



Issue 4 - March 2022

Introduction



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 excellent examples of this are evident within Hull on a daily basis.

This newsletter contains an array of information around projects and support available across Hull which continue to impact positively on the lives of children and young people. The recent Changing Futures Report evidences excellent activity which has taken place through the Hessle Road Network and recent fundraising activity undertaken by Hull Women's Aid has enabled additional resources to be provided for young people witnessing domestic abuse.

Information is also detailed in relation to support for care leavers and the Hull Local Offer website where parents, carers, children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can find information, advice and guidance about support, services and activities that are available to those living in Hull.

Every year the Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership co-ordinate a 'Section 11 audit' to understand the effectiveness of local safeguarding arrangements. During March 2022 S11 audits have been returned to HSCP. The time spent by agencies completing these is greatly appreciated as the information gathered is very valuable in informing future priorities, work and good practice which can be emulated. A number of key themes have been highlighted and full analysis of the information will be included in the next HSCP newsletter.

During March 22 a Humber wide domestic abuse learning event was held to launch domestic abuse strategies across the region and to raise awareness in relation to domestic abuse. This was attended by a wide range of partner agencies and really positive feedback was provided following the event which was co-ordinated by a working group led by the Strategic Domestic Abuse Services Manager. Details of further events which will be held throughout the year are included within this newsletter.

Co-ordinated activity has also taken place across Hull and neighbouring authorities to raise awareness during Safer Sleep week with daily themes and advice being shared by agencies to support families and practitioners.

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. Information is also regularly shared through the HSCP twitter account - <https://twitter.com/LSCPHull>

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Previous newsletters can be accessed via the HSCP website - [September 2021 Newsletter](#) - [November 2021 Newsletter](#) - [January 2022 Newsletter](#)

Priorities for 2021 - 2022



Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership's priorities for 2021 - 2022 are:

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

Please visit www.hullscp.co.uk for more information.

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

[Business Plan 2021 - 2022](#)

Safer Sleep Week 2022



The Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership supported The Lullaby Trust's 8th annual Safer Sleep Campaign which took place from 14th - 20th March 2022. Activity to co-ordinate this was led through the This was part of an annual awareness event run by The Lullaby Trust, to raise awareness of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and to equip parents with information on how they can reduce the risk.

Although the exact cause of SIDS is unknown, research has shown that certain parental, infant and environmental factors are more commonly associated with babies who die of SIDS than those who survive. [The Lullaby Trust](#) shares our mission to stop all unexpected deaths of babies and young children, which is why we are supporting this awareness event and creating our own campaign.

This year, we worked with our partner organisations to showcase a local angle, presenting statistics and guidance that directly impacts those in our communities. The Lullaby Trust's theme was on the digital world, reminding parents and carers to follow simple and evidence based safer sleep messages rather than the hints, tips and hacks shared through social media sites. As part of this, we also focused on the theme of 'out of routine' sleeping, covering topics such as how parents can best prepare a safe sleeping space for their baby when going to new locations or when simply doing something different.

Throughout the week, social media posts with daily themes were shared along with advice and support for parents and national resources were circulated supplied by the Lullaby Trust. This includes posters, booklets and website links, enabling parents to stay up to date with the latest guidance.

Sarah Clapham, Safer Sleep Lead at Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust, said:

"Safer sleep for babies and infants is a large part of the support we provide to parents and young families all year round, working collaboratively with partner organisations and services to provide a standardised approach.

We have used Safer Sleep Week this year as a platform to share key messages and pertinent local data, to support the safer sleep choices that families make on a day to day basis."

Learn more about how to join the mission to stop all unexpected deaths of babies and young children, [here](#).

Additional helpful resources

- [Basis, Infant Sleep Info App](#)
- [Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)
- [East Riding Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)
- [ISPHN Service](#)

Humberside Domestic Abuse Strategy Launch



The first Humber wide domestic abuse strategy launch event was held on 17th March 22 to raise awareness around domestic abuse and to launch the domestic abuse strategies across the Humber region. Over 650 practitioners joined the event which included an emotive session led by Ryan and Luke Hart who shared their personal story around coercive control during their childhood which culminated in the heart-breaking murder of their mother and

sister.

A performance was also presented through the Certain Curtain Theatre Company who use theatre to raise awareness around domestic abuse. The event provided valuable insight around how agencies and practitioners can collectively support children and families experiencing domestic abuse.

A working group (attended by HSCP manager and representatives across the Humber regions) is being led by Vicki Paddison (Strategic Domestic Abuse Services Manager) to co-ordinate activity to promote the domestic abuse strategy and to raise awareness. Positive feedback has been received from attendees at the initial launch and further dates have been scheduled for –

- Tuesday 19 May: 1pm - 4pm
- Tuesday 12 July: 9.30am - 12.30pm
- Wednesday 21 September: 1pm - 4pm
- Friday 25 November: 9.30am - 12.30pm

[Hull Domestic Abuse Strategy 2021-2024](#)

Virtual safeguarding briefing – Learning from serious case and safeguarding practice reviews

(28th April 2022: 13:30 – 14:30) via MS Teams)



Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel

Extensive media coverage of the harrowing murders of Star Hobson, Arthur Labinjo Hughes and Ruby and Logan Monaghan has shone a national spotlight upon deaths within childhood. The Secretary of State for Education, Nadhim Zahawi 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, the Secretary of State for Education has also commissioned a Joint Targeted Area Inspection to examine how all the

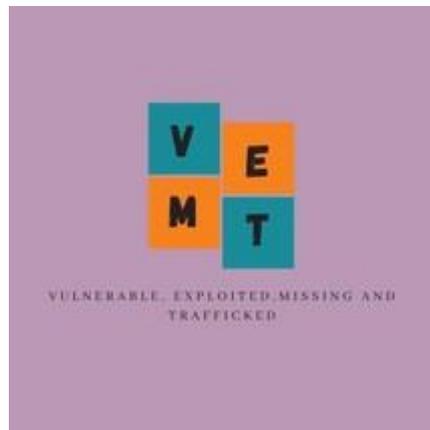
relevant local agencies are working together to protect and safeguard children in the Solihull area. Together, the National Review and the Joint Targeted Area Inspection will help to make sure that lessons are learned and changes made to strengthen work to safeguard children across the country.

In Hull, national learning, review and inspection activity taking place will be considered through all Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership subgroups with oversight from the Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership Executive Board.

A virtual safeguarding briefing will be held on the 28th April 2022 (13:30 – 14.30) to explore this emotive and challenging subject matter, this briefing provides an opportunity to consider and reflect upon key themes from national learning. We invite all safeguarding partners across the authority to join this briefing.

To confirm your attendance at this briefing please email education.safeguarding@hullcc.gov.uk with your name, role, setting and session you would like to register for. Microsoft Teams joining instructions will be provided to you nearer to the briefing date.

Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing and Trafficked Team



Last year in Hull, there were over 1100 reports of children reported as missing. Every child is entitled to a Return Home Interview ([Department of Education, 2014](#)), and the VEMT team ensure that this offer is understood and deemed to be an opportunity to talk about what made them go missing, and how we can support them to reduce the likelihood of them going missing again.

The initial offer of the RHI, the completion and the language used is crucial in ensuring that the child feels listened to. [This video](#) explains the Hull offer for missing children , the importance of the best placed person approach, relationship building and the power of language”

Changing Futures Project Report



The Changing Futures Report 2021 highlights excellent support which is being provided locally for children, young people and their families through Hessele Road Network. The report is a really impactful read and includes case studies and details of work undertaken which has successfully raised awareness around domestic abuse and exploitation. Within the report a number of groups are discussed which have provided support to young people in relation to their mental health and helped in raising self-esteem and confidence building. These include the Hessele Road Network Transition Girls Group (aged 12-17), Hessele Road Network LGBTQ+ Group and Hessele Road Network Boys Group (aged 9-12).

The report can be accessed here: [Changing Futures Report 2021](#)

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. Following requests from a number of services across the partnership, Hull City Council have revised the Signs of Safety leaflet for professionals. Please see the attached information which includes links and tools in relation to Signs of Safety which can be accessed by all practitioners.

We will soon be providing locally facilitated Signs of Safety (half-day) partnership briefings on a regular basis. These are an important and useful introduction to the practice model which everyone working with children in Hull will benefit from attending. We will also have further opportunity this year for frontline practitioners across the partnership to attend the two-day training. Further details will follow in future newsletters.

[Signs of Safety Leaflet For Professionals](#)

The Big Give



During the week of 8th March, Hull Women's Aid launched a campaign with Just Give to raise funds for a specialist worker to support girls aged 13-18 at risk of domestic abuse. The staff and supporters did really well raising funds, such as sponsored walks, cakes sales, tombola's, raffles and 1000 squats to, name a few. The total raised was £19,001.22, which is a huge chunk of money and well over half of our target. We will be looking at recruiting a young survivors practitioner to join our team shortly.

Care leaver sessions



The Leaving Care Team is working with Room 42 (based at the Guildhall) to make sure every care leaver's voice is heard through a range of activities and events which offer care leavers the opportunity to socialise and share their views.

The program is led and supported by Care Leaver Champions with all activities promote healthy lifestyles, being active and improving physical and Mental health as well as supporting young people with social isolation. The Leaving Care Team's drive is towards Education, Training, Employment after developing relationships, raising self-esteem and confidence and motivation.

All sessions are free with food and refreshments provided. Any kit young people might need – trainers, shorts, t-shirts etc. should be sorted too.

Workers are encouraged to get involved and young people should be offered support to attend and have transport sorted out to attend sessions.

For more information around the sessions run please see below:

Activity Dates

- **Drop-in session** is a session for young people to hang out and get lunch at Flavourz café in Guildhall and chill out with other young people with activities such as pool, crafts, and games with additional trips to museums and other activities taking place in the city centre.
- **Care to Dream** is football/multi sports session with the Tigers Trust. Young people can play sports hang out in the Youth Zone and potentially move on to other activities.
- **DJ Methodz "Beats in Motion"** is a DJ workshop/intro to mixing music with potential opportunities to progress onto more structured activities.
- **Parent Group** run by Vicky Cutsworth from the Leaving Care Team and is an opportunity for young parents to meet and access support with their children.
- **Rock City – Rock it sessions** is an opportunity for young people to try rock climbing which is proven to increase health and wellbeing whilst getting to know the team and look at aspirations/goals and how they might help young people move towards them.
- **Go Ape – Tree top adventures** is an activity for young people to enjoy swinging through trees and zip wires followed by an afternoon of team games to support their confidence/self-esteem, overcoming fears, problem solving and leadership skills.

For more information please contact Phil.Morris@hullcc.gov.uk

Serious youth violence: County lines drug dealing and the Government response



The Government has been tackling county lines by investing in enforcement activities and early interventions to prevent at risk youth from becoming involved in county lines drug dealing and serious violence. It has invested:

- £65 million in county lines enforcement. This money has been used by police forces in the areas county lines dealers export from set up dedicated taskforces to pursue deal line holders.
- £28 million in a joint service approach to responding to drug misuse in places badly affected by county lines importing (known as Project ADDER).
- £105.5 million to set up eighteen Violence Reduction Units to coordinate early intervention work in areas worst affected by serious violence.
- £200 million in a ten-year programme to fund early intervention projects (known as the Youth Endowment Fund). Serious youth violence: County lines drug dealing and the Government response 5 Commons Library Research Briefing, 4 February 2022
- £17 million in a programme to intervene with young victims of violence in A&E.
- £45 million in early intervention programmes in schools.

Alongside this significant investment the Government has also introduced legislative changes it says will help frontline workers combat county lines:

- The Offensive Weapons Act 2019 introduced new offences associated with the possession of flick/gravity knives. OWA provisions not yet in force will also place restrictions on the online sale of knives and introduce Knife Crime Prevention Orders (KCPOs) which will allow the courts to apply “positive requirements” to steer young people away from knife crime.
- The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (PCSC Bill) would introduce new legal duties on local actors to work together to combat serious violence. It would also require local services conduct a review following a homicide involving an offensive weapon.

The PCSC Bill would also introduce Serious Violence Reduction Orders (SVROs). The courts would be able to apply an SVRO to offenders whose offence involved an offensive weapon.

The Government’s Beating Crime Plan (PDF, July 2021) outlines its strategy for cutting homicide, serious violence and neighbourhood crime. It provides more details on the above polices. Read here [CBP-9264.pdf \(parliament.uk\)](#)

Service User and Stakeholder Survey



Hull City Council are in the process of re procuring the Sexual Health services – both Clinical -Specialist and Prevention-Promotion. As part of our commitment to ensure we deliver appropriate support to the people accessing these services, it is essential we find out and know what our partner organisations and service users think of the services and how they can be improved.

Consultation is key for us when making changes to models of service provision and these thoughts and comments can support, assist and influence us in our decision making and reviews. We would really appreciate it if you could provide any feedback by 13th May 22 via the attached survey and share with any relevant partner organisations.

Many thanks - Gill Dowley (Public Health Lead (Sexual Health) -

srhservicecomm@hullcc.gov.uk

[Stakeholder Survey](#)

HENRY Course

HENRY Healthy Families programme online

Even during this uncertain time, we're still here to help you give your little ones a great start in life.

The HENRY programme is completely **FREE** to join for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 5 years old.

We will send you details of how to join online.



The programme provides everything you need to help your little one get off to a great start.

We cover the 5 following themes across 8 weeks:

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activities for the little ones
- What children and the whole family eats
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Each week there is a **1 hour live session** and a couple of videos to watch before each session.

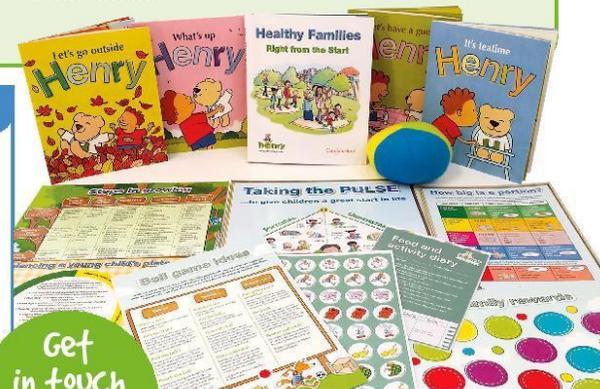
You'll also receive a free **toolkit** with lots of fantastic resources, delivered to your home.

The programme is an opportunity to share ideas and experiences with other families in a safe environment!

Programme details

Start Date Thursday 12th May 1.00 - 2.00

Please note that each group has a maximum capacity of 6 families so please do get in touch if you would like to join us, in order to save your space and get your toolkit sent out in good time!



Get in touch to sign up now!

Contact Us



Children's Neurodiversity Service Launches



We're proud to announce the new Hull and East Riding Children's Neurodiversity Service has officially launched.

The service has been co-produced with local children, young people, parents, carers, and staff who work to support them. Parents and young people (and staff on their behalf), in Hull and the East Riding will be able to request support, and access early help, information and advice, and a range of coordinated services based on the neurodiverse needs of their child/young person.

This service is not dependent upon a child/young person having a formal diagnosis; however, it will support children and young people to access further assessment if and when needed.

[Read more about the service here](#)

The Local Offer



The Hull Local Offer website is where parents, carers, children and young people up to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can find information, advice and guidance about support, services and activities that are available to those living in Hull.

They also provide information about services which are available outside of Hull but that are available to those within Hull. This includes independent schools or colleges and independent services which may mean that you have to pay for them in order to access them. They do not endorse one service or setting over another.

Information about local authority provision can be found on their local offer websites:

- [Hull](#)
- [East Riding](#)
- [North East Lincolnshire](#)
- [Lincolnshire](#)

The Local Offer website is something that Hull City Council has to provide for young people with SEND and is something that is required by law. The Children's and Family Act 2014 and the SEND Code Of Practice 2015 says that we have to have a Local Offer and also what it needs to have in it.

The Local Offer website is looked after by Hull City Council, but is co-produced. This means we work very closely with the people within Hull who will use this website to make sure it meets the needs of those who

will use it the most. We have also worked very closely with people from education, health, social care and those who provide activities for young people.

We are committed to continue working with local people to make sure the Local Offer meets their needs. If you would like to be involved in its development please email LocalOffer@hullcc.gov.uk.

If you would like to be involved in the development of SEND services in Hull, you can find information about coproduction here [Coproductio | Hull Local Offer \(pcgprojects.co.uk\)](http://Coproductio | Hull Local Offer (pcgprojects.co.uk)) and email SEND.Management@hullcc.gov.uk

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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