

# LSCB Bulletin Frontline News October 2018



## Message from Ruth Tucker



Hi. I have been invited to introduce this month's addition of the LSCB Bulletin. I qualified as a Nurse 35 years ago and I have worked in Cheshire East and Children's Safeguarding within health for the last 10 years. For the last 3 years I have been the Named Nurse for Wirral 0-19 Cheshire East and since 1 October, I have taken up the post of Deputy Designated Nurse for NHS South Cheshire CCG /NHS Vale Royal CCG and NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG/NHS West Cheshire CCG.

Throughout my time in Safeguarding I have been fortunate to work alongside and have the support of colleagues not only in my own agency but within the multi agency partnership. I have seen considerable improvements in multi agency working and processes and feel proud that here in Cheshire East we have a committed and dedicated work force who respond to the increasing challenges to ensure our children are safeguarded.

**WELCOME to the October edition of the Frontline News.**  
**This is a very comprehensive Bulletin with lots of useful information within.**  
**Topics covered include:**

- **Multi-agency Screening Tools Document**
- **New CSE Tool**
- **CDOP Learning Event – 8 November**
- **Open the Door – pan-Cheshire Domestic Abuse Campaign**
- **One Minute Guide to Strategy Meetings**

**Please take time to read it and share within your organisation.**  
**Please also look at the LSCB website**  
**[Cheshire East LSCB Website](#)**

## SCREENING TOOLS DOCUMENT

There are a range of assessment tools that practitioners can use to enable them to intervene at the right time and with the right level of support. This multi agency assessment tool kit has been developed to support practitioners to undertake effective assessments and provide a sound evidence base upon which to form robust analysis, decision making and actions.

It is designed to be a 'one stop shop'.

You can find more information in the document below:



LSCB Multi Agency  
Screening Tools.docx

## CHILD EXPLOITATION – NEW SCREENING TOOL



There is increasing complexity in the risks of exploitation to children and young people in our communities, alongside the requirement for all professionals to remain confident in our need to identify, assess and respond to their need to be safeguarded. In response to the growing profile of child abuse that covers criminal as well as sexual exploitation, the PAN Cheshire strategic group have reviewed the current screening tool for CSE and updated it.

**This single Child Exploitation tool should be used in any instance where you are concerned that a child is being exploited, through sexual or criminal means.** The tool should help you to identify and evaluate the cause of your concerns and reflect on whether further safeguarding investigations are needed. The tool should also be used to evidence improvement where risk is assessed to be reduced. It can be used with parents, young people and other professionals. From the **1 October 2018** this new tool is the only one that should be used.

As with all tools, they are most useful when they support best practice. There are examples of good quality completed tools, and what makes them good, on the LSCB website. On the website you will also see case examples to give you confidence in considering how the risks to a child may present. There is no replacement for professional curiosity and our vision is that all children in Cheshire who are vulnerable to exploitation or other forms of serious and organized criminality will be protected by services which will be delivered in a coordinated, informed and consistent way with improved outcomes for children, families and their communities, the completion of this tool is the first step in you achieving that.



Exploitation Tool  
2018.pdf



Example Pan  
Cheshire Tool CCE- ACHILD EXPLOITATIO



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## CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION

You may find the following information useful. It is from Addaction and was created earlier this year by Young Addaction to support the risk and resilience pilot around CCE that they carried out in Halton. The young people who helped created it are happy for it to be used, adapted, reduced etc. to make it a possible resource for across the patch so please feel free to adapt it to your needs.



Addaction - Child  
Criminal Exploitation F

Further information is available on the LSCB website.



Criminal Exploitation  
Pathway.docx

## LANGUAGE GUIDANCE FOR THOSE WORKING WITH CHILDREN

The Children's Society have provided guidance over appropriate language that should be used by professionals working with children and families and a copy of this document can be accessed below:



Guidance App  
Language Toolkit.pdf



## DID YOU KNOW ...

The Children's Society is offering free mental health first aid training from the Cheshire's Child Health and Mental Positivity (CHAMP) service. This is available to anyone who works with young people aged 10 – 18 who may need help with their emotional health and wellbeing. You can get more information from [ChampCheshire@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:ChampCheshire@childrenssociety.org.uk)



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The average number of referrals per day by schools in England seeing mental health treatment for pupils in 2017/18 is 183, up by more than a third in the past three years.

Source – The Sunday Times 2018

## CDOP LEARNING EVENT – 8 NOVEMBER



The pan-Cheshire Child Death Overview Panel is holding a learning event for frontline multi-agency professionals on 8 November at Holmes Chapel Community Centre. There will be a presentation by Police/Health/Social Care/Education/Coroner & CDOP on the process following the unexpected death of a child and the Alder Hey Bereavement Centre will talk about support for families and self care for professionals following the death of a child.

If you would like further information, please email [cdop.learningevent@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:cdop.learningevent@cheshireeast.gov.uk).



CDOP Learning  
Event 2018 poster.pdf



CDOP Learning  
Event Application For

## GOOD CHILDHOOD REPORT

Please find attached the latest report from the Children's Society.



the\_good\_childhood  
\_report\_full\_2018.pdf

## OPEN THE DOOR – PAN-CESHIRE DOMESTIC ABUSE CAMPAIGN



A campaign to help people spot the signs of domestic abuse and know where to get help has recently been launched in Cheshire. ‘[Open the Door](#)’ aims to equip people with the tools to feel safe and confident having a conversation about unhealthy relationships. It has been developed by a partnership of a local domestic abuse survivor group, Cheshire East Council, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Halton and Warrington Borough Councils, the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Cheshire Constabulary and [Public Health England](#).

The partnership aims to encourage victims, perpetrators, friends and family to get information about how to spot the signs and access early help. It is the first time that police and all four local authorities have joined forces to provide support for residents about what is available to them locally. The campaign encourages friends and family to trust their instincts, as many of the initial signs and symptoms of abuse can be tricky to spot from the outside.

These signs include:

- Undermining you, so you lose confidence
- Isolating you from your friends and family
- Making all the decisions in your life, including what you wear, who you talk to and where you go and when
- Making you do things that you don’t want to do
- Controlling your money
- Following you when you go out
- Needing to know where you are at all times

A survivor group helped inform the campaign sharing their experiences and the support they received. One member of the group, Amy, said: “It was my abuser’s mum who handed me the domestic abuse helpline number. People had told me before ‘he’s no good for you, you need to get away. You’ll be happier without him’. When she handed me that card, I knew it was time. I needed to get myself back, I’d lost myself.”

Councillor Jos Saunders, Cheshire East Council cabinet member for children and families, said: “Domestic abuse can happen to anyone – no matter who you are, your gender, background, what you do or where you live. It can cause serious harm to victims and their families, especially to children who witness it.

“We have been working hard with our partners across the county to help ensure that no-one has to live in fear, providing services that enable survivors and those close to them to be safe and recover. We also work with those who harm, to try and help them change their behaviour.

“Tackling domestic abuse remains one of our top priorities and everyone can play a vital role in opening the door on unhealthy relationships. We want to work with our communities to develop the skills and knowledge they need so they can spot signs of abuse earlier and feel able to start a conversation about it.”



Police and Crime Commissioner David Keane said: “Cheshire’s Open the Door campaign will be promoting self-help and early intervention for people who are experiencing domestic abuse and those who care about them. It will encourage residents to recognise the signs and be confident in speaking openly about it, in order to get help either for themselves or to help someone who is in an abusive relationship.

“It is very often family members or close friends who can see when a relationship is not healthy, or doesn’t seem quite right, so this campaign is encouraging friends and family to understand how to spot abuse and then have the confidence to have the right conversation to support someone they are worried about. Encouragingly, research carried out reveals that, once support has been received, 80 per cent of people felt safer.”

If you are affected by domestic abuse or concerned for someone else, call 0300 123 5101 at any time or visit the Open the Door website. In an emergency, always call 999.

## SIGNS OF SAFETY TRAINING DATES

The three different options for Signs of Safety training, dates and how to book are included below.

### 2 Day Training

**Who is it aimed at?** Practitioners who work directly with families, and their line managers

**What does it cover?** What Signs of Safety is, how to use it in practice, and tools for working together with children, young people and families. The two day covers similar content to the half day but goes into more detail on using the practice and includes practising applying the approach to live cases.

#### Dates:

- **12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November**, 9.30-4.30, Macclesfield - FULL
- **19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November**, 9.30-4.30, Wilmslow
- **28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November**, 9.30-4.30, Macclesfield
- **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December**, 9.30-4.30, Wilmslow
- **12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December**, 9.30-4.30, Macclesfield

**To book your place:** please complete this booking form [Cheshire East LSCB Training Team](#)

Any queries please contact  
[LSCBTrainingAdministrator@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:LSCBTrainingAdministrator@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

### Half Day Training

**Who is it aimed at?** Anyone who works with families and needs to know about Signs of Safety and what it involves.

**What does it cover?** What Signs of Safety is, how to use it in practice, and tools for working together with children, young people and families. The half day course is a concise version of the 2 day course.

#### Dates:



- **30<sup>th</sup> November**, 9.30-1.00, Westfields Sandbach
- **1<sup>st</sup> February 2019**, 9.30-1.00, Westfields Sandbach

**To book your place:** Please email [SignsofSafety@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:SignsofSafety@cheshireeast.gov.uk) with the date you would like to book onto.

Any queries please contact the email address above or contact Rebekka Wilson at 01270 685962.

### E-learning

**Who is it aimed at?** Anyone who needs to know about Signs of Safety and what it involves.

**What does it cover?** An introduction to Signs of Safety; what it is, what the approach involves, and the key tools.

**To access the e-learning please click the links below:**

For partners including schools:

[Cheshire East Learning Pool](#)

For Cheshire East Council staff:

[Cheshire East Learning Pool](#)

### Want to know more?

For more information on Signs of Safety please see our [LSCB website](#) and the official Signs of Safety website [Signs of Safety](#)

### Contact us at:

[SignsOfSafety@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:SignsOfSafety@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

## NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK



National Adoption Week 2018 will take place from the 15th to 21st October, organised by First4Adoption – [First4Adoption - National Adoption Week](#)

Across the North West, there are more children in need of a loving adoptive home than there are adopters to offer this. Adoption Counts needs to attract the right adopters for the right children, ensuring no child has to wait for a home irrespective of their age, gender, ethnicity or needs.

Improving brand visibility is integral to the success of Adoption Counts – and during NAW 2018, they will take advantage of the ‘adoption message’ being widely spread across different channels. The aim of the campaign is to ensure a very high visibility for the agency and its excellent services, so that potential adopters from the regional local authorities and surrounding areas get familiar with the brand and take the first step in the adoption process through them – their local adoption agency.



Adoption Counts -  
National Adoption We

## ONE MINUTE GUIDE TO STRATEGY MEETINGS

You should have received this information in a recent Newsflash.



Working Together Guidance 2018 states:

*'Whenever there is reasonable cause to suspect that a child is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm there should be a strategy discussion involving local authority children's social care (including the residential or fostering service, if the child is looked-after), the police, health and other bodies such as the referring agency. This might take the form of a multi-agency meeting or phone calls and more than one discussion may be necessary. A strategy discussion can take place following a referral or at any other time, including during the assessment process and when new information is received on an already open case.'*

For more information, please review the attached document.



Strategy meeting  
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## ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE WORK

Between 9am on Sunday 4 November and 9am Monday 5 November, essential maintenance work has been scheduled to ensure the security of our online procedures manuals. This may mean that, for a short period of time, they will not be available. Any disruption will be kept to a minimum.

## DOCUMENT ACCESSABILITY

From September 2018, [new accessibility regulations 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 \(PDF, 1MB\)](#) - 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 \(MS Word 1.4MB\)](#).

Documents that are not compliant will no longer be accepted.



## LSCB ANNUAL REPORT

This has now been published and can be accessed below:



CESCB Annual  
Report 2017-18 - Final

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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](mailto:LSCBEast@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

