



Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership

Annual Report 2019-20



Foreword from the Independent Chair



It is my pleasure to introduce the Annual Report of the Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership (IOWSCP) for 2019/20, and although the report covers the year that ended in March it would be wrong not to take stock of where we find ourselves in light of the unprecedented situation caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Like every individual, agency and indeed society as a whole, the IOWSCP had to quickly and innovatively adjust how we work,

operate and think. More information will be provided in next year's report but over the last few months I have been privileged to see a strong and inclusive commitment to the children and young people of the Isle of Wight.

This is due to the continued commitment and effort of all the partners and I would want to place on record my appreciation of the hard work, diligence and professionalism of the statutory and voluntary sector agencies that make up the Partnership.

2019/20 saw the transition from the well-established Safeguarding Board to a newly constituted Partnership, where the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on behalf of Health, Hampshire Constabulary and the Local Authority assumed a shared responsibility for the oversight of safeguarding on the Island.

It was important that momentum was maintained as safeguarding remains critically important and is best approached through agencies coming together with shared ambition, shared information and joint programmes of action. I am confident that this was the case here on the Isle of Wight.

As in previous years the Annual Report sets out what has been achieved, provides updates on local priorities, and signposts our collective ambitions for the year ahead. COVID-19 has presented new challenges and further issues may well emerge, and if they do the strength of the Partnership leaves us well placed to meet those challenges.

The IOWSCP will continue to scrutinise local arrangements, asking difficult questions and seeking assurance that children and young people are properly safeguarded and their wellbeing is effectively promoted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Benson'.

Derek Benson,

Independent Chair

Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership



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Glossary

ACES—Adverse Childhood Experiences
ADHD—Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
APWA—Absent from Placement Without Authority
ASB—Anti Social Behaviour
ASD—Autism Spectrum Disorders
CAF—Child And Family Assessments
CAIT—Child Abuse Investigation Team
CAMHS—Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
CAPs—Community Alcohol Partnerships
CAST—Children’s Assessment Safeguarding Team
CAWN—Child Abduction Warning Notice
CCE—Child Criminal Exploitation
CCG—Clinical Commissioning Group
CDOP—Child Death Overview Panel
CIN—Children In Need
CP—Child Protection
CPP—Child Protection Conference
CRC—Community Rehabilitation Company
CRT—Children’s Reception Team
CSC—Children’s Social Care
CSE—Child Sexual Exploitation
CSP—Community Safety Partnership
DAF—Domestic Abuse Forum
DBS—Disclosure and Barring Service
DfE—Department for Education
DHR—Domestic Homicide Reviews
DSL—Designated Safeguarding Leads
E&I—Education and Inclusion
EET—Education, Employment and Training
EHA—Early Help Assessments
EHCP—Education, Health and Care Plan
EHE—Electively Home Educated
FGM—Female Genital Mutilation
FIT—Family Intervention Team
FTE—First Time Entrants
HIOW—Hampshire and Isle of Wight

HIPS—Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton Safeguarding Children Partnerships
HSCB—Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board
HSCP—Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership
ICPC—Initial Child Protection Conference
LAC—Looked After Child
LAGLO—Lesbian and Gay Liaison Officer
LIG—Learning and Inquiry Group
LSCP— Local Safeguarding Children Partnership
MET—Missing, Exploited and Trafficked
METRAC—Missing, Exploited, Trafficked Risk Assessment Conference
NEET—Not in Education, Employment or Training
NPS—National Probation Service
NRM—National Referral Mechanism
OPCC— Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
PA—Personal Advisor
PARIS—NGS Digital Care Record
PEACH— Partnership in Education, Attainment and Children's Health
PQA—Performance & Quality Assurance Group
PSHE—Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education
RAFT—Resilience Around Families
RJ—Restorative Justice
SAB—Safeguarding Adults Board
SAR—Safeguarding Adult Review
SCP—Safeguarding Children Partnership
SCR—Serious Case Review
SEND—Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
SEN—Special Educational Needs
SERAF—Sexual Exploitation Risk Assessment Form
SHEU—Schools Health Education Unit
SIRI - Serious Incident Requiring Investigating
TAF—Team Around the Family
UASC—Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Child
WRAP—Workshop to Raise Awareness about PREVENT
YCP—Youth Crime Prevention
YOT—Youth Offending Team





ABOUT THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership publishes this Annual Report as part of its statutory responsibilities under [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018](#).

The report sets out what has been done as a result of the Partnership arrangements and how effective these arrangements have been in safeguarding children on the Isle of Wight.

The 2019/20 report will be published on the [IOWSCP website](#) and provided to Partners and Relevant Agencies as well as being sent to the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and the What Works Centre for Children's Social Care and presented to the Children's Trust, Health & Wellbeing Board, Scrutiny Panel and Corporate Parenting Board.

New arrangements

Welcome to the first Annual Report of the Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership (IOWSCP).

On 30th September 2019, the previous Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Board (IOWSCB) transitioned into the IOWSCP. The Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership (IOWSCP) is established in accordance with the Children and Social Work Act 2017 (the Act) and Working Together to Safeguard Children [2018](#) statutory guidance. The IOWSCP provides the safeguarding arrangements under which the safeguarding partners and relevant agencies work together to coordinate their safeguarding services, identify and respond to the needs of children on the Isle of Wight, commission and publish Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (LSCPRs) and provide scrutiny to ensure the effectiveness of the arrangements.

This report covers the last six months of the previous IOWSCB arrangements and the first six months of the IOWSCP arrangements.

Helping and protecting children through a co-ordinated approach to safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility.

Through collaborative working across organisations and agencies who work with

children, young people and families, including those who work with parents/ carers, the ambition of our arrangements is that everyone can recognise, respond and fulfil their responsibilities to ensure that children, young people and families are effectively safeguarded and supported.

We believe the development of the new partnership arrangements has given us the opportunity to review and change some of our ways of working, building on strengths within the good partnership relationships that already exist on the Island. The work of the partnership will focus on how we can make a real difference to multi-agency frontline practice to improve outcomes for our children, young people and their families. At the heart of the arrangements is a commitment from us as safeguarding partners to work together effectively, constructively challenge where needed, and to foster a culture of professional curiosity and continual learning to drive improvement.

The new safeguarding arrangements have been developed to build on the strengths of the previous arrangements under the Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Board. More information on the new IOWSCP can be found in our ['new arrangements'](#) document.



There are many agencies on the Isle of Wight supporting children and they all work together as a partnership to ensure they are keeping children safe. We recognise that safeguarding children cannot be achieved in isolation from other partnerships, or our communities. This has been an area of strength on the Island in recent years.

Working Together 2018 explains that there are three safeguarding partners who have overall responsibility to establish the Local Safeguarding Children Partnership, and, assure themselves of the effectiveness of the arrangements. These partners are:

- the Local Authority (Children’s Services) – **IOW Council Children’s Services**
- a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for an area any part of which falls within the local authority area – **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Partnership of Clinical Commissioning Groups**
- the Chief Officer of Police for an area any part of which falls within the local authority area – **Hampshire Constabulary**

As well as the three Safeguarding Partners, the IOWSCP is made up of a number of ‘Relevant Agencies’ who are required to work as part of the local partnership arrangements. A full list of the IOWSCP Relevant Agencies is included as an [Appendix](#) to this report.

The IOWSCP has an Independent Chair, Derek Benson. The Chair is appointed by, and accountable to, the three Safeguarding Partners. The Chair facilitates the Board’s business, allowing all Board member agencies to participate fully without any perceived or actual bias towards any one agency. The Chair can also intervene or mediate in issues where there are differences of opinion or tensions in partnership activity. The Chair acts as a critical friend, encouraging reflection on practice and openness to improving services and provide an objective assessment of the effectiveness of the safeguarding arrangements including how they are working for children and families as well as practitioners.

To ensure that the children of Isle of Wight are safeguarded, and their welfare promoted, the Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership will:

- **Work effectively and collaboratively towards shared priorities to achieve improved outcomes for our children**
- **Build working relationships between partners which support continuous improvement, professional curiosity, constructive challenge, and enable partners to hold each other to account for the outcomes we deliver for children**

- **Be self-reflective, open and committed to learning and improvement.**
- **Embed the learning from local and national safeguarding reviews, and local scrutiny and assurance practices to improve the way children are safeguarded**
- **Work, and share information, proactively to enable the early identification and response to new areas of safeguarding and emerging themes**
- **Listen and respond to children and young people, and adult victims / survivors of child abuse to inform how services are delivered**
- **Ensure services for children and families in Isle of Wight support parents and carers to provide the best possible care for their children and enable families to live together where possible**
- **Facilitate collaborative working beyond organisational boundaries and agency constraints to deliver best outcomes for children and families**





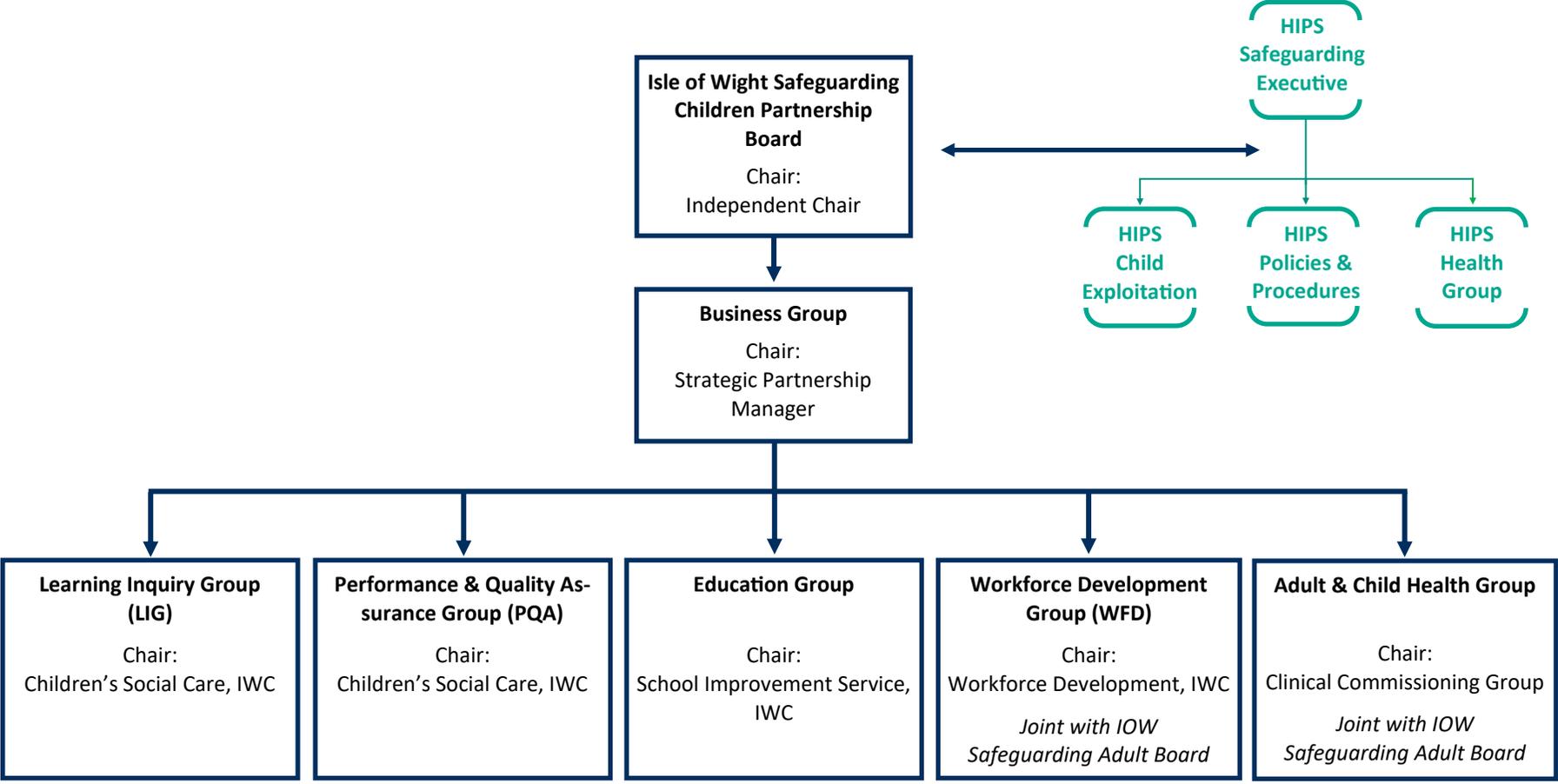
THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

The IOWSCP is responsible for coordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of work undertaken by local agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It is not accountable for their operational work and each agency retains their own existing lines of accountability for their service.

The three Safeguarding Partners (Isle of Wight Council, Clinical Commissioning Group and Hampshire Constabulary) and all Relevant Agencies, are members of the IOWSCP Partnership Board. Partnership Board meetings are held quarterly and are led by the Independent Chair. Members of the Partnership hold each other to account under the leadership of the Independent Chair.

As well as the Board, there is a Business Group that sits under the main Partnership Board and comprises of leads from Safeguarding Partners and chairs of the sub-groups. The Business Group has overall responsibility for the safeguarding arrangements. Each of the sub-groups report to the Business Group on a quarterly basis.

Structure chart



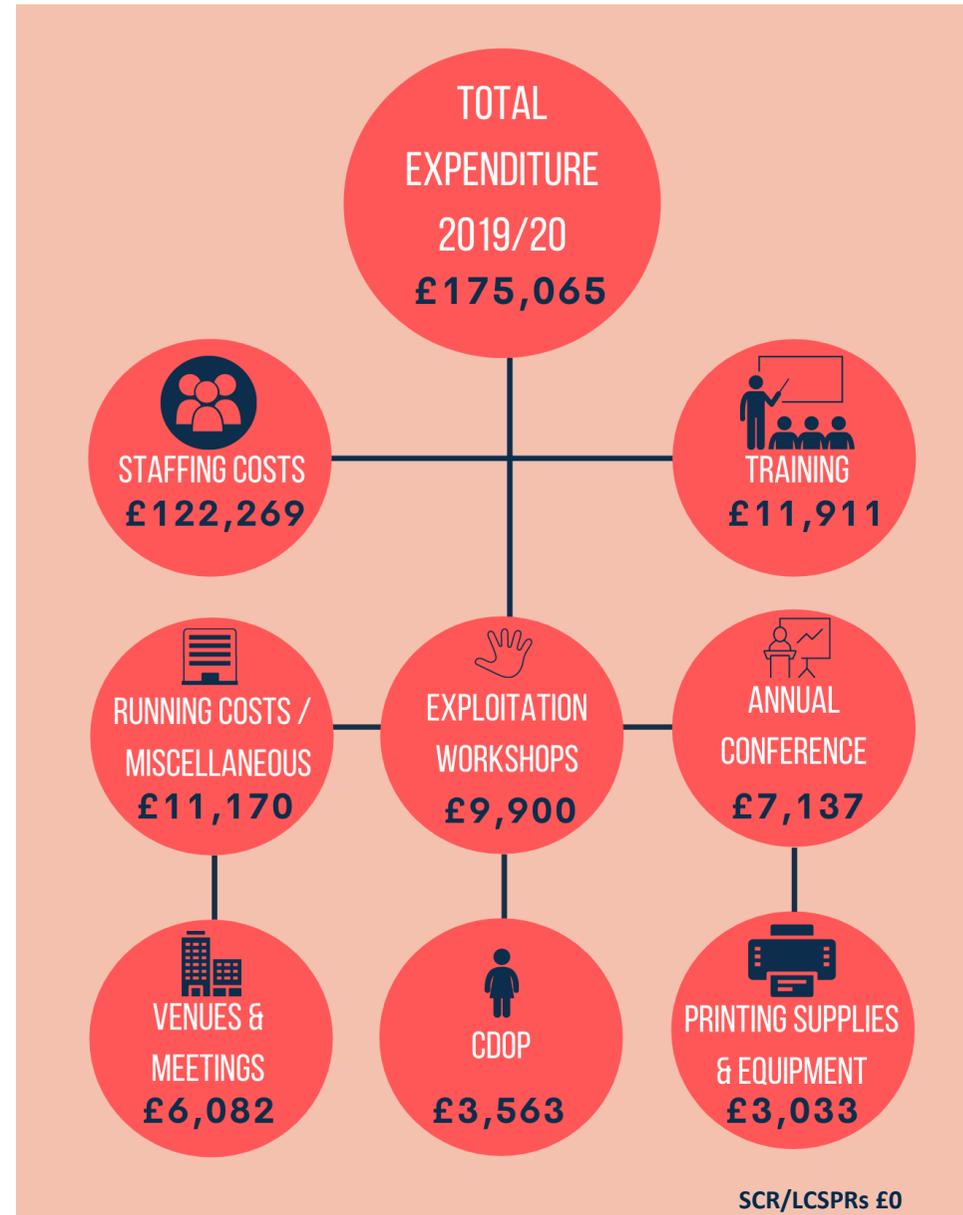
Functional Links	
Children's Trust Board	IOW Safeguarding Adults Board
Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)	Missing, Exploited and Trafficked Risk Assessment Conference (METRAC)
Community Safety Partnership (CSP)	Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)
Corporate Parenting Board	Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)
Domestic Abuse Forum (DAF)	Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
Family Justice Board	Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)
Health and Wellbeing Board (WHB)	

Finances

The funding for 2019/20 was agreed at the Board and contributions by Safeguarding Partners was maintained at the same level as the previous year.

The Board/Partnership functions were managed within the 2019/20 budget with an underspend due to a vacant administrative post and no SCRs/LCSPS being undertaken.

The reserve balance at end of the year stood at £ xxxx





PROGRESS ON THE BUSINESS PLAN

The Business Plan outlined the agreed priorities for the Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Board (IOWSCB) during 2019-20 and this plan continued through the second half of the year when the transition to a Partnership was made.

The Business plan had three strategic priorities:

1. To further embed and evaluate IOWSCB initiatives
2. To strengthen assurance programmes
3. Leadership and Transformation, this was needed to ensure a smooth transition to the new safeguarding arrangements on the Isle of Wight

There were also key threads running through the three priority areas:

- The voice and lived experience of the child - to ensure that our work is child centred and we continually seek to engage and involve children and young people.
- Multi-agency partnership working - including the voluntary, faith and community sectors.
- Lessons are identified and learned from case reviews and multi-agency audits undertaken, and the monitoring of the implementation of recommendations.

Progress made on the 2019/20 Business Plan Priorities

PRIORITY 1 - FURTHER EMBED AND EVALUATE IOWSCB INITIATIVES

Aims

The IOWSCB fully delivers its agreed programme of initiatives to safeguard and promote wellbeing of Isle of Wight children and their families.

- Staff working with children and families are provided with tools and information to support them in their roles.
- IOWSCB, via delivery of different initiatives, can evidence positive impact and Isle of Wight children and families.

Key LSCP successes

- ✓ Formally launched the Family Approach protocol and toolkit with the with the LSCPs and LSABs across Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton in May 2019. Held 6 multi-agency workshops across the IOW to introduce the [protocol](#) and [toolkit](#) across the IOW in 2019/20. Held a consultation on the Family Approach Protocol at the SCP Annual Conference in October 2019
- ✓ Developed and launched the [ICON](#) Programme at a HIPS event as well as at the SCP Annual Conference in October 2019. ICON was set up in order to reduce abusive head trauma in babies. The project is now national and the IOW joined the project after Hampshire.
- ✓ Launched the 'Every Sleep Counts' campaign at HIPS event with practical sessions at venues across the IOW
- ✓ Further developed in collaboration with the other LSCPs in the HIPS area, the Lurking Trolls online safety campaign aimed at primary school aged children (and the Secondary Special School on IOW). New characters and books were designed and sent to key partners for sign off. Due to the pandemic, plans to launch the campaign have been postponed until 2020/21
- ✓ The joint HSCB/ IOWSCB Neglect Strategy and toolkit have been evaluated and agreed by the Partnerships

Areas in progress

- Evaluation of ICON and Every Sleep Counts campaigns will be undertaken once they have time to become embedded in practice
- Lurking Trolls campaign and materials will be launched and rolled out to schools in 2020/21
- Extend the roll out of the Neglect Toolkit to Southampton and Portsmouth LSCPs and include their materials to develop a border repository of resources for frontline practitioners



PRIORITY 2 - STRENGTHENING OUR ASSURANCE PROGRAMMES

Aims

IOWSCB is assured that the services provided to children and their families on Isle of Wight are timely, appropriate and effective.

- Respond to the outcomes of the Keeping Children Safe (Section 11) audit to better promote staff understanding and awareness of key policies and procedures

Key LSCP Successes

- ✓ Agency responses to the Section 11 audit and their actions plans were re-visited and responded to showing progress had been made in terms of staff understanding and awareness of policies and required practice
- ✓ Visits were made to a selection of agencies to discuss their action plans and completed audit tools and to talk to front line staff, and notes of visit were sent out to agencies with follow up actions where needed

Areas in progress

- A Longitudinal evaluation to measure the impact of training has been discussed with the Workforce Development Group and a plan will be developed for this to take place in 2020/21.

PRIORITY 3 - LEADERSHIP AND TRANSFORMATION

Aims

The IOWSCB will continue with work to make the transition to a Safeguarding Partnership.

- The new Safeguarding Children Partnership, will lead the safeguarding agenda, challenge the work of partner organisations, and commit to an approach that learns lessons, embeds good practice and is continually influenced by children, young people and their families.

Key LSCP Successes

- ✔ New safeguarding partnership arrangements published with full implementation completed in line with Working Together 2018 statutory guidance
- ✔ Business Group in place with revised Terms of Reference (TORs) for Board and Business Group
- ✔ Revised branding from LSCB to LSCP in place and website updated to reflect new arrangements
- ✔ Published new Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) arrangements and full implementation in place in line with Working Together 2018 statutory guidance with smooth transition to new arrangements.
- ✔ In partnership with the Southampton, Portsmouth and Hampshire LSCPS, developed and implemented new Pan-Hampshire Exploitation and Health work streams.

Areas in progress

- Continue to develop the scrutiny functions of the new SCP

RUNNING THROUGH ALL PRIORITY AREAS IN 2019/20

- The voice and experience of the child
- Multi-agency partnership working
- Lessons identified and learning



More detailed feedback on progress made against 2019/20 Business plan priorities

Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Southampton and Portsmouth

The Isle of Wight statutory safeguarding partners have agreed to work in partnership with the statutory safeguarding partners for Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton, to ensure a coherent approach in safeguarding arrangements across the wider geographical area. The arrangements for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight collaboration are known locally as 'HIPS'.

It is acknowledged that for many agencies and professionals who work across more than one of the local authority areas, there would be benefit in greater joined-up working on strategic issues and common themes.

Given that each local area was keen to retain some degree of distinct local arrangements, partners agreed to form a new Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton (HIPS) Executive Group, supported by some specific four-area subgroups, to work alongside the four local partnerships.

The intention is that new ways of working follow the following principles:

- **Ensure that services are delivered in the best interests of the child**
- **Do not duplicate existing work, but provide strategic direction and challenge to enable enhanced co-ordination of activity and understanding of impact**
- **Provide a clear route for escalation of any system-wide issues and an agreed forum for the Safeguarding Partners to collectively fulfil their statutory duties**
- **Ensure best use of collective resources**
- **Established within existing resources (both financial and Human)**
- **Local partnerships can continue to identify their own priorities in addition to any identified at a strategic level by the HIPS Executive**
- **Local areas ensure that the voices of children and families are clearly represented in local partnership work**

The role of the HIPS Executive Group is to provide strategic direction and coordination of safeguarding activity across the HIPS area, to promote best practice, implement local and national learning and identify issues requiring

strategic intervention by the HIPS Safeguarding Partners.

The members of the HIPS Executive are the three Safeguarding Partners from each of the four HIPS LSCPs plus an Independent Chair. The HIPS Executive has convened four standing subgroups where there is a clear benefit to coordinating specific areas of business across the HIPS area:

Health Group – This group coordinates safeguarding business across the health economy across the HIPS area. It will take the lead on the promotion and implementation of any best practice and learning for the health sector. It should be noted that the Isle of Wight will continue to hold its local Health Subgroup across Children and Adults but core members from that group, including the Chair, will attend the HIPS Health Group to ensure alignment and cross-communication of health themes.

Child Exploitation Group – The purpose of this group is to develop a shared understanding of the threat/need in respect of child exploitation, including patterns of activity that may reflect the organised exploitation of children; identify risks requiring strategic intervention and operational issues that can be dealt with more appropriately through the existing local structures; to drive forward the response to child exploitation through a tasking system that maximises the specialist skills and experience of staff across the HIPS area; to ensure that the vulnerabilities and risks associated with children who go missing are understood and incorporated within a consistent and robust multi-agency response.

Policies and Procedures Group – This group develops all common multi-agency policies and procedures that inform single agency policy and practice across the HIPS area and lead on the Section 11 self-assessment audit also across HIPS.

Child Death Overview Panel - This Group will perform the functions of the Child Death Overview Panel as outlined in Working Together 2018. It should be noted that this group will report to the HIPS Executive until the Pan-Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care System (ICS) is fully established, at which point the governance and reporting functions will transfer to the ICS.

Neglect

The Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships (LSCPs) in both the Isle of Wight and Hampshire first published their multi-agency Neglect Strategy in October 2016, followed by the supporting online professional toolkit in October 2017. The strategy outlines the collective partnership response to understanding, identifying and responding to neglect in children of all ages and circumstances. In addition to the areas commonly associated with neglect, the strategy is underpinned by promoting awareness and an informed response to the four different types of neglect originally described by Howe (2005):

DEPRESSED / PASSIVE NEGLECT
DISORGANISED NEGLECT
EMOTIONAL NEGLECT
SEVERE DEPRIVATION

Both LSCPs undertook an evaluation of the implementation of the Neglect Strategy and Toolkit in 2019, which included a staff survey across both Partnership areas, staff focus group discussions with a range of partner agencies, a review of IOWSCP and HSCP neglect themed multi agency data and information, and a review of the usage of the online toolkit. The evaluation highlighted that:

- Over three quarters of staff who responded to the staff survey were aware of the Strategy and supporting Toolkit
- Over half had accessed the resources available in the toolkit. Practitioners valued the range of tools available to support their practice with particular reference to the 'Day in a Life' tools, neglect prompts and conversation starters, and the neglect thresholds and indicator charts
- Staff tended to use the toolkit resources to inform ongoing assessments, to inform referrals to MASH, as part of 1:1 direct work with children and their families, and to inform in-house training material. Professionals were able to give examples of how specific resources had been successfully used in direct work and to inform assessments [see quotes below for incorporation using clever formatting]
- Practitioners requested that further information be added to reflect learning from local partnership working on neglect and to highlight specific themes of neglect. To support this, professionals also asked for additional information and tools be added to the toolkit to support targeted work with children and families

- More work is needed to re-promote the neglect materials and information to the broader multi-agency workforce particularly to capture new staff who had joined agencies since the original launch and promotion of the strategy and supporting tools

IOW Social Worker - A social worker used the 'day in a life of a teenager' tool to inform an assessment of an adolescent neglect case at the initial assessment stage. The detail contained in the example led to a well informed and comprehensive assessment and considered areas that would not initially have been included. This had a direct positive impact on the child as the case escalated very quickly, resulting in the child being removed and placed in foster care. The Social Worker now reports that the child is now a changed child, in a stable placement and responding well to care being given.



IOW Health Visitor - The neglect thresholds chart was used to help Mum see why a case was being escalated to a higher level. Using the information / tool available helped to get to an honest conversation that was evidenced based and not perceived as professional casting judgement on a parent. Sharing information and therefore concerns in this way gave Mum more insight into the impact of their behaviour on their child. The case improved quickly and risks reduced and progress maintained.

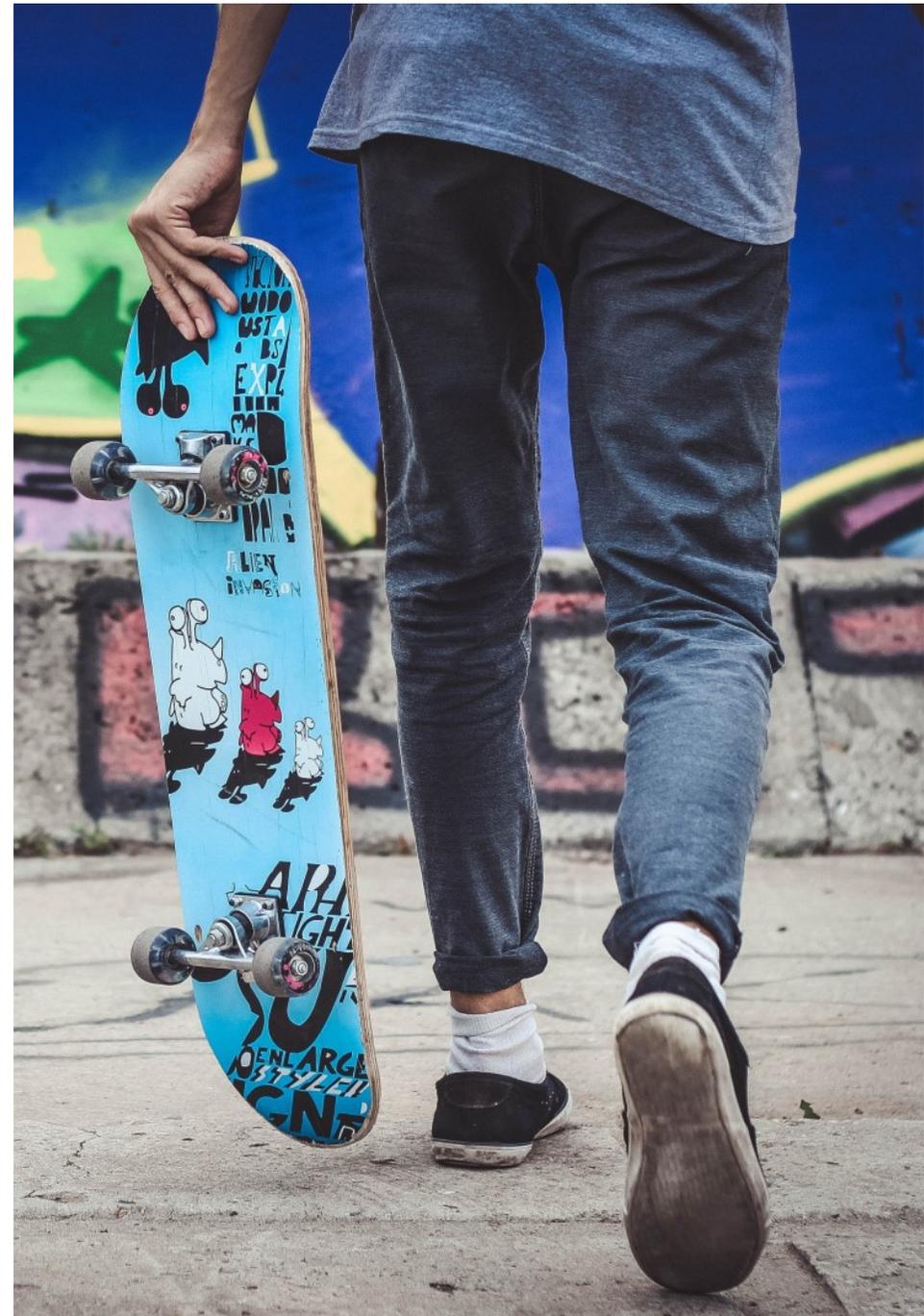
A review of multi agency neglect themed data highlighted that Neglect is the most common reason that children across both Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are placed on Child Protection Plans (CPP). The numbers of children on the IOW on a Child Protection Plan (CPP) for Neglect have fluctuated over the period covered in the evaluation, with an overall high number of cases between July – September 2019.

The numbers of neglect crimes have risen since the launch of the strategy and toolkit with a marked increase in the quarter immediately following the launch of the strategy. Whilst the numbers have fluctuated differently across the remaining period the increase in numbers has been sustained particularly during 2019 following the force-wide roll out of bespoke training on recognising neglect in children.

It is not appropriate to draw any direct comparisons between the patterns in figures, nor is it possible to fully establish the reasons for the fluctuations. However, it would be reasonable to assume that following a targeted promotion campaign of the strategy and toolkit across the IOW, understanding and identification of neglect across the workforce increased over this period.

The IOWSCP agreed the following recommendations arising from the findings of the evaluation:

- **IOWSCP to review the neglect threshold chart against the updated main Threshold chart, and to include references to obesity etc. *This action has now been completed as part of the broader work to extend the information available on the Neglect Toolkit***
- **IOWSCP to review the language / content of the toolkit to ensure alignment with strengths based working. *This action has now been completed as part of the broader work to extend the information available on the Neglect Toolkit***
- **Children’s Services to consider placing a more explicit link to the strategy and toolkit on the Interagency Referral Form (IARF). *This action has been completed on the updated IARF that is now in use***
- **IOWSCP, in partnership with HSCP, to review and update the Neglect strategy to include recent local learning. *This action is ongoing and forms part of a wider review and extensions of both LSCP’s joint work on neglect. The updated draft strategy is expected to be published by the end of 2020***





Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)

The structure of the Child Death Overview Panel was amended within the statutory guidance of [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018](#) and required local areas to establish joint arrangements with their neighbours to enable child deaths to be reviewed across a larger footprint to strengthen the learning to proactively prevent future deaths.

Underpinning this strategic work, focused investigations, in consultation with the family, are required to be undertaken by local Child Death Review teams which are then reviewed by the CDOP and submitted to the National Child Mortality Database to inform the national picture and push forward the work to reduce child deaths.

The CDOPs were historically managed under the four LCSPs across Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton and following the changes in national guidance, the Child Death Review Partners, representing all Local

Authorities and the Clinical Commissioning Groups, came together to agree a combined HIPS Child Death Overview Panel established on the 1 October 2019 covering all children resident in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

This is an equal partnership for the mutual benefit of all Hampshire and Isle of Wight children and provides an oversight and assurance of the whole Child Death Review (CDR) processes in accordance with the [National Child Death Review Statutory and Operational Guidance 2018](#) and local Child Death Review policies.

This reflects the wider working together principles across safeguarding children and can mean a more aligned process for the CDR Partners, for example joint campaigns.

How partners/relevant agencies have embedded Business Plan initiatives in their agencies

Children's Social Care (CSC)

CSC play a full and active role in the IOWSCP, CSC has senior management representation on all SCP sub group, including chairing a number of the groups.

CSC has embedded the Family Approach Protocol throughout its transformation programme. Through the implementation of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight approach, a family focused, strengths-based assessment, plan and support is delivered with families, support is multi-agency and multi-disciplinary.

Children's Services staff have undertaken extensive workforce development in in the approach and all of the supporting documentation and plans has been re-designed to be more family friendly and focused on the child. A social workers online toolkit has been developed and further supports the family approach.

CSC has actively promoted the ICON and Every Sleep Counts programmes with families across Early Help and Social Care since its launch at the SCP Annual Conference and continue to work in close partnership with health colleagues (midwifery, health visiting) to ensure these messages are jointly reinforced.

CSC staff attended the SCP Annual Conference for the launch of the Lurking Trolls campaign. CSC continue to actively promote online safety with children and families- with an additional focus on children are identified as at risk of exploitation.

CSC staff use the Neglect Strategy and toolkit in assessing risk and implementing interventions and support with children and families. This has led to more tailored plans and interventions and contributed to a reduction in children subject to child protection planning locally. A wide range of CSC staff took part in the evaluation of the strategy and in SCP multi-agency audits on the theme of neglect. Senior Managers were engaged in reviewing and revising the strategy, working with partner agencies across the island and Hampshire. The revised strategy will be published in late 2020.

CSC have completed the Section 11 audit on an annual basis. The actions identified are reviewed by the senior management team who track progress and completion and then evaluate the impact on improving safeguarding. All policies are reviewed, and new ones promoted through the weekly staff news-letter. The CSC Section 11 audit evidenced 72 outstanding areas of practice across each section with two as good and none as requires improvement and none as inadequate.



Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

The CCG have supported and promoted the Family Approach Protocol and toolkit. Training was supported by the CCG and the IOW NHS Trust in delivering training to mental health services.



ICON (Infants Crying is normal, Comforting methods can help, OK to walk away, Never, ever shake a baby) was launched on the IOW at the SCP Annual Conference in October 2019:

- ICON is embedded into routine practice, for example the 0-19 team have audited records which confirm this is routinely discussed at all appropriate contacts
- Training has been provided to early year settings and childcare providers by the CCG
- The Safeguarding Midwife for the NHS trust has provided training to Midwifery Services
- The Named Health Visitor for ICON has implemented this within the 0-19 years service
- Service updates have been provided to Primary Care and work is on-going regarding the 6-week check templates on the Primary Care electronic record system
- The following are on baby and mother postnatal / baby check templates:
 1. Tick box that sleeping, crying, and advice is given
 2. A link to the ICON leaflet that can be printed off
- Posters are displayed in Health Visitor clinics, GP surgeries, the hospital and Family Centres
- Leaflets were given out to parents by the 0-19 years' service pre COVID-19.
- The [Dad Pad App](#) is being promoted at health contacts
- The ICON video is played in the waiting areas of many Island GP surgeries
- Fridge magnets are given out by midwives at the postnatal contact
- A press release was planned in March 2020 however COVID-19 events

prevented this from happening at that current time, so the team have been promoting as above

- The CCG, IOW NHS Trust and LSCP are developing a complete training course which will include the Every Sleep Counts and ICON programs as well as the Bruising Policy and Safeguarding unborn/new-born baby protocol
- The CCG have worked closely with the midwifery services at the NHS Trust and the LSCP to promote and re-launch the 'Every Sleep Counts' campaign
- Health Visitor and Family Centres were attended by the CCG to promote and support the re-launch with parents during safe sleep week- this included ICON
- The Every Sleep Count program was re-launched at a wider HIPS event during Safe Sleep week, however due to COVID-19 an official launch on the IOW was postponed



The Neglect strategy has been promoted throughout Primary Care and the LSCP Partnership Manager attended the Primary Care quality and safeguarding network to re-visit and promote this toolkit.

The CCG is currently supporting several task and finish groups to update and revise the Neglect Strategy and Toolkit, this is also being supported at strategic level.

The CCG continues to work closely with IOW NHS Trust, Primary Care, LSCP and partner agencies to promote a better understanding of policies and procedures.

- The CCG have supported the safeguarding administrators in primary care with training and more efficient and robust systems to alert and respond to safeguarding concerns.
- There is improved communication between partner agencies and primary care
- The CCGs have supported the Wessex Local Medical Committees training for GPs to promote local policies and procedures.
- Level 3 training has been developed specifically for primary care and several delivery dates were arranged from March 2020, but postponed face to face due to COVID-19
- The CCG has supported all audits undertaken for learning as either a panel member or participant from primary care. Primary care has contributed 100 % to the audits
- The CCG is trying to establish more DA links in primary care, some training has been undertaken and more is being requested

The CCG are represented on the LSCP Workforce Development Subgroup and have undertaken quality assurance of LSCP training courses.

The "Safeguarding Adults and Children's Policy – A Family Approach" for the 5 CCGs has been revised and updated in January 2020 in line with the statutory guidance and is accessible for all CCG staff via the intranet.

The new CDOP arrangements have been implemented and are in place for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

The CCG are supporting the LSCP and other agencies in all work streams including exploitation and revision of the new SERAF/mini SERAF form.

The CCG has experienced challenges in recruiting a Named GP for Safeguarding since June 2019 and when the post is filled, capacity for leadership and transformation will be improved.



Hampshire Constabulary

The Police have engaged with training and shared packages across teams. The Family Approach Protocol, ICON and Every Sleep Counts campaigns remain a strand of the Police training strategy going forwards currently being developed by the Public Protection Department and Learning and Development team.

As UK Police forces benefit from an uplift in officers over the coming years, the principles and programmes from these key initiatives have been woven into the safeguarding training delivered to new recruits.

Police have continued to support and engage in section 11 visits and share views and perspectives across different agencies and bring learning back to Police. The development of the scrutiny and assurance process moving forward, remains a key area of focus for the Police, partnership and communities it serves with an intention to build on learning to improve practice. Police would like to see a joined-up team of innovative and inspired employees from across the network able to move through specific areas of focus adding value and improving practice across the partnership.

Policing has fully engaged in the development and implementation of the new ways of working. Linking across Local Authorities, sharing learning and joining up priorities to improve safeguarding practice.



IOW NHS Trust

All front-line staff were encouraged to attend the Family Approach Protocol workshops delivered by the LSCP. The Protocol and Toolkit are incorporated into the Trusts level 3 Safeguarding Children training and is used during Safeguarding Supervision of front-line staff.

The ICON programme is fully embedded into practice in Maternity and Health Visiting. Leaflets are given out and explained antenatally by the Health Visitor and reiterated by the midwife antenatally. Then when mum and baby are discharged from Maternity, they are given the fridge magnet. The concept is revisited at the Primary Birth Visit and 6-8-week check by the Health Visitor. Posters are displayed in clinics around the community and in the 111 Hub, A+E, Urgent Treatment Centre, Maternity and Special Care Baby Unit. NHS Trust Documentation has been altered so staff can record when this message has been delivered. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, leaflets have not been given out, but parents have been directed to the ICON website.

The Every Sleep Counts campaign has been embraced by the Trust. The leaflet is given out in the Booking Pack early in pregnancy, and the midwife reiterates the messages given in the leaflet towards the end of pregnancy. On discharge from hospital parents are given the Every Sleep Counts sticker. The Health Visitor revisits the messages in the leaflet and promotes the Lullaby Trust website at the birth visit.

The Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children is a member of the Neglect Toolkit review working group.

The NHS Trust was fully involved in the Section 11 audit, with returns from the following departments: CAMHS, 0-19 Service, Maternity, Children's Ward, Ambulance, Sexual Health, Safeguarding Children Team, Accident and Emergency, Children's Community Team, Urgent Care, Adult Mental Health and Human Resource.

The Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children worked closely with the LSCP reviewing all agency responses to the Section 11 Audit and actions plans have been reviewed and updated.

The Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children is Deputy Chair for the Workforce Development sub-group and is fully involved in the work that this group generates. The impact of training delivered by the LSCP is regularly reviewed by this group.

The new safeguarding partnership arrangements were shared with all NHS Trust staff and the new Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) arrangements and guidance has been discussed and shared via the Trust's Joint Safeguarding Strategic Group.

The Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children is involved with the HIPS Child Exploitation meeting and the Trust has good representation at the IOW joint LSCP and LSAB Health Group.



Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

LSCP Family Approach trainers delivered information on the key elements of the Family Approach and the materials to use with their teams to the team leaders and senior leadership team in the Mental Health and Learning Disability Division. It was well received and an engaging session about the protocols and toolkits implementation to date.

As a service, CAMHS have run 55 group sessions (139 children) with a focus on anxiety and self-esteem. They have also facilitated workshops for professional covering topics including self-harm and anxiety. Future plans are being made to facilitate multi-agency workshops with the LSCP.

CAMHS undertake a bi-annual care plan peer review audit with results and action plans monitored through the MHL Division Quality and Performance meetings.

Isle of Wight NHS Trust MH&LD transformation programme and the Hampshire and IOW Transformation Partnership are focussing on 4 work streams. Crisis pathway, access and waiting times, outcomes and early help.

Dorset and Wessex Tier 4 Collaborative are working to agree funding and risk share agreements by 1st April 2021. The closer to home teams would support people at home reducing admissions and length of stay.

An engagement event with parents and children was held in January 2020 to communicate the crisis pathway.

Youth Offending Team (YOT)

The YOT has traditionally worked in a holistic way including parents/carers and extended families in the work they do with children.

To support the family approach, during this last 12-month period YOT has:

- Delivered the B4C programmes to families where adolescent to parental violence has been a feature. Programmes delivered has received positive feedback from both parents and children which report that the intervention has had a positive impact on their relationships
- Supported the commission and delivery of the ACES Toolkit training to staff across Children's Services and Barnardo's. This is a programme which works with both adults and children who have experienced childhood trauma
- Expanded their Youth Crime Prevention offer to have three full time staff members enabling the YOT to prevent
- Continued to deliver support to parents

The YOT has continued to attend the IOW main board and the subgroups, with the Head of Service attending the pan Hampshire groups. Through these vehicles' information has continued to be received and implemented in the YOT teams.

The COVID-19 pandemic is providing a challenge to the YOT, but one of the areas which is benefitting is the impact that technology has had in engaging with families, children, and partners. Further the creativity that the YOT team is showing has enabled engagement with Families in a different way.

Regulatory Services

A joint conference planned as part of 2018/19 Business plan work, was held in April 2019 led by IOWSAB, IOWSCB and Regulatory Services to highlight common themes from SCRs, SARs and DHRs and how they were being addressed. The event was attended by 55 professionals and was well received.





SNAPSHOT OF KEY DATA AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Demographics help to provide a context for the data in the previous section and the particular circumstances Isle of Wight children are being raised in.

The snapshot of key data along with key demographics can be useful information for the wider public who may not wish to read the full report and as such, this section can be used as a stand-alone document.

Isle of Wight Demographics



IOW covers 146 miles



Population: 140,984



60% of the IOW is rural land

Over 60% of the population live in 6 main towns: Newport, Ryde, Sandown, Shanklin, Cowes and East Cowes



27.3% of residents are over 65 years

There are a total of **26,378 children** on the IOW (ONS Mid 2018 estimates)



On the IOW there are:

- **7,858** 0 - 5 year olds
- **7,052** 12 - 16 year olds
- **8,471** 6 - 11 year olds
- **2,997** 17 -18 year olds



17,497 children attending IOW schools
444 children Electively Home Educated (EHE) (end of March 2020)

IOW schools*:
 39 Primary schools
 6 Secondary schools
 3 Through schools (2 private)
 3 Special schools

*www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk

53 Early Years Settings

4.4% of pupils on IOW have SEND compared to 3.10 England average



479 per 10,000 children were a Child in Need (CIN) on the IOW in 2019/20 compared to **303** per 10,000 in the South East

52 children per 10,000 were subject to a Child Protection Plan (CPP) in 2019/20 on IOW, compared to **41** per 10,000 in the South in the same period

344 Early Help assessments were completed in 2019/20



The IOW is ranked **80** out of **317** Local Authority areas for average rank, in 2019 on the indices of multiple deprivation



Free school meal entitlement:
16.5% of primary-aged children
13.6% of secondary-aged children

Children with an additional language:
3.3% of Primary children
3.5% of secondary children

108 children per 10,000 on the IOW were in care in 2019/20 compared to a South East average of **53.7** per 10,000



13 areas on the IOW are among the 20% most deprived in the country





SAFEGUARDING PERFORMANCE OF PARTNER AND RELEVANT AGENCIES

Data relating to key safeguarding processes and vulnerable groups of children is provided to the Performance and Quality Assurance (PQA) group by agencies on a quarterly basis along with their commentary which includes contextual information and analysis.

The Partnership Team collate the current information along-side information from previous quarters and years to produce a report outlining key trends, themes and recommendations for further scrutiny, as well as areas for potential strategic intervention for the attention of the Partnership Board. This enables the Partnership to assess the effectiveness of the help being provided to children and families on the Isle of Wight.

Voice of the Child

Participation of children on the Isle of Wight is integral to improving safeguarding practice and outcomes for children.

- The voice of the child has been very evident in SCP multi-agency case file audits over the year as with many case files containing records in the child's own words.
- Listening to the child is very much part of the family approach, and workshops to introduce this strategy and toolkit have been very well attended in 2019/20.
- Participation is a strength within social work practice on the IOW and is one of their 'windows in practice' as well as being a key component of the Quality Matters: Improvement Framework and Quality Matters: Improvement Plan (QUIP) and there is a participation strategy in place.
- Every team in Children and Families branch of Children Services has a participation lead to share best practice regarding participation and evidencing the voice of the child.



Hearing Young People's Experiences (HYPE)

HYPE is a group for children and young people in care and care leavers.

The group meets monthly and discuss issues relating to the services they receive. This information is then taken to the Corporate Parenting Board who meet quarterly. If there are any national issues, these are taken to the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG).

8 young people were able to go to London and address the APPG.

Three of the main local areas of concern to HYPE members were:

- Stigma and labelling and use of outdated language,
- Transport
- Accommodation

Positive outcomes from joint work of HYPE and the Corporate Parenting Board:

- The Corporate Parenting Board adopted the new Corporate Parenting Strategy and Children In Care Pledge and Action Plan
- A transport sub-group is being established by the Corporate Parenting Board to collate best examples where transport for a young person could be supported
- Multiple new accommodation providers have been added to the options for care leavers

Some other positive outcomes from the year:

- 'Come Dine with Us' work as continued in 2019/20 with young people cooking and serving food. This has been extended to a junior section for 8 -15 year olds
- A 123 Apprentice is now part of the Participation team and is leading projects.
- 12 older children have supported on 9 interview panels within Children's Social Care.

Have Your Say week

This week was attended by 380 people and they gave feedback on key issues about services and this has helped to supply the leaving care service with information to support service improvements. The week included horse riding, paintballing, and a trip to Lego Land.

Youth Council

The Youth Council is the means by which all young people are represented on the Isle of Wight. Young people are elected by other young people based on their manifesto and if a school/ town/ group of young people are not represented then the group can seek out or invite others to be co-opted onto the council. An average of 14 children attend.

'Make Your Mark' took place in October 2019 when 3,320 children in IOW schools voted on both national and local priority issues for the Youth Council. The Youth Council and the IOW Youth MP both received national awards for their support of youth politics.



The Isle of Wight Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey 2019

This biannual survey, conducted by Public Health, asks children in Year 6, 8 and 10 in about their behaviours related to such things as eating, drinking, wellbeing, exercise, safety, alcohol, smoking and drugs.

The findings help commissioners and service providers understand the positives and challenges that face young people and how these are changing over time.

1,089 young people completed the survey in 2019 and the Key Findings included:

FEELING SAFE: The majority of young people said they feel safe:

- 72% responded that they feel safe at school
- 91% responded that they feel safe at home
- The number of young people who said they feel safe in their community has decreased, down from 52% in 2017 to 47% in 2019 and those not feeling safe at home, although a very small percentage, has also increased (3% from 1%).

FEELING VALUED AND HAPPINESS: The majority were happy or very happy

- The majority of young people (74%) said they were happy or very happy with their life at the moment
- An increasing number (28%) of young people scored medium - low on self-esteem (compared to 21.5% nationally)
- Resilience scores were 18%, which is up from 15% in 2017
- Fewer young people (70%) are happy to talk to people their own age compared to 2017 (75% in 2017)
- Fewer are usually or always willing to try until they succeed
- A lower number (61%) of young people feel their opinions make a difference at school (72% in 2017) or at home (58% down from 67% in 2017)

Clear and effective thresholds, assessment and decision-making processes

Early Help

Children's Services continue to lead on the co-ordination of the Early Help offer to children and families across the Island.

The Council commissions Barnardo's to provide part of the Island's Early Help offer through local family centres. Early Help prevents issues in families escalating above the threshold for Children's Social Care intervention and so plays a key role in helping to manage demand on Children's Social Care, youth offending and health services.



- **344 Early Help assessments and plans were completed** in 2019/20. The most common presenting factors in assessments over the past two years has consistently been: the child's behaviour at home, mental health concerns for the child or adult and relationship difficulties.
- **22% of Early Help cases involve domestic abuse** as factor.
- In 2019/20, the **family centres delivered and/or hosted 4,859 sessions/activities** for children and families (5,199 parents/carers and children benefitted from these sessions).
- A total of **49 evidence-based parenting courses** such as Five to Thrive, Incredible Years, Family Links, New Forest ADHD, Talking Teens, Triple P and Cygnet for parents/carers of children with ASD were delivered across the IOW centres during the year, with **665 Parents/carers reached**. Of those that completed an evaluation form, an average of **91% reported improvements** in at least one outcome area.
- A 'distance travelled tool' tracks progress and outcomes for all Early Help (level 3) cases.
- In 2019/20, **54% of cases closed with positive outcomes achieved for the children and families**, 2.4% were stepped up to Children's Social Care.
- In addition, **288 families have achieved positive outcomes** through the Strengthening Families programme in the same year.

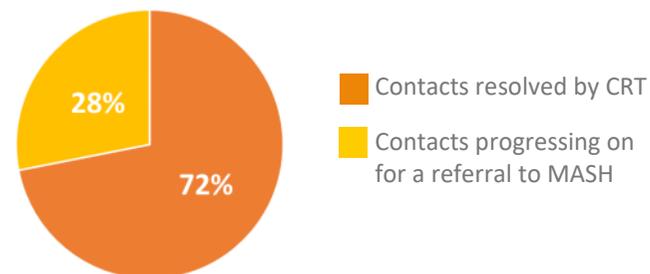
Some staff in the NHS Trust need further training in completing Early Help assessments to increase their confidence and skills in this process. There were no Early Health Assessments made by the School Nursing Team during this year and two made by the Midwifery Team. The Trust needs to explore how practitioners work alongside families and encourages them to participate in the assessment process and to help the families fully understand the benefits of the support they will receive and how this will impact positively on their children.

A new staff member in the Early Help Team has been employed to support health staff with the completion of the assessments and on-going work.

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) - Contacts and Referrals

The partnership arrangements with regards to the Children's Reception Team (CRT) and MASH, based in Hampshire, continues to deliver robust initial screening and triage of safeguarding contacts and referrals.

In 2019/20, an average of 1,500 Isle of Wight contacts per month came through to CRT/MASH.



Of the contacts referred to MASH in 2019/20, 46% lead to the provision of a social care service (either a child and family assessment or a child protection investigation). Referrals that do not meet the threshold for social care intervention are either transferred to Early Help services, or advice and information is provided to practitioners.

Social Workers and managers in the CRT and the MASH make timely and appropriate decisions about levels of need when children are first referred to the service using the thresholds chart. The response by the MASH to safeguarding concerns about children is: *'prompt and effective.'* ILACS, Ofsted November 2019.

- **During 2019/20, the largest number of referrals came from schools** (26% compared to 30% in the previous year) this is higher than the South East average in 2018/19 (19%)
- **Police made 19% of referrals** compared to the South East average of 32% in 2018/19 with **14% of referrals coming from Health** which was in line with the 2018/19 South East average
- The provisional rate of **child protection investigations (Section 47 investigations) for 2019/20 was 133.34 per 10,000 of the 0-17-year-old population**, which was a significant reduction from 222.30 per 10,000 in 2018/19. This was lower than the 2018/19 statistical neighbour average of 180.10. The percentage of initial child protection conferences held within timescales remained high at 83%, which was significantly better than the South East and statistical neighbour averages for 2018/19
- During 2019/20, **3,178 child and family assessments were undertaken by Children's Social Care** of which 63% were first assessments. Whilst demand has remained high, the timeliness of completion of assessments provides a very positive picture at 92%. This was higher than most other local authorities in the region and has remained consistently high from 2018/19 (92%)

The NHS Trust Safeguarding Children Team support front-line NHS staff with their safeguarding concerns. This includes using the Hampshire and IOW LSCP Threshold Chart to inform decision making during these conversations and in all NHS Trust teaching sessions.

The Safeguarding Children Team attend complex CP and CIN meetings as required to support front line staff and to offer some expertise to the decision-making process.

The Team complete all MASH requests for health information for both Section 17 and 47 enquiries and have an excellent record of completing these returns within timescales (24 hours for section 17 requests and 2 hours for section 47 requests).

They work closely with the MASH holding phone conferencing for strategy discussions when children are at risk of significant harm, this gives health the opportunity to influence decision making in-regards to CP medicals etc. This has had a positive impact on the protection of children.

Children In Need (CIN) and Children subject to Child Protection Planning (CPP)

Children in Need are defined in law as children who are aged under 18 and:

- need local authority services to achieve or maintain a reasonable standard of health or development
- need local authority service to prevent significant or further harm to health or development
- are disabled

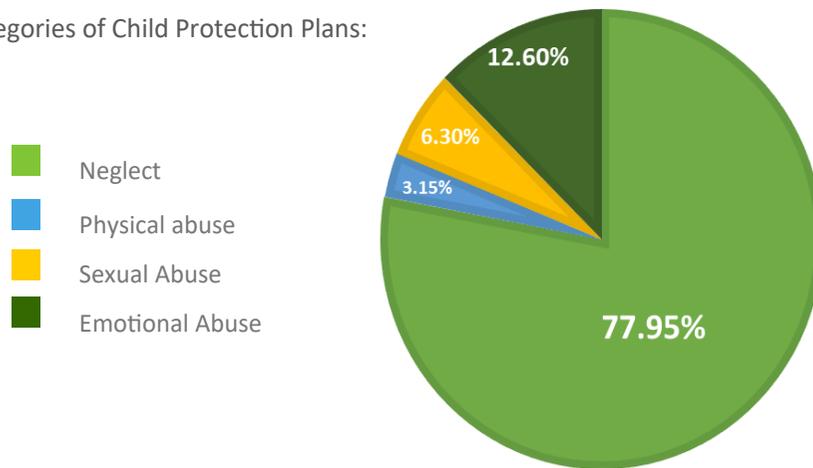
The rate of Children In Need (per 10,000) is still higher on the Isle of Wight compared to the South East and statistical neighbour average. The provisional data for 2019/20 shows the IOW has a rate of 455 per 10,000 0-17-year olds. This is initially a decrease from 473 per 10,000 0-17-year olds in 2018/19. The South East rate in 2018/19 was 303 per 10,000 0-17-year-olds.

All cases stepped down from Child Protection Planning currently transition to child in need planning to ensure that support and changes are sustained. CSC believe that this approach has contributed to a reduction in the number of repeat Child Protection Plans.



In 2019/20 there were 126 Child Protection Plans (CPP) compared to 165 the previous year.

Categories of Child Protection Plans:



The provisional data for 2019/20 on the rate of children subject to CCP is 48 per 10,000 0-17-year-olds. This is provisionally a decrease from 66 per 10,000 0-17-year olds in 2018/19 but greater than the South East rate of 41 per 10,000 0-17-year-old in 2018/19.

The positive reduction is considered to be a result of more effective interventions with children and families at the early help and child in need level, meaning that less cases are escalated to a child protection plan because risks are addressed earlier. This will be further reinforced by our transformation programme.

Number of children with Child Protection Plans:



Looked After Children (LAC)

As of February 2020, there were a total of 261 children in care on the IOW. The LAC rate was 104 per 10,000 children compared to a South East average of 53.7 per 10,000 children.

The Children's Assessment and Safeguarding Team (CAST) and Children in Care (CIC) teams are making progress with reunification. Social Workers are constantly mindful to consider the family situation, to remain involved with parents where children have come into care and assess if it is safe for them to return. Families are supported by Social Workers and Resilience Around the Family Team (RAFT) to make changes. The reunification work is crucial to ensure we have the right children in our care at the right time. The department have adopted the NSPCC reunification framework.

Consideration to a return home is high on the CIC agenda and the Independent Reviewing Officer service (IRO) ensure that where appropriate this is proactively being progressed. The strengths-based way of working is enabling families to work with Social Workers to recognise what needs to change and how this can be achieved.

The Isle of Wight has an effective Corporate Parenting Board that ensures the Local Authority fulfils its corporate parenting role. This is well attended by elected members, children and young people, officers and partner agencies. The Board reports annually on progress and success through the corporate parenting strategy and action plan. Recent achievements include agreement to waive council tax payments for all care leavers up to 25 years old and the commissioning of a new Pathways to Independent Adulthood supported accommodation offer. This is to meet need and provide a wider range of options and choices to young people.



Health checks for Looked After Children

- 81.2% **dental checks** were completed within timescales between February 2019 and January 2020. This is an increase from 80.6% for the previous rolling year period
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- Up-to-date **immunisations** was 86% in between January 2020 and December 2019. This is an increase from 78.6% for the previous rolling year period

The Looked After Children nurses from the IOW NHS Trust work alongside the Local Authority to support Looked After Children (LAC). There is now both a Designated and Named Doctor for LAC in place within the IOW NHS Trust.

Children in Private Fostering

A private fostering arrangement is where a child under the age of 16 (18 if disabled) is in the care of someone other than a parent or close relative with the intention that it should last 28 days or more. This may include extended family members, or friends. Agencies are required to report any private fostering arrangements to Children's Social Care (CSC).

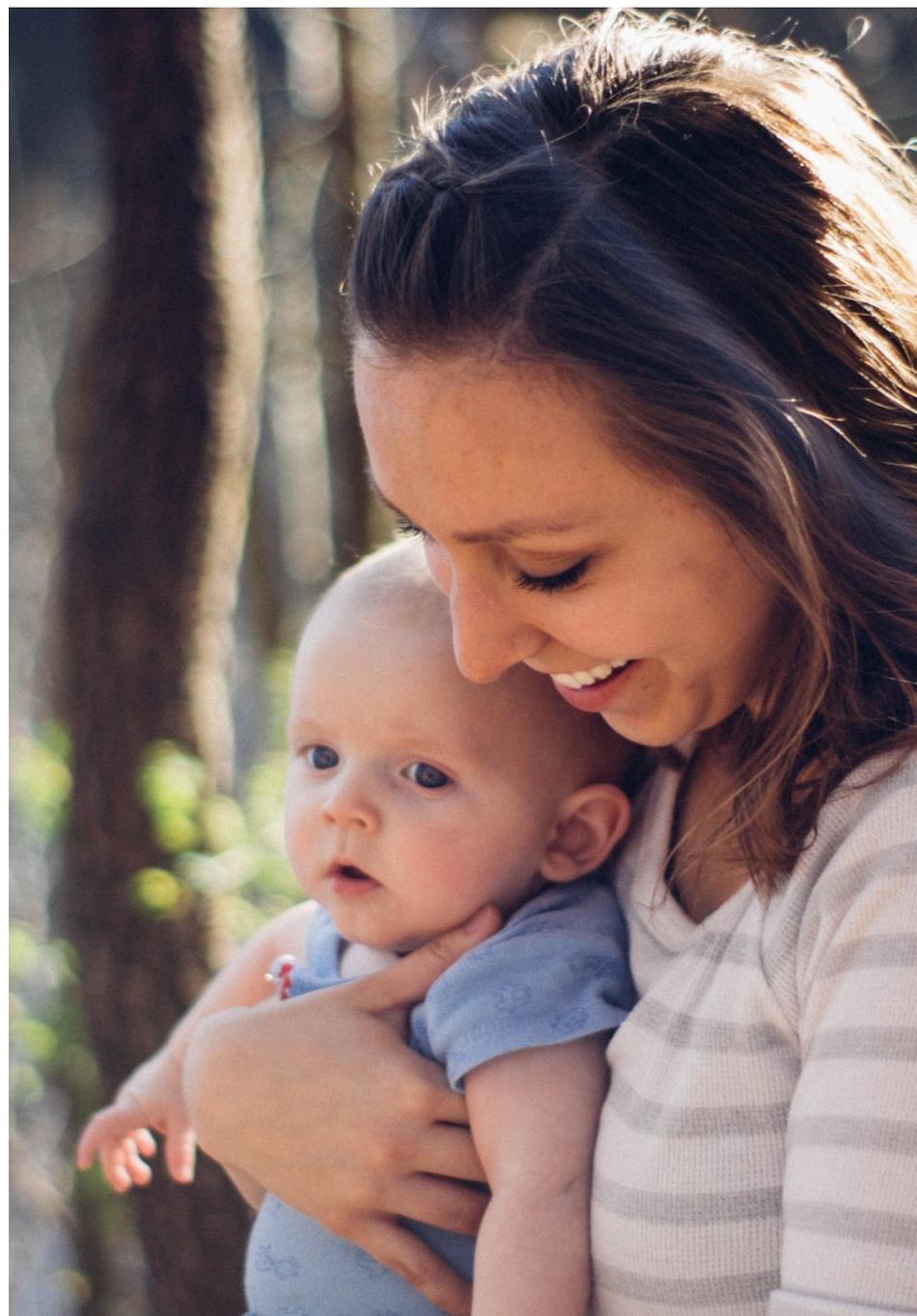
During 2019/20, 18 notifications of private fostering were made to CSC. Appropriate assessments were made by CSC to ensure these children were safe and well.

As of the 31st March 2020 there were no children in private fostering arrangements this was thought to be due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and no foreign students staying in long-term placements on the IOW.

Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking children (UASC)

If a child under the age of 18 is seeking asylum without the presence of a legal guardian, they are said to be UASC. Isle of Wight Children's Services are an active participant in the Home Office's National Transfer Scheme, which is supporting local authorities (particularly port authorities) by allocating newly arrived unaccompanied asylum seekers to other local authorities.

As of 31st March 2020, four UASC were Looked After by Isle of Wight Children's Services. There were also four UASC care leavers being supported by the Leaving Care Team. Training programmes have been developed to support foster carers in caring for the particular needs of UASC and the LSCP is working to create further multi-agency guidance for the children's workforce across the Island in supporting UASC.



Safeguarding vulnerable children in education settings

The Education subgroup worked hard over 2019-20 to ensure that initiatives from different teams were as joined up as possible so that synergies could be felt through the system.

Public Health's Partnership in Education for Attainment and Children's Health (PEACH) programme was promoted through the work of members of the subgroup, with the result that by the end of 2019/20 more than half of schools had signed up, with more being encouraged to sign up moving forward.

More primary schools engaged in the network meetings, the Bronze award programme, the PEACH school games and the training. Although the programme is universal in that it supports schools to improve the health of all children, it has an impact on the most vulnerable children by enabling them to experience health promotion and prevention interventions via school when their families may not be making healthy choices for them.

The approach specifically enables those children less likely to engage in healthy behaviours to participate, for example the PEACH games focused on those children less likely to participate in sports at school.



School exclusion continues to be a focus for the group although the year saw a reduction in permanent exclusions from 18 to 14. No children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) were permanently excluded. For fixed term exclusions, primary statistics match national, but secondary exceed national.

Within this number, exclusions of vulnerable children both on the IOW and nationally, are disproportionately high. The support for the consistent focus on reducing all exclusions, including those of vulnerable children, comes from:

- Educational Psychologists
- The Primary Behaviour Team
- Special Educational Inspectors/Advisors
- Outreach from Special Schools
- SEN Officers
- School Improvement Team

The Inclusion Team is also extremely active in supporting schools with children at risk of exclusion and their effectiveness was praised in the recent SEND inspection. Additionally, in response to the subgroup's concerns about relatively high levels of exclusion, a multi-agency task and finish group was set up to develop a set of IOW behaviour management principles to share with IOW schools. This action has been disrupted by COVID-19, and the Virtual School Headteacher leaving the Local Authority, but should be resumed and completed.

Awareness raising training on LGBTQI+ was available from the LAGLO (Lesbian and Gay Liaison Officer) at Hampshire Police and the LGBTQI+ Domestic Abuse & Hate Crime Support at Age UK IOW. It was promoted to schools with good uptake and feedback.



A frequent request from Headteachers to access safeguarding supervision has seen an offer from the Education Psychology service to provide this for headteachers and DSLs.

The group reflected on the launch of the new RSHE curriculum in schools and the chair was instrumental in setting up fully funded training for all schools that took place in February 2020. The Safeguarding and Education audit tool will be updated to include questions that support schools in monitoring their compliance with the requirements and the impact of their updated curriculum in keeping children safe.

A prejudicial language and behaviour toolkit was launched to IOW Headteachers in 2019/20. The intention is to monitor the impact of this through specific questions in the 2021 safeguarding audit. To prepare schools for this, a new question was included in the 2020 audit tool.

'Lurking Trolls' is an SCP funded project to teach children about online safety. Unfortunately, this has not yet been launched, but will be launched when face-to-face contact allows.

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Children Local Area Designated Officer (LADO)

Each local authority is required to appoint a designated officer for the management of allegations against adults working with children. The statutory basis of and the necessity to provide a LADO service was confirmed in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013'. This guidance put the LADO role clearly in the context of the duties placed on all relevant organisations responsibilities to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. In 2018 the guidance updated to include that any newly appointed LADO was required to be a qualified social worker.

All agencies that provide services for children or provide staff, or volunteers, to work with or care for children, are required to have a procedure in place for managing and reporting allegations against staff, which is consistent with statutory guidance published by HM Government (revised guidance: Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018). This guidance outlines the requirement of the LADO to oversee the effectiveness, transparency and record retention of the process not only in terms of protecting children but also ensuring that staff who are the subject of an allegation are treated fairly and that the response and subsequent action is consistent, reasonable and proportionate.

The definition of what constitutes an allegation is defined in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 and this is when it is alleged that a person who works or volunteers with children has:

- behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child
- possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child; or
- behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates he or she might pose a risk of harm to children

Keeping Children Safe in Education released a statutory guidance document for consultation in February 2020 where it identified a potential fourth category to be added: behaved or may have behaved in a way that indicates they may not be suitable to work with children

In 2019/20 there were 203 referrals received by the LADO with 141 meeting the threshold for formal LADO intervention and oversight, compared to 172 referrals received in the previous year, an increase of 13%.

Referrals have consistently related to school-based staff/volunteers over the last 5 years which is unsurprising as this is the largest area of the workforce locally. The LADO offers training on allegation management and advice regarding false or malicious allegations. In 2019/20 training has been provided online, through termly open sessions, and via the annual DSL Conference.

Safeguarding children at risk of, or experiencing exploitation

Missing, Exploited and Trafficked children

The MET process continues to develop professional excellence within Hampshire Police in the identification of children at risk of exploitation and driving down the numbers of missing episodes and repeat missing children.

There continues to be strong working relationships between health, police, education and voluntary agencies in relation to the Island's most vulnerable children.

'When children go missing, their circumstances are well understood by practitioners...Practitioners and trained volunteers go to great lengths to contact children and the adults around them to understand why children go missing and their associated dangers and vulnerabilities'. ILACS, Ofsted, November 2018'

A Sexual Exploitation Risk Assessment Framework (SERAF) tool is used in all new contacts to CRT. The use of the SERAF is embedded in practice and assists with the early identification of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and other forms of exploitation. A multi-agency group has been formed to revise this document to include other forms of exploitation and it is intended that the new risk assessment form and training will be in place during 2020/21.

The Missing Exploited and Trafficked Risk Assessment Conference (METRAC), considers all children at high risk of exploitation, and a new HIPS Child Exploitation group considers practice and strategy across the HIPS areas.

Information from return interviews, which now include push and pull factors, supports the METRAC and planning for individuals and groups of young people. Improving engagement in and appropriate recording of return interviews on the child's file have been identified as an area of focus. The CCG is working with the METRAC Co-Ordinator to develop further awareness in Primary Care of alerts and safety plans, while the Named GP post remains vacant.

The NHS Trust Safeguarding Children Team have representation at MARAC and METRAC. Staff who attend these act as named professionals within the Trust, promoting resources and teaching in these subject areas. The team have worked closely with the Ambulance and A&E to ensure they understand the SERAF and mini SERAF and that they are using them to inform MASH referrals.

The Licencing team ensured that CSC were involved with the 2019 IOW Festival in relation to LAC and METRAC work to ensure children were safeguarded.



Safeguarding children's health

Work is ongoing to review and update the Unborn/New-born Baby Safeguarding protocol and training will be delivered once this is complete, teenage pregnancies is recognised as being a part of this.

The Bruising in Infants who are not Independently Mobile Protocol continues to be promoted through training and supervision. Learning from incidents where the policy has not been followed have been provided on an individual case basis. Training was due in March 2020 with the CCG, NHS Trust, Children's Social Care and Hampshire Police; however, this was postponed due to COVID-19 but plans are in place to hold this virtually.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

The CAMHS service has created criteria and thresholds on a new referral form to reduce referrals that lack relevant information and ensure young people are referred to the right place and get timely access.

- Average waiting times from referral to CAMHS to assessment have fluctuated slightly across the year from between 5 and 7 weeks
- % of cases with an assessment within the 4-week target has ranged from 29.2% to 68.4% of cases across the year
- Average waiting times from referral to CAMHS to treatment has ranged from 6 to 12 weeks across the year
- % of cases receiving treatment within the 18-week referral to treatment target has ranged from 75 to 100% of cases across the year

The CCG supported a multi-agency review meeting with the NHS Trust to look at services for children and young people with mental health issues and A Safe Haven service has been commissioned by the CCG.

The joint Health sub-group provides an opportunity for discussion across the IOW health economy and the group is chaired by the CCG which ensures that actions are tasked to the appropriate people. Planning and agendas are developed with input from both the Adult and Childrens Boards. Agenda items have varied for example: the suicide prevention/post-vention guidance for schools, the re-launch of the Hoarding Forum, ICON and Every Sleep Counts messages, the 'Was Not Brought' leaflet for health professionals to use with parents when children are not brought to health appointments and the Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) audit.

The Public Health nursing service was re-procured in 2019/20 and the contract awarded to Solent NHS Trust with the new service due to start in November 2020. The procurement requested a single Public Health nursing workforce covering 0-19 years to ensure continuity for families with children both younger and school age, to support transitions and ensure the right support at the right time.

There is a greater emphasis on supporting vulnerable families, e.g. those with safeguarding concerns, through the enhanced health visiting model and more engagement in the Early Help process. Early assessment, beginning in pregnancy, aims to identify families that will potentially become vulnerable without focused interventions. An enhanced digital offer helps families in need.

Specific safeguarding work delivered by the 0-19 Public Health nursing team:

- Every Sleep Counts: Public Health helped develop the campaign, contributing to the development of resources, launch and delivery of training. Safe sleep is routinely addressed through the universal Healthy Child Programme contacts providing additional support and advice to families where indicated
- Unborn/Newborn Baby Safeguarding Protocol: Public health are part of the strategic working group established to undertake the recommendations of the audit and improve communication between services
- ICON: Public health promote ICON routinely as part of the universal Healthy Child Programme contacts providing additional support and advice to families where indicated
- A dedicated team working with the children in settings where they may have more vulnerabilities including YOT, the Island Learning Centre and home education

Young Carers

Children's Social Care commissions the YMCA to support Young Carers. Up to 400 children are supported through opportunities for respite, activities and support. This work is informed by the published [Young Carers Strategy and action plan](#).

Safeguarding children at risk of being in the criminal justice system or those who are victims of crime

The Youth Offending Team (YOT) continue to deliver preventative work to children at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system. This resource has been expanded in the last 12 months. The team also work with children who are subject to out of court and court orders.



All children who are subject to YOT interventions receive a holistic assessment which identifies any safeguarding needs and from this an individual plan is developed to build on strengths and address need. Where relevant, staff work across agencies ensuring all information is obtained and that the required interventions are delivered. In addition to this direct work, the YOT continued to deliver restorative justice to victims and reparation opportunities to children.

IOW YOT obtain feedback from young people, parents/carers and victims throughout their involvement. Including anonymous and independent feedback. In the main this is positive; families know what to expect from YOT and are happy with the service they receive.

A survey sent to parents in March 2020 showed that 100% of them knew that their child's assessment and plan had been reviewed due to COVID-19. This evidences good communication from the service to the families we work with.

During 2019/20 no IOW child have been sentenced to a period in custody.

One area the team are developing is the systematic review of feedback it receives. In the coming year the team will increase the participation of children and families in the development of services.

The Clinical Commissioning Group has supported Primary Care with individual cases in relation to children at risk of entering the criminal justice system, this has included escalation of cases at child in need level that require additional support from services.



Safeguarding children from adult offending behaviours

Public Health are working with Hampshire Constabulary, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and other key stakeholders to develop a Trauma Informed Public Services Strategic Action Plan taking a life course, public health approach. Part of this plan includes the development of a Trauma Informed Workforce Development Group to develop a workforce development plan to embed trauma-informed and restorative practices across public services in HIPS area. Additional workstreams are expected to focus on data sharing, interventions, communications, branding and community engagement. Strong links have been developed with local Violence Reduction Units and serious violence problem profiles, response strategies and programmes.

Community Safety Partnership (CSP)

The Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) is a subgroup of the CSP have funded 4 interventions working with children and young people. There were 105 positive engagements or interventions with children and young people in 2019/20. Recruitment in relation to the VRU Coordinator and one of the commissioned services through the VRU has delayed delivery.



PREVENT

Community Safety manages the Prevent agenda for the IOW Council and coordinates the Channel Panel. Through this intervention, the Partnership reduces the risk of radicalisation and children being drawn into extremist activity through safeguarding. **3 cases were referred in 2019/20.**

Community Support Officer (CSO)

The CSO role provides interventions through engagement in relation to anti-social behaviour cases, several which involved children and families. Enforcement interventions through anti-social behaviour contracts can support with behaviour changes and enable young people to understand the impact their behaviour has on others and themselves. 14 cases involving young people have been managed by the CSO throughout this year.

Trading Standards

Test purchasing activity has been undertaken by trading standards to safeguard and prevent the underage sale of alcohol and other potentially harmful substances.

Licensing

Licensing was involved in the development of the Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) which aims to reduce alcohol harm in local communities with an emphasis on preventing underage drinking. A combination of education, enforcement of Challenge 25 and engagement with the community and local businesses.

Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)

There is a dedicated member from CSC who attends MAPPA and Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) to ensure risks, information and actions are shared with the service and recorded on ICS.

The Public Protection Team on the IOW have exceptionally close links to the police statutory teams who manage offenders and the community policing teams who bring real benefits to the joined-up management of risk.

Work continues to develop a trauma-informed police response that manages the criticality of many of the incidents police are called to, but also understands the impact on the child and is able to articulate the resulting safeguarding risk in a way that influences and informs the right level of support and intervention for that child. The aim is to break the cycle of harm and direct children to trusted friendships that build resilience for the future.



Safeguarding children from the impact of adult substance misuse, mental ill health, domestic abuse or housing issues

Children's Social Care's Resilience Around Families Team (RAFT), is comprised of child and adult mental health professionals, edge of care workers, adult substance misuse workers and community policing. They work alongside the CSC worker to support the family to make effective, positive and sustainable change and support families in mitigating any risks to children from adult mental health, substance misuse of domestic abuse issues.

'When 16 and 17-year olds are at risk of becoming homeless, high quality and effective support is provided to them by RAFT to enable them to remain with their families'. ILACS, Ofsted, November 2018.

CCG Primary Care staff receive PPN1 information from Police in relation to any children linked to domestic incidents. CCG staff attend the Multiagency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and can provide information in relation to risks and safety planning for children and families.

During 2019/20 there were up to 16 children living with their families in Bed and Breakfast accommodation on the IOW, but no child or family were in B&B longer than 6 weeks which is a huge improvement.

A new joint protocol between CSC and Housing Services was put into place earlier this year and updated training has been delivered to social care staff.

The CCG has supported the Local Authority with homelessness/housing issues and plans are in place to look at health's role in supporting vulnerable adults with homelessness using a family approach.

There has been a noticeable increase in paediatric cases for Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) over the past year with age ranges from 3 to 18. Types of work include showering/bathing, specialist WCs, extensions/room conversions, lifts (through-floor, platform, stairlifts), hoists, ramp/path, wheelchair access works, kitchen adaptations, many safety measures, garden access, bedrooms to ensure the safety and well-being of children.

There is a close working relationship with Occupational Therapists and Children's Services, where case conferences take place for every child, and they work collaboratively on any safeguarding issues. Outcomes include home access and safety for essential daily living, improved well-being for child, family and carers, reduced associated costs for care/medical support through preventative work.

Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB)

There is a strong working relationship between the two LSCP and SAB Board Chairs, SAB Coordinator and LSCP Partnership Manager with regular liaison meetings held. Because the IOW is small, there is some shared membership across the SAB and LSCP Boards, and this aids communication and understanding of the adults and children's safeguarding agendas and the commitment to a Family Approach to services on the IOW.

The SAB and LSCP run joint Workforce Development and Health subgroups. This has made joint planning for training, including pooled budgets possible and ensures that both Boards are aware of each other's training priorities and can offer a wider range of inputs to front line staff. Areas of commonality are identified and where possible joint training organised, for example, domestic abuse, Modern Slavery and Honour-Based Violence. The group has developed a common approach to quality assurance of training through observations and a joint annual Learning Needs Analysis process to identify training priorities.

Family Approach Protocol workshops have been successfully delivered to 189 practitioners by the LSCP Partnership Manager and the SAB Coordinator across the IOW and this joint approach valued by attendees. It shows the commitment of Boards to integrate a Family Approach into safeguarding children and adults.





LEARNING AND IMPROVEMENT

Part of the Partnership key aims and objectives with regards to learning and improvement are:

- To build working relationships between partners which support continuous improvement, professional curiosity, constructive challenge and enable partners to hold each other to account
- To be self-reflective, open and committed to learning and improvement
- To embed the learning from local and national safeguarding reviews and local scrutiny and assurance practices to improve the way children are safeguarded
- Listen and respond to children and adult victims/survivors of child abuse to inform how services are delivered

The Partnership strives to achieve this through planned LSCP activity carried out throughout the year in each of the sub-groups. Some of this work was planned and delivered through HIPS wide audits and events whilst some was IOWSCP based work.

Learning from cases

Serious Case Reviews/Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews

LSCBs were required to carry out a Serious Case Review (SCR) where necessary. In the Working Together 2018 guidance for Partnerships, LSCPs are required to carry out Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (LCSPRs) in order to identify improvements to be made to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Understanding not only what happened but also why things happened as they did can help to improve agency responses in the future.

Serious child safeguarding cases are those in which:

- Abuse or neglect of a child is known or suspected and
- The child had died or been seriously harmed

Although there were no Serious Case Reviews or Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews during 2019/20, there was a Joint Learning Event held in April 2019 to look at thematic learning from recent Serious Case Reviews (SCRS), Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) and Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs).

The themes included:

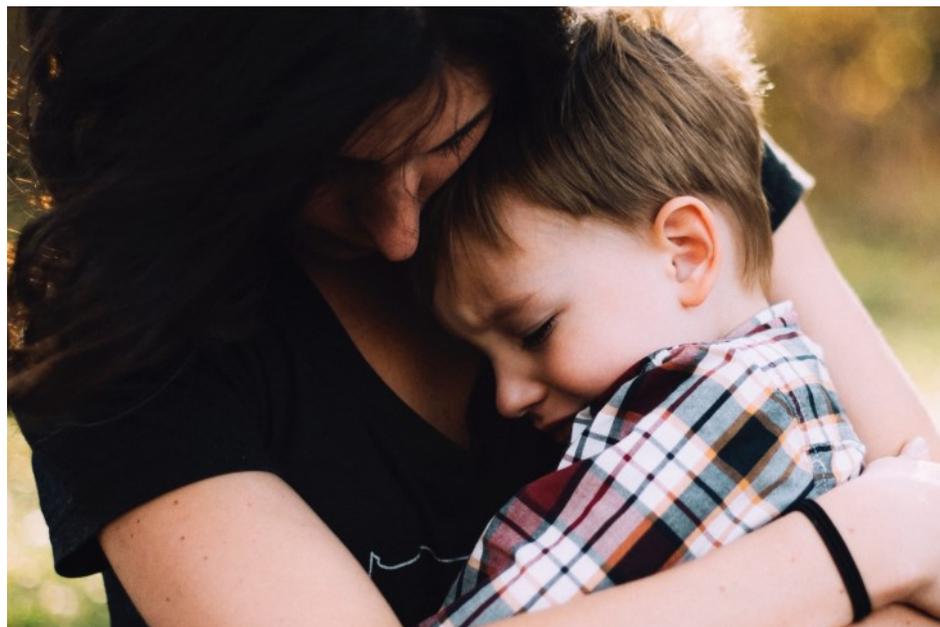
- The needs of the child
- Self-neglect and service refusal
- Domestic abuse
- Using adult safeguarding processes
- Information sharing and GDPR

The event was jointly run by the LSCB, SAB, Community Safety Partnership and Police and was facilitated by an independent consultant. There were inputs from the Youth Trust and the IOW Domestic Abuse Forum during the day.

The event was attended by 55 people from a range of adult and children's services. Feedback collated from the event discussions relating to children, included:

- Strategic level communication has improved, especially the conferences held by the safeguarding boards. The width of the audience invited has improved and includes more people, which really facilitates communication across organisations and allows discussions on subjects and issues in a more helpful way

- Lessons-learnt workshops for SCRs have been positive. They have improved practice and raised awareness of the parent's mental health issues, and how the child should not be seen as a protective factor. Professionals have used examples from these, and even the wording as evidence, to support and challenge colleagues
- The introduction of FIT (Family Intervention Team) workers who work with families where there is a parental mental health or substance misuse issue). Sometimes families are reluctant to receive mainstream services for mental health and/or substance misuse issues, but FIT workers can provide support to families in the home, encourage them to attend support meetings and help them see the benefits of engaging in main stream services
- A lot of work is being undertaken by the Local Authority Housing department on homelessness. Looking at the current issues on the Island and the differences seen once a family has a place to call home



There were a number of learning points for the SCP highlighted by attendees:

- Increase understanding between agencies of their processes, and work together to seek improvements to these by sharing knowledge
- Improved use and knowledge of MASH
- Improve links between children and adult services using a family approach
- Adult service professionals to contact school Family Liaison Officers to ascertain who the workers in CSC is and schools to assist in bringing professionals together for meetings

Regular Safeguarding Leads meetings and are held chaired by Children's Social Care and other agency leads can bring cases forward for discussion where they have any concerns or queries. This is a reflective, solution focussed group and provides an opportunity for learning and practice revision to occur. There are now improved systems for school staff to bring cases to the attention of this group.

Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)

Child deaths are very distressing for all concerned and it is vital that any learning from these deaths is taken forward via the Child Death Overview Panel.

This function was carried out in separate CDOP groups across the HIPS area led by the LSCBs. Under the new partnership arrangements, this is now carried out via a single HIPS CDOP with a small dedicated CDOP team and the function is led by Public Health and the CCG. The HIPS CDOP reports to the HIPS Executive.

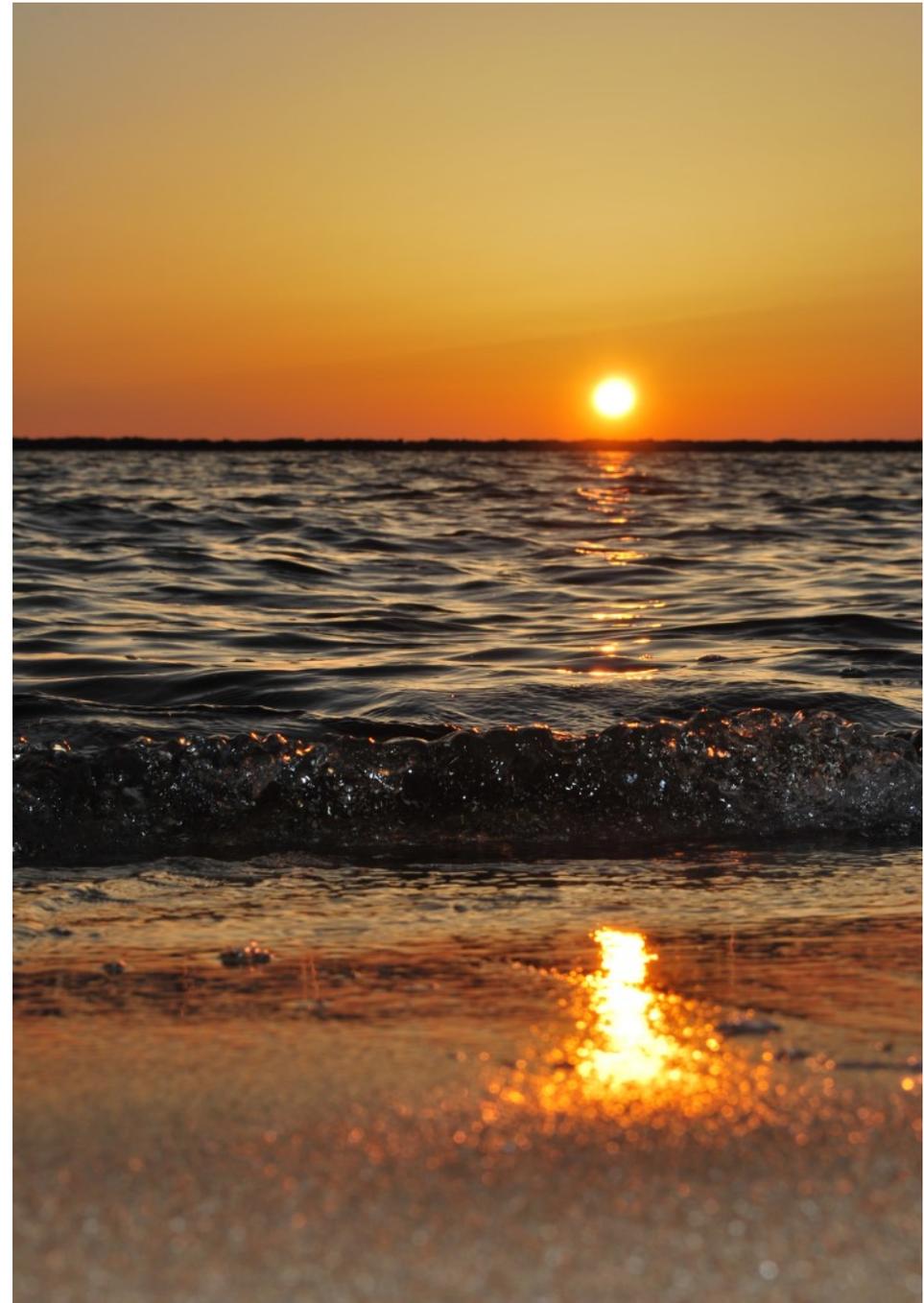
The designated Doctor and a Child Abuse Investigation Team (CAIT) Detective Inspector from Police ran an SCP course on 'What Happens When a Child Dies' which was attended by 18 front line staff and managers and was designed to make them aware of the new processes for dealing with unexpected child deaths.

Attendees reported the following outcomes:

"Better general confidence in myself and my role when faced with aftermath support of families and of emergency department"

"I have more relevant information which is extremely useful in dealing with this difficult aspect of healthcare"

"It will make us more informed as a school"



Multi-Agency Case File Audits

The Partnership uses multi-agency case file audits as a window into current practice, identifying good practice and opportunities for improvement. It is recognised that the sample size of multi-agency audits presents a 'snap-shot' rather than evidence of systemic practice. Therefore, the findings of these audits are considered alongside other single and multi-agency quality assurance activities where themes can be identified.

In 2019/20 4 multi-agency case file audits were carried out by the Performance and Quality Assurance (PQA) sub-group as part of their scrutiny and quality assurance work. Each audit was conducted by a multi-agency panel and practitioners from a range of services that were involved with the cases attended. Audits demonstrated the continued commitment to reflective practice and holding open discussions about the cases, with shared agreement on key strengths and areas for development.

1. MASH Audit

Held 31st July 2019, 12 cases, each referred to CRT MASH in preceding 3-month period, 7 professionals attended, chaired by MASH Manager

Key Strengths

- ↑ In **100% of cases, referral outcomes** were completed and clearly evidenced within timescales
- ↑ In **100% of cases, referral outcomes in MASH** were appropriate and took account of all known information and risk factors
- ↑ In **100% of cases, threshold decisions** were consistent and appropriate
- ↑ In **100% of cases there was evidence of appropriate management oversight** and case supervision and evidence of appropriate management challenge when needed in one case
- ↑ In **most cases partner information sharing was effective** and timely

Key opportunities for improvement to strengthen practice:

- Improve communication with fathers
- Ensure the lived experience and voice of the child was captured
- Ensuring health check requests are made for all cases
Ensuring adult health checks are made where appropriate
- Ensuring that referrer feedback is given

Actions/Outcomes

- Externally commissioned Training on working with Fathers in place for 2020/21
- The voice of the child has been an area of focus and recent Audits have shown this to be an emerging strength in 2020
- The IOW NHS Trust Safeguarding team now has read and write access to CSC records
- Mash staff reminded of the need for prompt referrer feedback

2. JTAI Audit – Children living with Mental Health issues

12th September 2019, 6 cases, 30 professionals attended, audit chaired by CCG

The Joint Targeted Area Inspections (JTAI) looks at safeguarding work in the context of multi-agency partnerships. Ofsted highlight the themes they will be exploring in the next 12 months and Children Living with Mental Ill Health came into focus from summer 2019. The dry run audit provides an opportunity to evidence the strong partnership working already in place on the IOW and to rehearse responses to a JTAI around this theme. The audit provided valuable information on current strengths and areas for development in terms of children's mental ill health.

Key strengths:

- ↑ Multi-agency approach and range of services offered
- ↑ School level interventions were very good
- ↑ Improved GP information and participation
- ↑ Evidence of the child's voice in all agency records
- ↑ Early intervention demonstrating positive impact on the child's well being

Key opportunities for improvement to strengthen practice:

- Clearer definition of roles and responsibilities of LAC School Nurse and School Nurse Team members
- Consideration of fathers and other males in the home to be a priority for all agencies in practice and case records
- Consent sharing, completion and dissemination of health assessments
- Clarity is needed over CAMHS referral and feedback processes
- All agencies to ensure that record keeping is accurate and factual with a focus on differentiating between sign posting and referring a case and logging family members and their relationship to the case i.e. step siblings, half siblings accurately to avoid confusion

Actions/Outcomes

- Public health commissioning process for school nursing service is now complete and clarity over roles is built into the specification
- Consideration of fathers and other males in the home is being monitored via all audits and planned training delivery by a Bristol University professor is in place for 2020
- Refreshed processes in place to ensure effective completion and dissemination of LAC Health assessments and no further issues logged
- CAMHS processes under review as part of wider service transformation nearing completion. Service lead has agreed to deliver workshops sessions to disseminate the new processes once complete and information is being added to the SCP web site as it becomes available
- Agencies reminded in writing about the need to ensure accurate recording within their agencies and this will be monitored via quarterly audits



3. Child Exploitation Audit

Held 19th and 26th November 2019, 10 cases, 38 professionals attended, audit chaired by the Police.

The audit was set up using the June 2016 JTAI thematic guidance for Child Sexual Exploitation and children missing from home, care or education, together with guidance for Joint Targeted Area Inspections on the theme: Child Exploitation May 2019.

Key Strengths:

- ↑ Children and their families engaged and involved in planning and assessments
- ↑ Wide variety of agencies regularly work together to understand and mitigate risk to children at risk of exploitation
- ↑ Robust professional challenge is present to ensure assessment and interventions meet the needs of the child
- ↑ Plans and assessments are realistic, incorporate historical information where appropriate and result in positive outcomes for children

Key opportunities for improvement to strengthen practice:

- Review processes to ensure regular and timely reviews of SERAFs by agencies
- IOW METRAC meeting requires an urgent review

Actions/Outcomes

- METRAC has new chair and vice chair and revised Terms of Reference and there is a focus on ensuring Risks to the child contained in the SERAF are regularly updated and the meetings have a clear direction
- A working group is currently revising the SERAF to include other forms of child exploitation and this will be launched in 2020 with training for front line staff on its completion.
- Agencies are now able to attach SERAFs to the Interagency referral form to provide accurate risk information

4. Prevention and Early intervention Audit

Held 5th and 12th February 2020, 10 cases, 23 professionals attended, audit chaired by CSC.

A staff survey was completed by 153 front line staff prior to the audit days.

Ofsted highlighted the next deep dive themes they would be exploring in JTAIs and guidance for the Prevention and Early Intervention theme is due for release in 2020. This audit theme was previously visited in June 2016.

In most areas there was close correlation between the staff survey and audit responses.

Key Strengths:

- ↑ In 100% of cases, planning objectives were clear, focussed and outlined actions to be taken
- ↑ In 100% of cases , interventions and services offered were appropriate to address the child's needs
- ↑ In 100% of cases there was continued engagement of partners in planned work
- ↑ 100% of cases the child fully engaged in services
- ↑ Referrals were generally clear and timely and relevant history taken account of. This was reflected in the survey results also
- ↑ In 100% of cases the planning objectives were clear and child focused, and 77.2% of survey respondents agreed
- ↑ In 100% of cases the plans were reviewed and updated at regular intervals, as well as risks to children and 83% of survey respondents agreed
- ↑ In 90% of cases there was evidence of regular case supervision and case management
- ↑ There was evidence of professional challenge by agencies involved with cases and proactive work by lead professionals across a range of agencies

Key opportunities for Improvement to strengthen practice:

- Continue to improve and monitor step up and step down processes to ensure they follow the agreed guidelines. This was also a concern in the 2016 Early Help audit
- Provide more early help training for frontline staff
- Consideration of whether a child is a young carer to be embedded in practice so that their needs can be assessed and met

- The child and family should give their views as part of the early help assessment. This was a concern also raised in the 2016 early help audit
- Practitioners should seek family permission to involve all relevant agencies in the assessment process so that key information isn't missed

Actions/Outcomes

- An internal audit tool is being developed by CSC to specifically monitor step up and step-down processes and ensure staff are following agreed processes and staff are sent regular reminders about processes to use.
- Early help training and bespoke sessions in place
- Consideration is now given routinely to whether children are young carers
- EH Coordinator regularly reminding front line staff at Early Help Hub meetings about best practice of involving families and other relevant professionals in EH assessments



Section 11 Safeguarding Audit Activity in 2019/20

Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 places duties on a range of organisations, agencies and individuals to ensure their functions, and any services that they commission are discharged having regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

There was a duty for LSCBs to monitor compliance of all agencies working with children on the IOW with Section 11 of the Children Act. The newly formed SCP is required as stated in Working Together To Safeguard Children 2018 to set out their arrangements which partner and relevant agencies they will be working with to safeguard children and promote their welfare and how they will satisfy themselves that agencies have appropriate and robust safeguarding policies and procedures in place.

There was an arrangement in place across the 4LSB area (Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton) when LSCBs were in place, for joint Section 11 work, and this has been taken across to the new HIPS arrangements as LSCPs. Agencies that work in two or more of the HIPS (Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton) areas, are asked to complete one Section 11 Audit tool.

The process, endorsed by the four HIPS partnerships, reflects a two-year cycle of self-assessment in year 1 followed by monitoring and tracking of action plans year 2. The 2018/19 audit involved completion of the full Section 11 self-assessment and an online staff survey (year 1); therefore, the focus for 2019/20 was to assess impact (year 2).

An optional online staff survey was administered for front line staff to complete.

Agencies were informed that their updated action plan, and the results of the online survey, would be shared with the partnerships' Performance and Quality Assurance group and used to inform future programmes of work. An overview of the results was presented to the Main Board.

The requests for updated Action Plans were sent out in October 2019 and returns received by the end of November 2019. 22 Responses were received from IOW based agencies demonstrating their commitment for continuous improvement.

The Partnership prioritised the programme of peer scrutiny visits and deep-dive audits of front-line practice on the basis of agency returns. Peer scrutiny visits set up for March 2020 to CAMHS and YOT were postponed due to the onset of COVID-19 pandemic and will be completed as soon as possible in the new financial year.



Safeguarding In Education Audit Activity in 2019/20

Under Section 175 and 157 of the Education Act 2002 schools are required to carry out an annual self-assessment audit. DfE guidance "Keeping Children Safe in Education" (KCSIE), requires governing bodies of schools and colleges, proprietors of independent schools (including academies, free schools and alternative provision academies) and management committees of pupil referral units, further education colleges and sixth form colleges to have regard to this guidance to ensure that the policies, procedures and training in their schools or colleges are effective and comply with the law at all times in keeping children safe.

Actions from previous audits were taken forward through the Education sub-group:

- **Safer recruitment - To provide Headteachers with guidance on requesting and providing employment references for staff**
Action: This was an Education Sub-Group agenda items and research about the law around references was done and disseminated
- **Policy templates - To discuss whether a standard template for safeguarding policies, by the IWC, would be beneficial**
Action: A discussion was held, and it was agreed a template adapted from the Hampshire model would be made available from September 2020
- **Whistle blowing policy - Schools to be informed when the IWC policy has been reviewed in order for them to update their website links**
Action: IOW Council policy was reviewed and revised and schools have been informed

- **Improve communication between Education and CSC**

Action: System agreed where by Inclusion Manager will take any school-based case concerns to the Safeguarding Leads meeting. CSC attended Education subgroup to provide updates and feedback and encouraged the use of the escalation policy if they are unhappy about a case.

- **Revise the audit tool to include questions on the Prejudicial Language and Behaviour toolkit and the new RSE curriculum**

Action: Training was provided for all Headteachers on the audit tool and new questions were added for 2020

- **Revise the audit tool to ensure verified exclusion data is provided by the education and exclusion team to fed into the report**

Action: The Inclusion manager will be providing the exclusion data for the 2020 audit as agreed.

- **To ensure that all schools are familiar with using the SERAF and DASH forms where necessary**

Action: Training in the use of DASH forms was available in the LSCP/SAB 2019/20 training programme. The SERAF is currently being revised. Once complete, HIPS wide training will be available in 2020/21 as well as guidance notes.

- **Work to identify schools who self-assess areas of safeguarding as not in place/partly in place, and target SIP support to these schools**

Action: School Improvement Partners (SIPs) were tasked by the Education sub-group chair with following up on their schools where self-assessments had not in place/partly in place.

In spring 2019, 100% of Island schools (55) completed the self-assessment audit tool and the audit report shows that there continues to be positive improvement in safeguarding. An action plan was developed to address the areas for development identified by Schools, and this will be actioned in the coming year and monitored by the Education Subgroup.

The 2020 Safeguarding in Education Audit tool has just been distributed to IOW Schools, but with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, an extended deadline date for completion has been provided.

Areas of self-assessment	2017	2018	2019
Fully in place	85%	88%	93%
Partly in place	11%	9%	7%
Not in place	4%	2%	0%

School self-assessment verification visits

Visits were made by Education sub-group members to 5 schools during summer 2019 as part of a planned programme to verify the evidence supporting school self-assessments. Schools were provided with written feedback from the visits. Members met with a range of staff and children and given brief tours of the school environment. Members were also able to meet with either the Chair of the School Governors or the Safeguarding Governor in the majority of schools visited. Where visits included meeting children, they spoke enthusiastically about how safe they felt in their school and about systems in place for reporting any concerns they may have. They were also very aware of online safety and the school measures in place in school to keep them safe online. They also spoke about the PSHE curriculum and healthy relationships work.

Language School Safeguarding Audit 2019/20

The LSCP uses a bespoke self-assessment tool for Language Schools and this was updated in line with current guidance for 2019.

Two of the four language schools completed self-assessment audits in July 2019, and they demonstrate that actions from the previous year had been followed up on:

- Use of eTracker system for safeguarding students
- Checking identity and DBS certificates for transport staff
- Develop a child friendly antibullying policy

Areas identified for development in 2019 Language School Safeguarding audit:

- Home visits to be made by the agent to potential host families to assess their suitability to host a child (as per p97 KCSIE 2018)
- Follow up with CSC on how international students are registered and monitored under private fostering arrangements
- Write a child-friendly student handbook to provide in advance
- Anticipate necessary safeguarding confirmations whilst working with guardians hoping to send international students on a day basis only
- Review current information provided to parents, staff and volunteers to ensure safeguarding information is robust

The other two language schools were given information about the LSCP website and online training opportunities.

Training

Learning and development opportunities are provided for multi-agency partners to encourage development of confidence, knowledge and skills in the workforce to safeguarding children on the IOW.

The training is offered through a combination of paid outside providers commissioned to provide training and utilisation of staff from within the Partnership who have appropriate training, skills and subject knowledge to delivery training on specific subjects. This can be a valuable piece of professional development for them.

All training is quality assured via planned observations by Workforce Development sub-group (WFD) members using a standardised process and form. Observations made are shared with trainers and they are invited to give their views before these are presented to the WFD subgroup for discussion.

We have an annual learning needs analysis process to assist in identifying priorities for the next programme of learning opportunities. The process takes account of:

- **Results of the Learning Needs Analysis survey** sent out to all agencies to gain their feedback on the current programme and what their staff training needs are going forward
- **Business plan priorities** and how well the staff development plan meets training needs identified as part of this work
- **Outcomes from audits** and any training needs identified
- **Outcomes from Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (LCSPRs)** and any recommendations involving staff training
- **Horizon scanning for new local or national initiatives** or themes where staff development may be required
- **Outcomes from agency inspections** that resonate across the multi-agency workforce



There were 36 SCP training sessions run in 2019/20 and they were attended by a range of multi-agency partners:

Agency	Bookings
Health	36.9%
Schools	25.3%
IWC	17.2%
Police	7.3%
Charity	6.4%
Parents	3.3%
Other	3%
Probation	0.3%
Housing	0.3%

697 people attended SCP training sessions and most courses were full:

Course	Attendance nos.
Working Together to Safeguarding Children	81
Complex Multi-Agency Safeguarding Children	26
Sandstories	32
What Happens When a Child Dies	18
Child Neglect	53
Teenage Sexual Behaviours	53
Family Approach to Parental Substance Misuse, Mental illness and Domestic Abuse	30
Missing, Exploited and Trafficked Children	37
Addiction, substance misuse and legal highs	45
Looked After Children (LAC)	42
Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) information Events	67
Keeping Children Safe Online	44
IOWSCP Annual Conference	169
Total:	697

Multi-agency attendance at joint IOWSCP and IOWSAB courses during 2019/20:

Course	Attendance nos.
SCRs, SARs and DHRs	55
Family Approach Protocol	189
DASH	132
Total:	376

Feedback received and what has been learnt:

Child Neglect: “Always remember to assess my own prejudice before making judgements”

Teenage Sexual Behaviours: “Make sure I have confidence to ask questions when I am unsure of situations”

Family Approach Protocol: “Be more aware of risk and vulnerability factors and share with the team”

Working Together to Safeguard Children: “This will heighten my level of suspicion for children at risk”

Complex Multi-Agency Safeguarding: “Excellent course with a good mix of professionals enabling a better understanding of policies and procedures used by others”

In November 2019 the SCP funded two Alter Ego theatre group plays and workshops for schools. One for primary schools titled ‘In the Net’ which dealt with the theme of online safety and one for secondary schools called ‘Crashing’ which dealt with exploitation of boys. Both were well received by schools, with performances delivered to 25 primary schools, 7 secondary schools/colleges and 2 special schools. Evaluations showed that the workshops increased children's knowledge and understanding of these important themes.



SCP Annual Conference 2019 “Safeguarding children on the Isle of Wight”

The SCP Annual Conference took place at the Cowes Yacht Haven on 16th October 2019 with **169 attendees** from a range of agencies.

Agency	No. attended	% of attendance
Health	55	32.5%
Schools	48	28.4%
IWC	36	21.3%
Charity	21	12.4%
Other	5	3%
Police	2	1.2%
Probation	1	0.6%
Housing	1	0.6%

We were pleased to have had more children involved with the conference this year. One student from Christ the King College co-compared with the Chair of the partnership and she did so very competently.

The day included:

Session 1 - Where are we now?

With presentations from Childrens Services, Police and NHS Trust

Session 2 – What’s new?

With presentations on the Family Approach by the LSCP Partnership Manager, YOU Trust, Inclusion IOW and a presentation on ICON by CCG staff.

Session 3 - What do you need from us?

With presentations from the Youth Council, Christ the King anti-bullying ambassador students, various Island schools on their anti-bullying work, and a celebration of this work with anti-bullying awards presented by the School Improvement Manager and Red Funnel Ferries Risk and Compliance Manager.

There was more participatory activity in the conference for 2019 at the request of attendees at the 2018 annual conference and this began with a group activity to discuss what was going well and what needed to improve in safeguarding on the IOW.

What is going well:

- ✓ Communication and partnership working - 16 tables
- ✓ Provision on IOW – 14
- ✓ CRT/ MASH / Children Social Care – 10
- ✓ Workforce Development and Training – 9
- ✓ Voice of the child – 8
- ✓ Awareness Raising – 5
- ✓ Meetings – 3
- ✓ Professional challenge - 3

What we need to improve:

- ↻ Range of provision on the IOW – 23 tables
- ↻ CRT/MASH/ Children's Social Care 11
- ↻ Communication and partnership working - 8
- ↻ Awareness - 7
- ↻ Workforce development/training - 6
- ↻ Voice of the child - 4
- ↻ Meetings - 3
- ↻ Professional challenge - 3

There was a consultation on the Family Approach Protocol to test levels of understanding, use of the protocol and toolkit and the training offered. 122 consultation documents were completed by attendees. A full report on the consultation was written and taken to the Board to inform next steps and further Family Approach workshops took place after the conference.

Children from the Youth Council and Pupils from Christ the King College presented on what makes them feel safe or unsafe on the IOW and this was then taken into tabletop group discussions.

There was a discussion around what services are already available to support children on the IOW to keep them safe and this prompted a lot of helpful information sharing about services and provided a networking opportunity too.

Outcomes:

- 98.5% of attendees strongly agreed or agreed that the conference met its stated learning outcomes
- 98.9% of attendees strongly agreed or agreed that they understood how to apply what they had learnt to their day-to-day job
- 96.6% of attendees strongly agreed or agreed that the style of delivery enhanced their experience of the event
- 100% of attendees said the table-top discussions were helpful
- 100% said the networking opportunities were helpful
- 89% of attendees said the conference will change how they work
- 94% of attendees said the conference was excellent or good overall.



Learning within Partner and Relevant Agencies

Children's Social Care

Children's Social Care (CSC) staff, volunteers and commissioned services all attend LSCP training. This ensures consistency of approaches across and between different agencies. The training is invaluable for new and newly-qualified social workers and is part of their induction increasing their local professional networks.

Lite bites, reviews of individual cases and Safeguarding Leads tabletop reviews are undertaken regularly. Learning has helped to shape and inform transformation the CSC Transformation programme and further development of METRAC.

CSC continues on its journey from a Good rating to aspiring to be an Ofsted rated Outstanding Local Authority. All improvements are covered by the Quality Improvement Plan (QuIP) which is generated by the Quality Matters: Quality Assurance Framework. The framework sets out the system and processes by which windows into social work practice reveal the quality of practice and provides management oversight on performance. Improvements have continued across all areas and have been consistent and sustained.

Performance is reported through the Performance Action Group (PAG) and the Hampshire County PAG. The analysis of case file audits, observations of practice and service user feedback inform the Quality Assurance Group (QAG) quarterly report. Actions and recommendations from PAG and QAG are incorporated into the QuIP.

Police

The force has a specific Case Review team with dedicated trained reviewers that link across the range of products and mechanisms both locally and nationally. This team then maintain records of relevant reviews, learning and areas for action, holding the relevant strand of policing to account for implementing the necessary change in order to manage the safeguarding risk identified.

Engagement, information capture and sharing / articulating the safeguarding risk has been identified through reviews and subject to development plans as set out in the above sections.

Development of staff to understand and report the impact of trauma to inform future planning remains a key priority for the whole of policing.

Clinical Commissioning Group

All learning reviews have been attended by the CCG, alongside the Trust. The learning has been shared directly with Primary Care and they have contributed to individual cases.

Embedding learning could be stronger in Primary Care and once the named GP is in post this can be progressed, however Primary care has supported learning through contributing to LSCP audits and making recommendations. The CCG supported the joint learning event for SARS, SCRS, DHRS and learning from this has steered future developments.

The CCG have good links with the IOW NHS Trust, Public Health and Children's Social Care in promoting communication and information sharing.

There has been a notable increase in Primary Care escalating safeguarding concerns and seeking further support from the CCG to do this. This has been most significant in a number of family approach cases leading to better input from adult services in safeguarding children's meetings.

There remain a number of different systems in health care which increases the complexity of communications. Primary Care does not always receive information regarding children at 'child in need' level or 'early help' and the CCG is working with Children's Services to rectify this, and filling the vacancy of the Named GP will assist in resolving this.

NHS Trust

The Safeguarding Children team attend all LSCP audits and support front line staff in the completion of audit tool information and attendance of the audits. There have been several actions from the audits that have formed the safeguarding work this year:

- There is now have a fully electronic system for the antenatal case files for vulnerable women. This system is now accessible at any time and from any base, which has greatly improved information sharing and documentation. Our midwifery team now all have phones to be able to access their emails whilst off site, which has also improved communication and the ability to document contemporaneously.
- The title of the Antenatal Safeguarding Notification forms has changed,

which has stopped any confusion regarding referrals to MASH. Previously the forms were referred to as 'Safeguarding Referral Forms' which they are not. These forms are a notification to the safeguarding team, and this is now clearer for all professionals.

- Closer working with Children's Social Care has improved the system of sharing health information with MASH. The plan is for the NHS Trust Children's Safeguarding team to record our health information directly onto the ICS system rather than using email. This will speed up processes and be more efficient.
- There is more work to be completed on how the Trust involve fathers and adults involved in children's lives and to ensure that fathers/ stepfathers are recorded on all child records and correctly associated with the children. An audit for this was planned but postponed due to COVID-19. But this will need to be considered in the work plan for 2020/21.

It was noted at the JTAI audit (page 46) that there was greater clarity needed of the School Nurse role with Children In Care (CIC). It was strongly felt that these children should have access to the universal offer as well as the specialist service that the CIC nurses provide. Public Health are due to table a report into the roles and responsibilities of this team for the Board, which should help improve services for this vulnerable cohort of children.

Over 230 NHS staff attended courses and workshops put on by the LSCP through 2019/20 and 45 NHS staff attended the SCP Annual Conference.

17 NHS staff attended a reflective learning event and fed back that they found the session beneficial, it gave them a safe place to critique their practice and have a better understanding of other professionals' roles and responsibilities. The trust has embraced all the learning from this event including:

- **Ensuring that all front-line staff are clear about how to share information out of hours**
- **Promoted the use of Discharge Planning Meetings, Professional Meetings and the process for escalating professional concerns**
- **The Trust plan to support the LSCP in delivering some workshops on engaging better with absent fathers/fathers or other males involved in a child's life**
- **Embraced the ICON project to support parents with how to cope with crying babies.**

- **Reviewed and made more succinct the Parenting Diaries used on SCBU and Maternity, and ensured that if concerns are raised regarding parenting/handling of the baby, staff members have a clear action to inform the safeguarding team and their manager**

Youth Offending Team (YOT)

YOT continue to contribute to audit activity run by the partnership and seek to take the learning forward. YOT managers attend both the Learning Inquiry Group and the Workforce Development subgroup.

YOT attendance on training depends on the current needs of the team, with an established workforce many staff completed the training prior to the last 12 months.

Selected YOT staff attended the SCP Annual Conference. IOW YOT staff and volunteers have continued to benefit from the 'Keeping Children Safe Online' training.

100% of YOT staff have completed safeguarding training within the past 2 years.

During the coming year we will continue to promote and attend training which is relevant to our cohort.



Special Schools

SCP training outlined has been accessed across a small number of senior leaders in the schools and cascaded to staff so that they are confident to identify need and pass on the relevant information to partners.

Staff continue to make appropriate and timely referrals to support agencies.

The impact of training has been seen in the holistic approach to a young person and their family's needs across partner agencies who work together effectively.

Regulatory Services

Attendance at SCP Annual Conference provided colleagues new in post with an understanding on how the partnership functions, its priorities and areas of work.

The joint learning event looking at SCRs SARs and DHRs resulted in the team implementing learning by understanding the ongoing need to ensure that domestic violence and abuse remains a priority for professionals by undertaking an annual programme of campaigns to promote awareness of the issue within the Island community.

Childrens Services held a conference for over 100 professionals (January 2020) on 'missed opportunities' when thinking about domestic violence and abuse.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

A large percentage of CAMHS and Mental Health and Learning Disability (MH&LD) staff are trained at Level 3 in safeguarding.

The Team leader of CAMHS led an internal learning workshop to cascade learning about a case that was brought to the Learning Inquiry Group (LIG).

Compliance rates for safeguarding children training within MH&LD division has improved in the year. Compliance rates are now routinely monitored through the Trust governance processes.

2020	Required	Achieved	
Safeguarding Children Level 1	383	368	96%
Safeguarding Children Level 2	306	261	85%
Safeguarding Children Level 3	204	138	68%

Outcomes from training:

- The risk assessment tool used within the Single Point of Access team has been amended to ensure that any safeguarding referrals required are identified and acted on at first contact.
- One of the new Community Mental Health Team Leaders now has responsibility for ensuring the family approach is embedded within the team. The post holder previously facilitated Think Family sessions within the Local Authority.
- With a focus on enhancing values-based recruitment, all interview packs within MH&LD now contain prompts to discuss with interviewees how their practice is underpinned by the family approach.
- A risk assessment audit undertaken in January 2020 within the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) service evidenced improved practice in the recording of parenting responsibilities.





COMMUNICATION

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and part of the Partnership functions is to:

- Facilitate communication between all the Safeguarding Partners and Relevant Agencies, strengthening working relationships between organisations
- Link with other strategic partnerships including the Health and Wellbeing Board, Adult Safeguarding Board, Local Family Justice Board, Strategic MAPPA Board, Corporate Parenting Board and Community Safety Partnership.

The sub-groups have as part of their terms of reference, the need to discuss and disseminate learning from audits and cases and ensure actions are completed, reviewed and monitored for impact.

Communication

Website — www.iowscp.org.uk

The IOWSCP [website](http://www.iowscp.org.uk) provides information, training, resources and guidance suitable for practitioners, parents/carers and children and links to the HIPS Policies and Procedures manual. COVID-19 related information has also been added. The website was redesigned in June 2019 and is now compatible with phones and tablets. There has been a 45% rise in page views year on year and during 2019/20 there were 30,037 page views and 9,147 users. The most visited pages were Training, Practitioners, Protocols & Policies and Resources.

Newsletter

The Partnership Team produce a quarterly newsletter and this is available on the website.

Twitter @IOWSCP

The SCP uses Twitter to send safeguarding messages to a wide audience and during 2019/20 tweets were sent on a range of topics including CSE, Every Sleep Counts, ICON, water safety, domestic abuse, training, mental health, anti-bullying, exploitation, online safety, County Lines, Private Fostering. There has been a 10% increase in followers from 2018/19 which now stands at 799. 75,783 impressions were gained across the year. The SCP Annual Conference 'Safeguarding Children on the Isle of Wight' held in October 2019, received the most impressions, with 54 engagements received on the day's top tweet. The Partnership Team is developing a more planned approach to social media use in the coming year.

Presentations & Briefings

The Partnership Manager presented at the DSL conference July 2019, key information included:

- The new Partnership arrangements
- Key business plan themes for 2019/20
- Audit processes including case file audit themes for the year
- Training opportunities
- Website update
- Key communication opportunities between the LSCP and schools

Independent Chair visits

The Chair of the Board has undertaken visits to a range of IOW Partners/Relevant Agencies during 2019/20. Some visits are made as part of planned update meetings and others provide an opportunity for services to meet the Chair or for the Chair to raise key safeguarding questions.

In 2019/20 the Chair made the following visits:

Quarter 1

- Early Intervention in Psychosis (EIP) service
- SEND/Educated Other Than At School Service/ Post 16 Commissioning & Funding, 14-19 Education) Managers
- Elective Home Education Monitoring Officer

Quarter 2

- The YOU Trust
- Mental Health and Learning Disabilities
- Director of Adult Social Care, IWC

Quarter 3

- IOW Young Carers Group
- Named Doctor for Looked After Children (LAC)
- New Primary School Board representative
- The Priory School

Quarter 4

- IOW Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Head of Strategy and Operations, CSC
- Designated Doctor for Safeguarding
- Hampshire Police



PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES FOR 2020/21

The IOWSCP Business Plan has been agreed with the Safeguarding Partners and is in two parts:

Part A long-term strategic objectives spanning the period 2020-2023. These objectives cover complex areas of children's safeguarding which require a deeper collective understanding to inform a targeted and coordinated partnership response to achieve real impact on the lives of children and young people living on the Isle of Wight. These objectives have been identified from themes arising from the Partnership's existing scrutiny and quality assurance programmes, as well as findings from local and national learning reviews. The strategic objectives will remain the same for the three-year period of the plan but the activities that sit underneath them will be reviewed and refreshed annually during that period.

Part B several shorter-term activities, typically covering a reporting year. These have also been identified from the Partnership's existing scrutiny and learning review programmes and support the Partnership's statutory functions. This part of the Business Plan will be refreshed annually with new activities identified when appropriate.

Strategic Objectives and Activities

The structure of the business plan will allow the Board to focus on key strategic areas of partnership activity but also remain flexible to respond to emerging needs and refine existing programmes of activity in line with feedback received from children, their families and professionals. To support the delivery of the business plan more detailed work plans, aligned to the Board's priorities, will be developed for each sub and working group.

Part A Strategic Objectives 2020-2023:

- Safeguarding Adolescents
- Understanding and reducing the number of IOW Children who become looked after
- Responding to neglect

Part B Strategic Activities 2020-2021:

- Evaluate the impact of IOWSCP initiatives and programmes including: Family Approach Protocol, ICON, Every Sleep Counts, Launch of Lurking trolls
- Improved and effective dissemination and communication channels cross IOWSCP Safeguarding Partners and Relevant Agencies including: Review Learning and Improvement Framework, produce communications strategy, communications plans for core initiatives and key information dissemination
- Participate in HIPS wide Dare to Share project
- Effective safeguarding of unborn and new-born babies





BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The IOWSCP Board meets quarterly and has a wide multi-agency membership with the Safeguarding Partners having more than one representative.

Partnership Board membership is listed as per 31st March 2020. Previous members who were part of either the IOWSCB or IOWSCP but left during the year are listed separately.

Attendance data for board meetings includes both LSCB and LSCP meetings from April 2019 - March 2020.

Board membership and attendance

Organisation attendance at Board meetings:

Organisation	Attendance
Adult Social Care, Isle of Wight Council	50%
Anglican Diocese	100%
IOW Council Cabinet Member	75%
Children's Services, Isle of Wight Council	100%
Community Rehabilitation Company	25%
Education, Isle of Wight Council	75%
Hampshire Constabulary	100%
Independent Chair	100%
IOW Clinical Commissioning Group	100%
IOW Fire & Rescue Service	0%
IOW NHS Trust	75%
IOW Safeguarding Adults Board	50%
Learning and Development, Isle of Wight Council	50%
NHS England	0%
National Probation Service	50%
Primary School representative	50% of 50%
Public Health, Isle of Wight Council	100%
Regulatory Services, Isle of Wight Council	100%
Secondary School representative	50%
Special School representative	75%
Voluntary Sector Forum representative	50%
Youth Offending Team	100%

Board members as of 31st March 2020:

Mark Howe	Adult Social Care, Isle of Wight Council
Ian Berry	Anglican Diocese
Paul Brading	IOW Council Cabinet Member
Stuart Ashley	Children's Services, Isle of Wight Council
Steve Crocker	Children's Services, Isle of Wight Council
Kathy Marriott	Children's Services, Isle of Wight Council
Barbara Swyer	Community Rehabilitation Company
Natalie Smith	Education, Isle of Wight Council
Sarah Jackson	Hampshire Constabulary
Darren Rawlings	Hampshire Constabulary
Derek Benson	IOWSCP Independent Chair
Louise Spencer	IOW Clinical Commissioning Group
Julia Barton	IOW Clinical Commissioning Group
Emma Blake	IOW Clinical Commissioning Group
Mandy Tyson	IOW Clinical Commissioning Group
Tracey Webb	IOW Fire & Rescue Service
Alice Webster	IOW NHS Trust
Emma Coleman	IOW Safeguarding Adults Board
Sarah Teague	Learning and Development, Isle of Wight Council
Nicky Priest	NHS England
Sarah Beattie	National Probation Service
Sophie Butt	Strategic Partnerships Manager HSCP & IOWSCP
Jane Leigh	Partnership Manager IOWSCP
Maggie Sanderson	Primary School representative
Simon Bryant	Public Health, Isle of Wight Council
Amanda Gregory	Regulatory Services, Isle of Wight Council
Matthew Parr-Burman	Secondary School representative
Sue Holman	Special School representative
Rachel McKernan	Voluntary Sector Forum representative
Nikki Shave	Youth Offending Team

Previous Board Members during 2018/19:

Craig Dibden	Hampshire Constabulary
Nick Plummer	Hampshire Constabulary
Carol Tozer	Adult Social Care