many of you made pledges to improve equality and diversity within your service. You can now access the report via visit: [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/nCRM](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/nCRM)

## DfE child Protection Campaign

The DfE are launching phase 3 of the campaign on 20 February putting the child at the heart of a range of new and emotionally engaging creative content. The materials are free to use and aim to

- **Inform** people about the different types of child abuse and neglect
- **Educate** people on how to spot the signs
- **Reassure** people about the reporting process, and support them through it



Access to the materials, and guidance on how to use them, can be found at [www.dfecildprotection-munroforster.com](http://www.dfecildprotection-munroforster.com). Please consider how you can support this campaign by cascading the information throughout your organization. The key call-to-action for reporting across the campaign content directs to [www.gov.uk/tacklechildabuse](http://www.gov.uk/tacklechildabuse), where members of the public can enter their postcode to contact their local council.

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## Signs of Safety

Please find details of the latest Signs of Safety newsletter. There is a workbook available if you would like more information. Please contact [SignsofSafety@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:SignsofSafety@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or [LSCBEast@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:LSCBEast@cheshireeast.gov.uk) for a copy.



## Signs of Safety/Wellbeing is coming soon to our CAF and CIN/CP forms

We have an exciting announcement... our new forms for CAF and Child in Need and Child Protection (CIN/CP) will go live very soon!

The new forms reflect the Signs of Safety approach, or Signs of Wellbeing as we call it when we are looking at early help and prevention at CAF.

We hope you will see that we have slimmed down and simplified the forms so these should be more family friendly, easier and quicker to complete.



### When will it be?

#### The CIN/CP forms will go live on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Child and Family Assessments, CIN Plans, CP Plans and Strategy Discussion records will look different. You will see a change in how meetings are conducted (so that they centre around the three columns), and all agencies will be asked to scale the risk to the child or young person on a scale of 0-10, and contribute to writing the Danger Statements and Safety Goals.

For most multi-agency meetings, the discussion in the meeting will all be contained within the three columns in the plan, so there will no longer be separate minutes. Separate meeting notes will continue to be provided for CP Conferences.

#### The CAF forms will go live on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Both the paper forms and the electronic CAF forms will change to the new version on 5<sup>th</sup> March. The new paper CAF forms are already available on the [CAF website](#), as **if you will be submitting your CAF on or after 5<sup>th</sup> March it will need to be in the new format.**

You can keep submitting the current forms up until 5<sup>th</sup> March.

### What will they look like?

The new forms include:

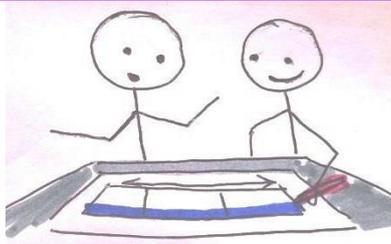
- **The three Signs of Safety/Wellbeing columns:** what we're worried about; what's working well; and what needs to happen
- **Scaling from 0-10** on the risk to the child or young person
- **Worry/Danger Statements and Wellbeing/Safety Goals.**  
Worry/Danger Statements summarise the concerns in a powerful statement so the concerns are really clear for families.  
Wellbeing/Safety goals say what we need to see to be confident that things are OK and we no longer need to be involved so families know what we are all working towards.

Quick reference guides on using the three columns, scaling, and writing Worry/Danger Statements and Wellbeing/Safety Goals will all be available on the [LSCB website](#) very shortly, and there are lots of examples of these contained within the Signs of Safety workbook which we will send you if you contact

[SignsofSafety@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:SignsofSafety@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or  
[LSCBEast@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:LSCBEast@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

### 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:



- The **Early Help Brokerage team** for support in completing CAFs, including one to one support [EHB@cheshireeast.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:EHB@cheshireeast.gcsx.gov.uk)
- Your Signs of Safety/Wellbeing **Practice Lead** within your organisation – for schools your Practice Leads are in the SCIES Team [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)



### e-learning

An e-learning module on Signs of Safety is now available which is linked below. This will give you an overview of what Signs of Safety is, what the approach involves and the key tools.

This is a great introduction to Signs of Safety if you have not yet had chance to attend any training or briefing sessions.

For partners including schools:

<http://cheshireeast.learningpool.com/totara/dashboard/index.php?id=5>

For Cheshire East Council staff:

<http://cheshireeast.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=388>

### Partner Briefing Sessions

We ran our first Partner Briefing Sessions last week which were really well attended and well received. We will be running some more briefing sessions for partners from March – we will release the dates for these shortly.

### 5 day training on this week

Signs of Safety 5 day training is running this week from 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February. This will mean that a lot of Prevention and Children's Social Care Managers will be out of the office for this time so please just be aware that it may take a little longer for managers to get back to you during this time.

### Share your practice!

I know lots of you are already using Signs of Safety/Wellbeing/ Stability practice and are seeing the impact this has on families. We'd love to be able to share and celebrate your practice through this newsletter to inspire other people to give it a go and to support us to learn from what works.



If you have an example of work you would be happy to share, or a short description of what difference your work has made for children, young people and their families, please send it in to us at [SignsofSafety@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:SignsofSafety@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

Here's what some practitioners told us about using the approach:

**“Scaling helped me to put it into context”**

**“Clear focus and direction”**

**“It made me think about the positives and not just the problem”**

**“Made me feel empowered as a referrer”**

**“It made it easier to look at the next steps”**

**“We got a really good outcome for the young person using this approach than we wouldn't have got to doing it the 'old way'.”**

If you would like to give part of the practice a try but are feeling a bit unsure, get in touch with your Practice Lead or Louise Wright who will be able to support you.

### **Feedback from our trainers**

Our external Signs of Safety trainers, Agi Gault and Haley Muir, who have been running our two day training, have told us that they have been really impressed with the practitioners who have attended, and the engagement they have seen from partners. They said they have seen a lot of different staff teams over the years, and that the staff here in Cheshire East are a real credit to our partnership – so congratulations everyone!



**“The staff here have made our job really easy, they are stunning, a delight to teach”**

### **Want to know more?**

For more information on Signs of Safety please see our [LSCB website](#) and the official Signs of Safety website [www.SignsofSafety.net](http://www.SignsofSafety.net)

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Do you have a story to share about the work your team has done?  
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