

LSCB Bulletin Frontline News July 2018



Message from Detective Superintendent Pete Shaw, new Chair of the LSCB Executive



I am married with two grown up daughters and have been a police officer for 25 years. My current role is Detective Superintendent within the Public Protection Directorate with responsibility for safeguarding. I have spent most of my police career involved in criminal investigation work; however my previous two posts were in uniformed command roles in Warrington and Macclesfield. We are operating in a rapidly evolving world where everyday access to technology enables people to exploit the vulnerable which creates a challenging landscape for law enforcement and partner agencies alike. The police enjoy valuable and effective relationships with our partner agencies and LSCBs across Cheshire and we are committed to ensure everything possible is done to safeguard children.

WELCOME to the July edition of the Frontline News. This is a very comprehensive Bulletin with lots of useful information within. Topics covered include information about the recent SEND Inspection and the new contract award for the PAN Cheshire Missing and Exploitation Service. Please take time to read it and share within your organization.

Please also look at the LSCB website

<http://www.cheshireeastlscb.org.uk/homepage.aspx>

and send us your comments.

SEND INSPECTION



Mark Palethorpe, Acting Executive Director of People wrote about the recent SEND Inspection –

The outcome of a recent inspection of services across Cheshire East for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) has been published. The inspection letter, which followed a visit by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission in March, came as a result of new

government legislation which requires local authorities and health partners to reform the way they support and identify children with Send.

During the week long visit, government inspectors attended 60 focus groups which included contributions from more than 200 staff and 130 parents and carers.

Key Messages

Inspectors noted that *'there has been a significant improvement in the strategic leadership of SEN in the area and 'frontline professionals are committed and resolute in their work for children, young people and their families.'* They also recognised that *'the energy and enthusiasm of leaders at a strategic level to improve provision is yet to impact on children, young people and their families.'*

Cheshire East is required to produce and submit a written statement of action to Ofsted to explain how it will tackle the following areas for improvement:

***the timeliness, process and quality of education, health and care plans
the lack of an effective pathway for children and young people with autism and
unreasonable waiting times.***

The inspection found that the area was performing well in the following ways:

- Children and young people with SEND feel safe, and they found no safeguarding practice concerns.
- Outcomes for children and young people are good and in many areas above the national average.
- Leaders know the local area strengths and areas for development.
- Strong partnership working and governance structure.

Areas highlighted as requiring improvement were that there was a significant volume of parental feedback outlining poor experiences and satisfaction of the SEND system and that support and implementation of the government reforms from 2014 to 2016 was slow.

Councillor Jos Saunders, Cheshire East Council cabinet member for children and families, said:

“We are striving to deliver better, more focussed provision and this inspection has shown that we are definitely on the right track. I am very grateful to all those dedicated professionals that deliver such outstanding work every day.”



The inspection letter can be viewed on the [SEND Inspection page](#) of Cheshire East Council's website.

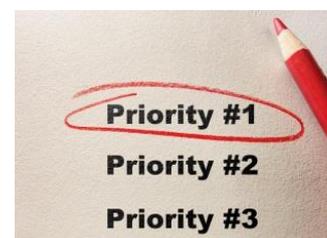
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AUDIT

Phil Alcock, LADO and Audit and Quality Assurance officer, recently wrote about a recent audit of practice with children and young people which focused on the quality of the practice with families and used the audit tool based on Signs of Safety.



What's working well:

- The purpose of our involvement with families is clear to them and we are making improvements in ensuring families understand this.
- Plans made to support families are identifying the risks to children and priority is being given to actions that have a direct positive impact upon the life and safety of the child/young person.
- Multi agency working is good and information is being shared with partner agencies to enable a shared approach to working with and supporting families.



Areas we are still worried about:

There are some themes that we know we need to focus on for improvement, for our service to be good or better for our children and young people.

- All workers should make it clear **why** they are involved with families and what helps to form good working relationships with them. This means listening to parents and carers and involving them in our work. Sharing assessments, reports and plans with them will enable us to work together to improve the situation for families and children.
- Making sure that plans are **clear** about what needs to change and **why**, and **who** is responsible for completing tasks. Plans should include the **timescales** for when tasks are going to be completed. This helps everyone involved to track and **monitor the progress** we are all making.
- Recognise that when changes occur that we acknowledge this in our work and make plans with families to lessen the impact that this may have upon them and their children.

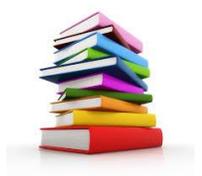
Tools and Practice Standards:

We are making changes from 1 April 2018 to the way that we record audits on to children/young people's case file records on Liquid Logic. Hopefully this will make it simpler for you and it will also enable us to run reports from Business Objects on which children/young people have been audited by you. We need this for the new **ILACS inspection framework**. When OfSTED come to inspect us again they require us to provide them with a list of children/ young people who have been audited in the past six months. From these they will choose a selection to re-audit.

EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SCHOOLS – UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that over 75% of schools are now engaged with the EHS programme and are taking advantage of the support and training on offer. In order to help pupils succeed, school have a role to play in supporting them to be resilient and mentally healthy. For more information check out <https://www.middlewichhigh.cheshire.sch.uk>

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



Libraries across Cheshire East are offering a range of exciting volunteering opportunities for young people to support work within the community by helping to run the Summer Reading Challenge and support children's literacy and reading over summer.

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/libraries/volunteering.aspx>



NEW CONTRACT AWARD FOR PAN CHESHIRE MISSING AND EXPLOITATION SERVICE

Across the four Cheshire LA's we have recently undertaken a tender exercise for the missing from home/care and child exploitation service. The service has been awarded to a new provider **Addaction** and this will commence on 1st July 2108.

The service will have two distinct requirements:

- To provide a dedicated and specialist service to young people who are either at risk of sexual (CSE) or criminal exploitation(CE) or who have experienced sexual or criminal exploitation.
- To provide independent return interviews for all children and young people who have returned from a period of being missing. This also includes working with agencies to develop a plan and taking appropriate action designed to mitigate the risks for each individual young person.

Our model for delivery will not change, although their focus will be different.

There will be a transition in the coming weeks from Catch 22 as our current provider to **Addaction**, but there will be no gap in service and further details will come out in due course.

Please share where relevant with your teams/partners.

BRUISING IN CHILDREN WHO AREN'T INDEPENDENTLY MOBILE

Please find a link to a recently published guidance document. The aim of this guidance is to provide frontline and senior health professionals with a knowledge base and practice guidance for the assessment, management and referral of Children who are Not Independently Mobile (NIM) who present with bruising or otherwise suspicious marks.



Bruising in Children
who are Not Independently Mobile

HOT WEATHER ALERT



A level 3 Hot Weather alert has been issued this week. Babies and young children are particularly susceptible to heatwave conditions. The main health risks are dehydration, sunburn and heat stroke. Can you please ensure that if you are responsible for any children, for example supervising contact that you are mindful of the NHS guidance below and ensure that children are appropriately clothed, including a hat and wearing sun tan lotion. They should also have regular access to drinks and where possible kept out of the sun, particularly between 11.00am and 15.00pm. When visiting families please consider whether children are being protected from the harmful effects of a heatwave.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/heatwave-how-to-cope-in-hot-weather/>

WORKING TOGETHER TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN

Please take time out to review the updated statutory guidance on inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>

SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Booking information is shown below:

Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service & the North-western branch of the IFE have developed a truly innovative and unique conference, being held on 19th July 2018 in Lymm, Cheshire.

The conference is aim to stimulate discussion and debate around the prevention and safeguarding challenges surrounding young people that the sector is facing. I am really pleased to announce our presenters line up who all offer a national/international perspective on this area:

- **Chris Cloke** – Head of Safeguarding in the Community for NSPCC as our keynote speaker.
- **Sara Rowbotham** - Deputy leader of Rochdale Council, former sexual health worker who exposed the Rochdale grooming scandal - recent winner of the ITV NHS Hero's award and the drama, 'Three girls' telling the story she whistle blew on, receiving 2 BAFTA's.
- **Phil Garrigan** - Chief Fire Officer, Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service and National Fire Chiefs Council Children and Young Persons lead. Fire and rescue services are committed to working with young people to not only prevent them being harmed in

fires and other emergencies but also to prevent them becoming involved in fire crime and other anti-social behaviours.

- **Joanna Foster** - Director at fabtic, working with at-risk children and young people. Specialising in fire-setting behaviour, fabtic has extensive experience in working with at-risk children, managing frontline staff and supervising volunteers.
- **Jeff Coghlan** - founder of interactivity-emphasised web experience agency Matmi. Jeff and his team created Sparkton for CFRS, an educational fire safety platform which they now supply to many UK fire and rescue services.
- **George Martin** - Fire and Rescue Service National Liaison Officer at The Prince's Trust. George will be accompanied by a young person who has benefited from The Prince's Trust programme.

Please could I ask that you share this event with staff, especially those working in prevention and/or with young people, within your organisations? Further details regarding the line-up and conference can be accessed below and the following link [will](https://ife-100years-young.eventbrite.co.uk) take you direct to Eventbrite for ticketing. <https://ife-100years-young.eventbrite.co.uk>. More information about *100 Years Young – futureproofing Generation Alpha* and the guest speakers can be found at <http://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk> or by calling Group Manager Anthony Jones on 07776397863.

CSE PEER CHAMPIONS

Catch 22's Peer Champions created two films to mark the recent Child Sexual Exploitation Day 2018. Designed to be used with young people, these films focus on the themes of internet safety and the need for young people to be themselves online. The videos are useful for any frontline staff working with children and young people.



<https://vimeo.com/260439565>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUMWe6rET4I>

DfE CHILD PROTECTION CAMPAIGN

#tackleabusetogether. This ongoing campaign can be accessed here - [toolkit website](#).

PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY AHEAD OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

You may find this information of interest, aligned with the Cheshire East plans of Sustainable Modes of Travel to School Strategy document. www.think.gov.uk/education



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CEDAS SCREENING AND REFERRAL TOOL



CEDAS have produced a new screening tool for children referred to them for domestic abuse support. It is designed to better understand what had led to the referral and to prioritise those children most in need of support. There is also a partner agency briefing document. CEDAS have produced a 'Consultation Resources Request' form that can be issued to other agencies that are best placed to deliver the work to children.



REFERRAL FOR CHILDREN'S DOMESTIC
Partner Briefing re domestic abuse
CEDAS consultation resources request do

Please also view the 'Act on it Now' website <http://www.actonitnow.co.uk/resources2/> coordinated by CEDAS as a young peoples and professional resource for information. There are also domestic abuse resources on the LSCB website for professionals to independently download. <http://www.cheshireeastlscb.org.uk/professionals/domestic-abuse.aspx>

DANGERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TRAVELLING ABROAD TO SPAIN



The leaflet below highlights the dangers for young people becoming involved in criminality in the guise of a holiday job. It contains useful tips and an emergency contact number for assistance.



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Final APPROVED.PDF

PAN CHESHIRE CDOP NEWSLETTER

Please find below the latest newsletter from the CDOP.



Pan Cheshire
Newsletter -spring18.

PAN CHESHIRE SAFE SLEEP LEAFLET

Please find the link to the latest guidance for babies and safe sleeping.



SaferSleepingLeaflet
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HELICOPTER STORIES TRAINING

The Helicopter Technique develops confidence, curiosity, concentration and communication skills in children. It also increases their attention span, speaking and listening skills and demonstrates measurable gains in both narrative and language development skills, even for pupils with SEN or EAL. It also provides practitioners with evidence of children's progress in language and communication. For more information click below:

<http://www.makebelievarts.co.uk/helicopterstorieslettingimaginationfly/>



CAMHS OUT OF HOURS ADVICE LINE

Would you like to talk about a child or young person's mental health? If you need advice out of usual office hours, you can find more information in the leaflet below.



CYP Out of Hours
advice line D-CYPOOH

TOXIC TRIO

This term relates to the co-existence of domestic abuse, mental ill health and substance misuse and the impact on children and young people. An Alcohol Audit has been undertaken as it was felt that the impact of parental alcohol use needed to be better considered. More information can be found by clicking the link on Toxic Trio Guidance from within the LSCB website - <http://www.cheshireeastlscb.org.uk/professionals/substance-misuse.aspx>



MY VOICE – CARED FOR CHILDREN

There is an opportunity for children in care to join in the Cheshire East's Children in Care Council, which meets in Sandbach each Tuesday between 6.00pm and 8.00pm during term time. The group provides an opportunity for Cared For Children to have their voices heard and to make positive changes to the services that are delivered to them. For more information, please contact participation@cheshireeast.gov.uk or annie.sanderson@cheshireeast.gov.uk

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION 2018



Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018 comes into force on 3 September. The SCiES team has put together a One Minute Guide that details the key changes and actions required of schools and this can be found below. More information can be obtained by emailing SCiESTeamEast@cheshireeast.gov.uk



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LSCB TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Please find below details of forthcoming training opportunities. There is also information on the new charging policy.



1. LSCB Training Programme.pdf



2. Charging Policy.pdf

You can find more information here – <http://www.cheshireeastlscb.org.uk/learning-and-development/learning-and-improvement.aspx> or by emailing lscbtrainingadministrator@cheshireeast.gov.uk

PRIVATE FOSTERING WEEK

Private Fostering week – 9th July to 13th July 2018

It offers an opportunity to highlight the vulnerability of children in private fostering arrangements.

In keeping with the Government's focus on safeguarding children at risk, the key objective is to raise awareness about this largely "invisible" group of children and to encourage professionals to make contact with the Local authority where they believe an arrangement maybe in place.



Private fostering is when a child is placed for 28 days or more in the care of someone who is not their parent or close relative, (close relative being: step-parent, grandparent, sibling, uncle or aunt) through a private agreement made between their parent and a carer. These children are essentially "invisible" which places them in a vulnerable group where they can be subject to possible abuse and exploitation.

If you want to find out more, click on the links below that will take you to the policy and provide further information for professionals.

<http://www.cheshireeastlscb.org.uk/professionals/private-fostering-information-for-professionals.aspx>

<http://centranet.ourcheshire.ccsusers.com/childrenandfamilies/Children%20and%20Families%20policies/Private%20fostering%20policy%20and%20procedure.docx>

SIGNS OF SAFETY TRAINING

More training dates have become available and you can find out more information from the flyer below:



Signs of Safety Training - Flyer.pdf



SAFEGUARDING AWARDS

Please find below information on the forthcoming **Cheshire East Safeguarding & Dignity Awards 2018**. These will take place on **15 November 2018**. The Adult and Children's Boards recognise that throughout Cheshire East, there are many people who do amazing work, often under difficult circumstances. These awards are an opportunity to celebrate and recognise good practice in organisations, teams, individual workers or volunteers with regards to treating individuals with dignity and supporting and protecting children and adults at risk from abuse, harm or exploitation.

You can access a flyer about the event below:



Flyer Awards.pdf



You can access a nomination form below:



Nomination
Form.docx

Please disseminate this information throughout your organisation and encourage everyone to submit nominations. This is a very special way to recognize some amazing people in our community who make a real difference to the lives of others.

The closing date for nominations is 14 September 2018.

Nominations should be submitted to
SafeguardingAwards@cheshireeast.gov.uk

AND FINALLY ...



It is National Thank You Week this week! <http://www.thankyouweek.co.uk/>
National Thank You Week aims to encourage the nation to say Thank You to anyone who makes your life better. This could be by making a kind gesture, giving a gift, or simply being there for someone when they need a friendly ear. Whatever the reason you'd like to say thank you for, take advantage of this week to show someone how much you appreciate their help and support this National Thank You Week. We would like to say thank you for your support, thank you for reading this Bulletin and thank you for sharing with your colleagues, helping us to get important messages out.

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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?

Your feedback is important – contact me at LSCBEast@cheshireeast.gov.uk

