

City of York Safeguarding Children Board Update September 2018

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# Safeguarding Children

## Welcome

I'm delighted that the Board has been awarded 'early adopter' status by the government. That the CYSCB has been chosen to trial innovative new ways of working is testament to the strength of our partnership and the hard work and dedication of board members and organisations across the city.

We are currently finalising proposals for the new local safeguarding children arrangement in York ahead of our move to become City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership by the end of the year. More of this in the next newsletter.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Simon Westwood**

Independent Chair of City of York Safeguarding Children Board



## News update

### **CYSCB to become Early Adopter**

York will improve safeguarding across the city by developing its engagement with schools as part of its new 'early adopter' status. The city is one of only 17 areas in the country chosen to trial the new national safeguarding arrangements.

The successful areas will work with the national Children's Bureau to develop new and innovative approaches to safeguarding, helping to produce best practice guidance for other areas, before they have to implement the new safeguarding arrangements .

### **Keeping children safe in education: update**

The revised edition of [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) came into force at the beginning of the month.

Important changes and additions to the new edition include:



- Every school or college needs its own individual safeguarding policy to reflect local circumstances.
- Schools and colleges should hold more than one emergency contact number for their pupils.
- School and college child protection policies should reflect peer-on-peer abuse.

### **New Working Together 2018**

New statutory guidance on inter-agency working to safeguard children was published in July. [Working Together 2018](#) replaces the 2015 version, though the theme that everyone who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play in supporting their welfare continues.

Along with direction on processes for early help and safeguarding, the new guidance defines the safeguarding partnership arrangements to replace the Local Safeguarding Children's Boards, together with processes for Safeguarding Children Practice Reviews (SPR), which will replace Serious Case Reviews.

CYSCB will become the City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership (CYSCP). We have taken the opportunity to enhance the board's existing arrangements and refresh the sub group terms of reference.

### **Safe Car Wash App**

The Safe Car Wash app has been developed by the National Crime Agency to allow members of the public to help unearth cases of modern slavery. Many hand car washes are legitimate businesses, but some involve people being exploited for little or no pay, working under the threat of violence.

People can download the free [app](#) onto their smartphone and simply complete a short survey on the working conditions at the car wash to share potential concerns with the appropriate agencies.



## **New in York**

### **£1.1m 'Trusted Relationship' funding to protect children in York and North Yorkshire**

North Yorkshire and York are amongst only 11 local areas in the country to be awarded funding from the government's Trusted Relationship Fund to help steer children away from exploitation, abuse and crime.

The £1.1m funding will be used to support projects to build positive, long term relationships between vulnerable young people and trained individuals, including former gang members, mentors and trusted adults.

## New CYSCB webpages

New webpages on harmful sexual behaviour, domestic abuse and a new neglect screening tool were added to the Board's website as part of Safeguarding Week this summer.

We also launched new Bite Sized Guides on a range of topics, including County Lines and Child Sexual Exploitation, as well as re-launching the children and young people's webpage. Take a look around the new site and let us know what you think.



## New faces

Jon Stonehouse is leaving his post as Director of Children's Services, Education and Communities this month to take up a directorship at Rotherham. Maxine Squire will hold the post of Interim Director until a permanent appointment is made.

Sophie Wales will join the team in October, taking over as Assistant Director of Children's Specialist Services from Dot Evans. She is currently at Chester and Cheshire West Council where she is a senior children's social care manager.

## New reports published

### Multi-agency responses to older children

[Growing up neglected: a multi-agency response to older children](#) , published by Ofsted, looks into the effectiveness of local area, multi-agency interventions for children aged seven to 15 who have experienced, or are at risk of neglect. The inspectors reviewed practice in children's social care, education, health services, police, young offending services and probation services.



## **Two new reports from the Centre of Expertise of Child Sexual Abuse**

The [Intra-familial child sexual abuse](#) (CSA) report identifies that around two-thirds of all CSA reported to the police is perpetrated by a family member or someone close to the child.

CSA in a family is rarely an isolated event and much abuse in a family remains undisclosed. Children may fear their abuser, not want them to get into trouble or feel that it was their fault. Disabled children and some black, Asian and minority ethnic children face additional barriers.

[Key messages from research on children and young people who display harmful sexual behaviour](#) (HSB) looks at research into a range of sexual behaviours; including inappropriate, problematic and abusive. There are no accurate figures on the full spectrum of HSB, but one major study found that two-thirds of contact child sexual abuse was perpetrated by other children and young people.

## **CYSCB Annual Report**

Our Annual Report 2017/18 will be published in October and will be available on our [website](#). Take a look for full details of the Board's work over the last 12 months.

Keep up to date with our work at [www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/](http://www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/) and via twitter on @LSCBYork

## If you are concerned about a child:

If you think that a child or young person is being abused or neglected you must inform Children's Social Care or the police.

To report concerns to Children's Social Care you can do so:

- By phone – one phone number for all concerns and enquiries: 01904 551900
- By email – one email address: [childrensfrontdoor@york.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfrontdoor@york.gov.uk)
- Using a referral form available here: [www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/concerned-about-a-child-or-young-person.htm](http://www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/concerned-about-a-child-or-young-person.htm)
- By letter – Children's Social Care, City of York Council, West Office, York YO1 6GA
- Outside office hours, at weekends and on public holidays contact the Emergency Duty Team telephone: 01609 780780.



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