



## Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership 2021/22 Yearly Report

<b>Agenda Item</b>	
<b>Meeting</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2022

**1 Introduction**

The Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children's Partnership (IOWSCP) Yearly Report provides an assessment of the effectiveness of agencies across the Isle of Wight in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, set against a comprehensive analysis of the local safeguarding context in line with responsibilities under Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018. It covers the reporting period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note that safeguarding and well-being of children on the Island have remained at the forefront of IOWSCP work, with a continued commitment to protecting children demonstrated across the partnership during the COVID –19 pandemic.

IOWSCP agencies and their workforces continue to make positive progress in many areas of child protection. This includes maintaining robust and integrated front-line services in conjunction with the IW Council Children's Services partnership with Hampshire.

The Yearly Report reflects the IOWSCP vision and partnership approach with:

- Child-focussed leadership which is effective and ambitious across the partnership
- Agencies that understand their roles and actively engage in multi-agency safeguarding arrangements
- An environment in which multi-agency practice can flourish
- Effective information sharing systems which professionals are confident and knowledgeable about
- Strong support and healthy challenge within the multi-agency system
- Creating a culture of continuous improvement and learning

Our priorities for 2022/23 are outlined in the Yearly Report.

**2 Relevant information**

The Business Plan outlined the agreed priorities for the IOWSCP during 2021/22. The Business plan priorities were:

- Part A** of the IOWSCP Business Plan contains **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.
- Part B** of the IOWSCP Business Plan contains 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 IOWSCP's statutory functions.

The IOWSCP has key principles and values running through all Business Plan 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 and their families.
- **Safeguarding children is everyone's business.** Safeguarding is only effectively delivered by strong, effective, pro-active, and collaborative partnership working across Safeguarding Partners and all Relevant Agencies.
- **Learning** from reviews and scrutiny and assurance activity is quickly identified and implemented in partnership working.
- **Enabling high quality safeguarding practice.** We will promote awareness, effectively coordinate, improve knowledge and work in a way that is characterised by an attitude of continuous improvement and constructive professional challenge.



- **Fostering a culture of openness and transparency.** We will enable IOWSCP partners to work openly together, to learn from collective and individual experience, and to seek and receive assurance on the overall effectiveness of work to safeguard and protect children on the Isle of Wight.

### **Progress made on the 2021/22 Business Plan Priorities**

#### **Part A – Long term strategic objectives**

##### **Priority - Safeguarding Adolescents**

###### Actions Taken:

- ✓ The Safeguarding Adolescents Strategy was published
- ✓ A toolkit for professionals was developed
- ✓ Materials launched in December 2021 and the event attended by staff from across a range of agencies
- ✓ The HIPS SCPs inputted in the 4LSAB work to develop a Transitions Policy for young people with possible care and support needs as they transition into adulthood
- ✓ A training offer was developed and is due for delivery in June 2022 and October 2022

###### Areas for further development in 2022/23:

- Roll out the safeguarding adolescents training offer planned for June and October 2022
- 'Safeguarding Adolescents - What Works' will be the IOWSCP Annual Conference theme for September 2022 to celebrate the excellent work with adolescents already in place across the Island. Planning for this event is underway
- Work to develop toolkit materials for children, parents and carers began in 2021/22 and this work will be completed in 2022/23
- A Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) dry run case file audit will take place in 2022/23 and examine how the strategy is impacting on practice, with a particular focus on CSE and CCE

##### **Priority - Responding to Neglect**

###### Actions Taken:

- ✓ The Task and Finish group reviewed the outcomes of the previous Strategy evaluation
- ✓ The Strategy content was updated including links to resources
- ✓ The HSCP/IOWSCP training offer on neglect was reviewed and extended to ensure it includes how to deal with neglect and encourages case discussion and reflection
- ✓ Additional case studies were added to the toolkit
- ✓ Materials were provided to support agency training for Safeguarding Partners and Relevant Agencies

###### Areas for further development in 2022/23

- Re-establish the joint HSCP and IOWSCP neglect task and finish group annually in order to evaluate and measure the impact of the Neglect Strategy, toolkit, and training offer.
- Consider gaps and opportunities to promote best practice in multi-agency working to understand and respond to neglect

##### **Priority – Protecting children from sexual abuse**

###### Actions Taken:

- ✓ Consultation and research undertaken to establish key objectives for the strategy and to identify multi-agency professional development and guidance
- ✓ A HIPS CSA Strategy drafted to include the identification, intervention, and prevention of child sexual abuse appropriate for public and professional audiences
- ✓ Agreement for the HIPS CSA strategy to be piloted in Southampton in September 2022 prior to a HIPS wide launch in January 2023, which is in development

###### Areas for further development in 2022/23

- Final Child Sexual Abuse Strategy to be published and launched across HIPS in January 2023
- Development and delivery of layered multi-agency training and awareness raising on CSA
- Development of tools specifically to help children speak to trusted people about sexual abuse



## Part B – Short Term Activities

### Priority - ICON

#### Actions Taken:

- ✓ Continued embedding into practice the ICON programme
- ✓ Revised Unborn Baby Safeguarding Protocol launched in March 2021
- ✓ Safeguarding Infants training rolled out and included inputs on ICON (see page 37)
- ✓ ICON is part of the IOW NHS Trust antenatal discussions for all pregnant mothers. It also forms part of the postnatal discharge discussion prior to leaving hospital and parents are provided with a fridge magnet as an aide memoir of the ICON message. ICON posters are displayed in the maternity unit and community clinics as well as in the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) unit

#### Areas for further development in 2022/23

- The case file audit regarding safeguarding unborn and new-born babies planned for 2021/22 was postponed due to staffing capacity issues in midwifery during the pandemic, but planning is in place for the audit to be carried out later in 2022

### Priority – Every Sleep Counts

#### Actions Taken:

- ✓ Every Sleep Counts materials have been rolled out and embedded across the IOW
- ✓ A Safeguarding Infants course for professionals was developed and includes a safer sleep element. This was updated in the light of the National Panel Review “Out of Routine”
- ✓ Safer sleep messaging to families was reviewed

#### Areas for further development in 2022/23

- Continue to promote safe sleep messaging

### Priority – Lurking Trolls

#### Actions Taken by a range of IOW Schools:

- ✓ Information and leaflets were sent home to families to support them in keeping their children safe online and to encourage meaningful conversations
- ✓ The Computing Lead dressed up in the troll costume to raise the profile of the campaign, and it was launched with all classes with resources being used across the school and shared with teachers and parents.
- ✓ A special school used the Lurking Trolls materials in assemblies and incorporated it into the ICT and PSHE curriculum
- ✓ The materials were used as part of PSHE Keeping Safe Online. The book was used across classes in year 4 over two days and they used the website to support understanding in lessons
- ✓ The audio books were used as part of school and class assemblies, and the books were shared with the children and adaptations made for Key Stage 2 (KS2) to ensure it fitted with school planning

#### Areas for further development in 2022/23

- An evaluation survey to be sent to schools in autumn 2022 to gain a fuller picture of how the materials are being used and what impact they are having on keeping children safe online

### Priority – Improved dissemination and communication

#### Actions Taken:

- ✓ A Communications Strategy was developed
- ✓ Comms Plans were used both for the Lurking Trolls campaign and publication process for LCSPRs
- ✓ Agencies encouraged to incorporate learning into messaging and policy
- ✓ An Information Sharing Agreement was signed off at the Partnership Board in March

#### Areas for further development in 2022/23

- Statements of assurance to be requested from Partnership Agencies regarding how learning is used in messaging and policy in their agency



### Priority – Evaluating Impact

#### Actions Taken:

- ✓ An eLearning package has been drafted and will be finalised once the review is complete
- ✓ Input on taking a Family Approach has been embedded in all LSCP workforce development opportunities

#### Areas for further development in 2022/23

- HSCP are leading work to review and update the Family Approach Protocol
- Evaluate the impact of the Family Approach Protocol
- IOWSCP/SAB to complete the development of eLearning units

### Priority – Effective safeguarding of unborn and newborn babies

#### Actions Taken:

- ✓ The Unborn Baby Safeguarding Protocol and Toolkit was fully updated and re-launched in March 2021 in front of 400 multi-agency professionals
- ✓ Safeguarding Infants training was developed and delivered and will be offered again in 2022/23 (see page 37)
- ✓ The CCG undertook a full re-audit following implementation of the revised protocol and toolkit in Autumn 2021. 10 cases were selected from a long list provided by 5 NHS Trusts across the HIPS area looking at midwifery and health visiting practice. A midwifery audit of a further 40 records and a multi-agency staff survey was also undertaken
- ✓ The IOWSCP multi-agency case file audit, looking at unborn and new-born baby cases, was rolled over to the 2022/23 audit programme due to the impact of the pandemic, but both the audit tool and terms of reference were developed and approved

#### Areas for further development in 2022/23

- Consideration of the report from the health-based audits and multi-agency survey findings will be taken to the PQA Group. Recommendations will be taken forward
- A Southampton SCP multi-agency case file audit examining unborn and new-born baby cases, will take place in planned for Q4 2022/23

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