



Issue 3 - Monday 31st January

## Introduction



Happy New Year and welcome to the January 2022 edition of the Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership newsletter!

Thank-you for all the contributions which have been made to this newsletter in relation to work which is taking place across the partnership and for feedback provided.

Effective multi-agency working is fundamental to ensuring children and young people are safeguarded and January 2022 has continued to highlight many examples of excellent partnership work across Hull!

On 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 there was an opportunity to share the recently updated Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership Progress Report with members of the Early Support and Lifelong Learning Overview and Scrutiny Commission meeting, highlighting work undertaken within HSCP since April 21. Updates were also provided in relation to work developed through the Learning from Individual Cases sub-group to reinvigorate how local reviews within Hull are conducted. Further information and links are contained within this newsletter.

The Early Help Annual Report is included within this newsletter. This highlights the wide range of support delivered by practitioners across Hull to support children, young people and their families. The emotional wellbeing of children and young people is a pivotal focus – starting from the first 1001 days of a child's life through to adolescence. During January 22 colleagues and I were able to attend a Benchmarking Session arranged by Humberside Police with Lancashire Violence Reduction Network. The briefing highlighted excellent work taking place across partner agencies in 'Trauma informed Lancashire' which will be helpful in contributing to the continuing development of trauma informed practice within Hull.

Any feedback in relation to newsletters is always welcome and ideas you may have for topics to include in future newsletters are always appreciated! If you would like to submit an article for a future edition, please email [hscp@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:hscp@hullcc.gov.uk)

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Previous newsletters can be accessed via the HSCP website - [September 2021 Newsletter](#) - [November 2021 Newsletter](#)

## Priorities for 2021-2022



Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership's priorities have been agreed for 2021 – 2022.

- Priority 1: Neglect
- Priority 2: Contextual Safeguarding
- Priority 3: Domestic Abuse
- Priority 4: Learning and Improvement
- Priority 5: COVID Recovery

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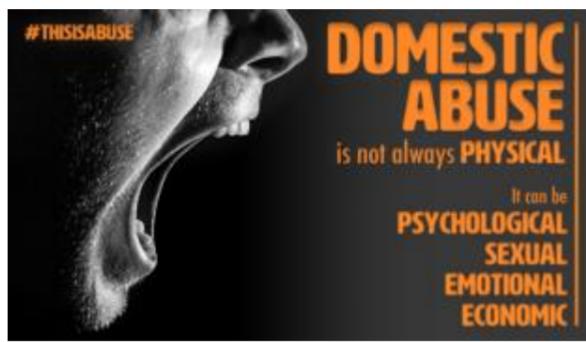
The Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership Business Plan for 2021-2022 is now available to view on the HSCP website.

[Business Plan 2021 - 2022](#)

In December 21 a Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership Progress Report was finalised detailing updates in relation to progress made since April 2021. The report is attached below and includes recent activity across the partnership linked to the HSCP priorities for 21/22.

[Progress Report April 2021 - September 2021](#)

## Domestic Abuse



The Hull Domestic Abuse Strategy for 2021-2024 has now been published through the Hull Community Safety Partnership. This sets out how all agencies will contribute to ensuring that Hull is a city where domestic abuse is not tolerated and one where the impact on children living with domestic abuse is fully recognised and responded to. A task and finish group is in place to discuss and develop the Domestic Abuse Delivery Plan for Hull.

<https://www.hull.gov.uk/crime-and-safety/domestic-violence/domestic-abuse-strategy>

A working group is also in place to develop a 'Child to Parent Abuse' action plan. This has been co-ordinated by DAP and includes representatives from HSCP, Hull Youth Justice, Early Help and Principal Social Worker. A plan has been developed for 2022 to support practitioners, parents and young people where child to parent abuse is apparent. This will be funded through a recent successful bid for financial support through the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside. The proposed plan includes training across the partnership, the purchase of books and materials for practitioners to use when working with children and families and online interactive sessions delivered by Mockingbird High Theatre Company. Further details will be cascaded during February 2022.

Vicki Paddison (Strategic Domestic Abuse Services Manager) is currently leading a working group to launch the Domestic Abuse Strategy within Hull and across the Humber region. Details will be shared during February 22 of events which will be held throughout 2022.

### Child Exploitation



During December 21, work between the TCE (Tackling Child Exploitation Project – University of Bedfordshire/ Research in Practice and The Children's Society) and Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership concluded. The aim of this work has been to enable a more effective strategic approach across the partnership to safeguarding children & young people in relation

to extra-familial harm and exploitation. This has included a mapping exercise of existing work in relation to exploitation, consideration of core principles/ priorities in relation to how risk and data are worked with and developing a common understanding of what contextual safeguarding means. Data and risk workshops and reflective sessions have been held jointly with Hull and East Riding. This has provided the opportunity to share ideas and develop close working relationships. An operational contextual safeguarding subgroup is now in place including practitioners from across the partnership. This group supports operational activity agreed via the Contextual Safeguarding subgroup including currently considering the Hull training offer in relation to exploitation.

### Learning and Improvement

There are currently six strategic subgroups under the HSCP arrangements.



The Learning from Individual Cases subgroup oversees the child safeguarding practice reviews and local learning reviews across Hull. Terms of Reference for this subgroup have recently been updated, including a clear referral pathway for agencies who identify a child where a review would be helpful. This includes the process in relation to 'Line of Sight Meetings' which have recently been introduced through HSCP for local learning reviews, including thematic reviews. Key learning is identified through consideration of agency chronologies and reflective discussion with practitioners. Panel meetings are then held to agree specific actions to improve future outcomes for children and young people. Actions identified from learning reviews are tracked through the Learning from Individual Cases subgroup to ensure continual progress in improving safeguarding practice and support across the partnership.

The Line of Sight Process and Referral form are available on the HSCP website or can be requested through [HSCPAdmin@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:HSCPAdmin@hullcc.gov.uk)

### Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership Education Safeguarding Group Recognised By DFE and DH&SC As January's STAR Partnership



The Department of Education (DFE) and Department of Health and Social Care (DH&SC) have acknowledged the work that has been undertaken by Hull Safeguarding Children Partnerships Safeguarding Education Subgroup in relation to the recent Ofsted review into sexual abuse in schools, and have named HSCP as this month's STAR partnership. The STAR (Situation, Task, Action, Result) partnership is shared nationally through

the Working Together Safeguarding Children Reforms Newsletter and highlights Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships that have worked together to solve a 'stubborn or tricky issue'.

**S – Situation** (what was the situation you were struggling with?)

To deliver a partnership approach to support the understanding and implementation of the recommendations of Ofsted's review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges.

**T- Task** (what outcome was required?)

We needed to ensure that a range of training and development activity, multi-agency collaboration and direct delivery in schools and colleges not only took place but role modelled a change in culture with high support and high challenge.

Of paramount importance has been the drive for all 103 settings to access direct input from council officers and safeguarding partners to support the implementation of the review's recommendations.

**A – Action** (what did you do?)

As a result of the successful funding bid via DfE "Implementing the Reforms", we have been able to use our appointed Integrated Practice Officer to drive forward this work in conjunction with activity spotlighted on domestic abuse. Working collaboratively with the Education Safeguarding Manager and safeguarding partners Hull City Council has undertaken:

- Tailored training opportunities in partnership with Humberside Police, City Health Care Partnership and Headstart.
- Direct delivery of 'Respectful Relationships' workshops to primary schools in the first instance (71 primary schools).
- Re-established the Humberside Police Safer Schools partnership.
- PHSE Policy and Practice Officer

**R – Result** (what was the result?)

- Over 1200 participations within virtual safeguarding training opportunities all from Headteachers, Designated Safeguarding Leads, Governors and other school and college staff.
- Over 2000 pupils have benefited from 'Respectful Relationships' workshops to date, with evaluative feedback clearly indicating the benefits of direct in school delivery in increasing understanding of healthy relationships and peer on peer abuse.
- Linked Humberside Police PCSO for every education setting in Hull.
- Bespoke support to PHSE leads has increased confidence
- A Respectful Relationships working group is now chaired by a CEO of a Hull Multi Academy Trust, with a wide range of representation from schools and colleges and safeguarding partners.
- Evaluative feedback from schools and colleges has been exemplary, with Ofsted reports denoting strengths within partnership working and specifically how settings are addressing the recommendations of Ofsted's review.

## Hull City Council Ofsted Updates



On 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Ofsted published a letter detailing key findings following a monitoring visit to children's social care in Hull with the focus being children in care. Ofsted reported positive progress being made to improve practice for children in care, including significant improvements in performance management systems, early planning and good progress in planning for children to make a positive difference to their lives. Full details are within the letter attached below.

[Ofsted Letter](#)

## Signs of Safety



The Signs of Safety model is the practice framework implemented by Hull City Council for children's services within Hull. Work has continued to ensure this becomes widely embedded. The briefing guide for partner agencies is attached ([Signs of Safety information for partner agencies](#)) which includes links to additional resources for signs of safety which can be accessed across the partnership.

Signs of Safety is recognised as a best practice approach to child protection, which is equally applicable to early help, children looked after and children with disabilities. It has been adopted in more than 15 countries and Hull has joined a growing community of practitioners striving to achieve the very best outcomes for children and young people.

We are holding partner briefing sessions so that you can hear more about the model and how your involvement will be critical to this work to help us form a common approach for families, a consistent way of working, use the same language and work towards shared goals.

The three-hour briefing sessions will be taking place on via Teams and is aimed at front facing staff that work either directly with children and families or have some involvement with families through the course of your work.

The sessions are taking place on Wednesday the 2nd March 2022

Morning session – 9:00am – 12:00pm

Afternoon session – 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

This is a fantastic opportunity for us all and we are looking forward to you being a part of our journey. It is important that workers in all partners agencies are involved in these sessions to ensure the framework's success across the partnership.

To book on one of these sessions email [learninganddevelopment@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:learninganddevelopment@hullcc.gov.uk)

## Early Help Annual Report



The Early Help Annual Report report provides details of Hull City Council's early help services which sit under Hull City Council's Children, Young People and Family Services (CYPFS), and outlines the range of support provided in order to paint a picture of how our services really go the extra mile to help families build resilience, reach their potential and keep safe and healthy. Our council services in CYPFS work collaboratively alongside many other partners such as health visitors and school nurses, the local police, our vibrant voluntary and community sector organisations, schools, nurseries, colleges, children's social care, housing, and many more partners to create a 'team around the family' approach, coordinating support with a clear plan based on a quality assessment – we want all families in Hull to thrive and lead happy, healthy and safe lives. We hope that the report tells a story about some of the great work

going on across the early help partnership.

[Early Help Service Report 2021](#)

Many thanks in advance and any queries please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind regards  
Rachel Roberts  
Head of Early Help and Prevention

## Humberside Child Sexual Assault Assessment Service (CSAAS) Update

The CSAAS is delivered from the Anlaby Suite based at Hull Royal Infirmary. The Anlaby Suite provides a child friendly, safe and secure environment for children who require a medical assessment as part of a multi-agency child protection assessment, including forensic sexual assault assessment. The Named Doctor for Safeguarding Children and team at the suite are very experienced in their area of practice and receive excellent user feedback from service users and partner agencies.

Over the past year, we have identified that the number of children referred for a child protection medical for suspected sexual harm is far fewer than the numbers being reported to the Police as sexual crimes against children. This means there are potentially many children that, for a variety of reasons, may not have followed the pathway for referral for a medical examination, at the point of disclosure or suspicion of a sexual crime being committed against them or, indeed, later.

In order to fully understand the reasons for the discrepancies within the data we are keen to engage with partners to share and review all of our data, to update the referral pathway/processes into the Anlaby Suite and to develop an understanding of the barriers to referral into our service and potential reasons for not referring for examination.

Some of this activity has already commenced, including an initial scoping meeting with partner agencies. Actions from this meeting include:

- Implementation of a task and finish group to review and update the referral pathway and processes.
- New strategy documentation to be shared for review regarding consideration for Child Protection Medicals.
- Consideration of regular multi-agency dip sample analysis related to strategy discussion where there is sexual harm identified.
- Local Authorities on the North and South Bank to review and consider shaping and sharing of Dashboard data.
- Training needs analysis across agencies related to knowledge understanding of Child Protection medicals/pathway and processes.

We are hoping that the review and work being undertaken will help to increase the awareness of the CSAAS and therefore more children will receive the appropriate timely referrals, assessments, specialist advice and guidance for them and their families, which is crucial to trauma informed care and to support the pathways in the criminal justice system when this applies to the individual case.

If you or your colleagues have any questions then please contact the Safeguarding Childrens Team at the Anlaby Suite on 01482 31 1091.

The team are also happy to provide information or training/awareness sessions on CSAAS and if you wish to discuss this, then please contact the team on the number above.

## National Learning



# Department of Health & Social Care

On 15<sup>th</sup> December 21 the Department of Health and Social Care across sent a letter to be disseminated across the partnership to local authority chief executives, chief constables of police and accountable officers of clinical commissioning groups. The letter expressed thanks to workforces across the partnership for work undertaken every day to protect children in our local area, often in very challenging circumstances. In light of a number of recent high-profile cases, including the deaths of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes, Star Hobson and Ruby and Logan Monaghan, the Secretary of State for Education has asked the national Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel to deliver a single, national, independent review of the circumstances leading to Arthur's death. On behalf of the Government, he has also commissioned a Joint Targeted

Area Inspection to examine how all the relevant local agencies are working together to protect and safeguard children in the Solihull area. Together, the National Review and the Joint Targeted Area Inspection will help to make sure that lessons are learned and changes made to strengthen work to safeguard children across the country.

National learning will be considered through all the HSCP subgroups with recommendations and learning for Hull being tracked through the Learning and Improvement Subgroup. A webinar will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 1.30pm – 2.30pm through HSCP in relation to some current key themes from national learning. This will be recorded for future access. To confirm your attendance at this briefing please email [education.safeguarding@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:education.safeguarding@hullcc.gov.uk) with your name, role, setting and session you would like to register for. Microsoft Teams joining instructions will be sent to you nearer the time of the briefing.

The letter be read here: [Tri-Ministerial letter to safeguarding partners](#)

## Education



### Respectful Relationships:

In response to the June 2021 Ofsted Review of Sexual Abuse in Schools and Colleges and Hull City Council's ongoing commitment to tackling domestic abuse, we are delighted that free classroom based Respectful Relationships workshops have been taking place across the city. These workshops are being delivered initially to primary school settings for children in Years 5 & 6 and place focus upon healthy relationships, peer on peer abuse and the identification of such inappropriate behaviours.

### Domestic Abuse:

On the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022, a Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership briefing was delivered to 99 designated safeguarding leads across Hull schools and colleges. We know all too well that domestic abuse too often corrodes the lives of children in Hull, brutalising childhoods, damaging educational opportunities and leaving both the emotional and physical scars which can last a lifetime.

Within the virtual safeguarding briefing participants were able to explore the different types of domestic abuse, how as a professional working in schools and colleges they can support children and families and hear examples of how successful partnership working has helped transform victims lives. During the briefing designated safeguarding leads also benefited from hearing about the functions of Humberside Police in responding to incidents of domestic abuse, investigatory activity and the structure of Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR).



### Designated Safeguarding Lead Practice Guidance:

This practice guidance is designed to be a user friendly booklet in which to support the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) specifically in Hull schools and colleges.

[Designated Safeguarding Lead Practice Guidance](#)

## Work Well Service



Hull Public Health is delighted to announce the launch of the new Work Well Service in partnership with HEY Mind and funded by the national Better Mental Health programme to support individuals and employers in Hull.

The Work Well service helps individuals improve their mental health, raise aspirations, and achieve their personal goals. This includes helping young people aged 16-24 into education, training and/or employment, helping people already in work to

improve their mental health and retain their employment as well as engaging with local employers to help them to make mental health a priority in the workplace.

The service has 3 programmes of activity: Recruit Well. Start Well. Stay Well. For more information, or to submit an enquiry/make a referral, please visit [www.heymind.org.uk/workwell/](http://www.heymind.org.uk/workwell/)

- Suicide Prevention Training

PAPYRUS (Prevention of Young Suicide) are offering free SP-EAK (Suicide Prevention - Explore, Ask, Keep-safe) online training for practitioners working with children and young people in Hull

*What is SP-EAK?* A half-day training course that prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide, respond appropriately and effectively and connect them to support. *What happens?* - Discussions around knowledge of suicide - Exploration and understanding of signs a person at risk of suicide may give - Learn clear and practical information on how to explore suicide and respond appropriately - Consider 'real life' scenarios - Conclude with an emphasis on the importance of self-care *Who should attend?* Wider workforce for children and young people in Hull *How does SP-EAK help to prevent suicide?* The majority of young people experiencing thoughts of suicide show or give signs to those around them that they may be thinking about taking their life. Participants will learn what these 'signs' look like, how to respond to them and how to work with that person to keep them suicide-safe. *After training, participants will:* - Have a greater awareness of the prevalence of suicide on a local and national level - Be more aware of what signs to look out for - Have the skills and confidence to explore suicide appropriately when identifying signs - Understand what sources of support are available to promote safety

#### Upcoming dates

- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - 9.30am to 1pm
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 - 9.30am to 1pm
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - 9.30m to 1pm

Please contact [sally.barlow@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:sally.barlow@hullcc.gov.uk) for further information

## Safer Schools App



Please see attached the [We are a Safer Schools App](#) link and information below for your information.

All schools have a range of resource material via the app and via the home learning and teach hub detailed on their website.

[Home Learning Hub - Safer Schools \(oursaferschools.co.uk\)](http://oursaferschools.co.uk)  
[Webinars - Safer Schools \(oursaferschools.co.uk\)](http://oursaferschools.co.uk)

[Ineqe Safeguarding Group - YouTube](#)

Please find attached the launch codes following the virtual launch of the Safer Schools APP and also the following webpage created for all staff in schools and colleges <https://oursaferschools.co.uk/hull-city-council-safer-schools/>

To access content simply...

1. Open the App Store
2. Search for and download Safer Schools APP
3. When searching for school – search Hull City Council
4. Enter the access codes provided to engage with content

## See Beyond My Behaviour Training



Please see the attached information and booking form about a **Unique Local Training Course** over 6 sessions for those who are supporting/parenting children with Attachment Difficulties and Developmental Trauma.

- [Seeing Beyond My Behaviour Flyer](#)

- [Time To Listen - See Beyond My Behaviour Booking Form](#)

The price per person, per day is £65. This fee includes a Certificate of Attendance for each training day attended, practical resources, an electronic copy of the presentations, refreshments and free car parking. **Please bring your own lunch.**

A discount of £20 will be provided for the 6<sup>th</sup> / final session for those participants who attend all six, consecutive training days (the 6<sup>th</sup> / final session would therefore be charged at £45 instead of £65).

All booking forms again come through [info@timetolisten.co.uk](mailto:info@timetolisten.co.uk)

If anyone would like to find out more about this training please contact [Janet Woodhouse](#):

## EHASH Numbers

The Early Help and Safeguarding Hub (EHASH) team are currently experiencing a high number of calls which are not EHASH related.

In order to help us answer calls in a timely manner, we are asking all staff and partners to please only call the EHASH line if it is in relation to a concern or worry for a child that does not have an allocated worker. Also, where possible, please use the portal on the HCC website to make the relevant referral, if a discussion with a social worker is not required.

To access the portal please follow the link below:

<https://www.hull.gov.uk/children-and-families/safeguarding-and-welfare/worried-about-child>

## Contact

If you have any queries please email -

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### Worried about a Child?

EHASH - 01482 448879 - Monday - Friday

Emergency Duty Team (Out of Hours) - 01482 300304

In an emergency please ring 999



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