



Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Children Board NEWSLETTER

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Key messages from TWSCB

Don't forget we have moved offices

Please note our new contact details:

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- Main telephone number (01952 382070),
- Training numbers (01952 385673 for Claire Hughes and 385651 for Emma Boddison), and
- Email addresses will remain the same:
lscb@telford.gov.uk and
T&WSCBTraining@telford.gov.uk.

Please note that if you need to contact the Conferencing and Reviewing Unit please telephone 01952 385698 and they will be able to assist.

Have you seen the Professionally Curious Poster?

This poster shares the learning from the discretionary serious case review into the death of Georgia Williams and outlines what you should be doing differently. If you haven't seen a copy please contact your safeguarding lead or the lscb@telford.gov.uk to obtain a copy.

National Review of LSCBs

In June 2016 Alan Wood published his [National Review of LSCBs](#). In summary the review concluded that:

- A fundamental reform of arrangements for LSCBs is needed
- New arrangements should require health, local authorities and police to make clear leadership responsibility for multi-agency arrangements.
- Promote innovation, and deliver efficiency in the design of local arrangements.
- New national learning framework is needed to replace current Serious Case Review
- Child deaths should be reviewed over a population size that gives sufficient number of deaths to be analysed for patterns, themes and trends of death.

The TWSCB have published a short [briefing note](#) on the changes and government response. We are now awaiting further guidance from the government on what aspects of the recommendations they will be accepting and what changes to legislation and to establish what local changes needed to occur. Watch this space for further information.

Establishing Safeguarding Boards for Children

There are now almost 30 schools who are in the process of establishing a safeguarding board for their young people. This includes primary and secondary schools; with more secondary schools likely to request support during the summer term. The boards are all very different and represent the ethos and values of the school; however they all have one thing in common, a total commitment to keeping their pupils and students safe and enabling young people to keep each other safe from all types of abuse including grooming and child sexual exploitation.

There is a network for all the schools with safeguarding boards. This is an opportunity for schools to share their good practice and learn from one another. At the most recent meeting Councillor Paul Watling, Clive Jones, Jim Collins and Andrew Mason joined the schools who attended. The session was used to give the background as to why a safeguarding board should be established; linked to KCSIE 2015, Children Act 1989, Equality Act 2010, Working Together 2015, Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural aspects of learning and Ofsted judgements. The next network meeting will be held in October 2016.

If any schools are interested in establishing a safeguarding board; please contact Sian Deane - sian.deane@taw.org.uk.

Board Member Profile:

Chay Davis

Headteacher for Ercall Wood Technology College

As Head I have strategic lead for school development including, behaviour, safety, welfare, quality of teaching and learning, leadership and management, finance and student outcomes. I originally studied for a degree in Biology. After working abroad for two years I completed a PGCE in Science and loved it. Many years later, while working as an Assistant Head Teacher, I completed a NPQH to allow me to be a Head. I have been Head for almost 7 years.



I represent Secondary Schools on the TWSCB and Chair the Secondary Heads' Group. I keep the group updated on developments and information from the board to help schools maintain best practice when it comes to safeguarding matters.

Key Thematic Updates

Review of Multiagency working against Child Sexual Exploitation

In May 2016 the Telford & Wrekin Council's Children & Young People's Scrutiny Committee published its Review of Multi-agency working against CSE. The review concluded that organisations in Telford and Wrekin are working well to respond to known cases of CSE. The report also identified a series of recommendations against improvement themes:

- understanding the scale of CSE to keep young people safe;
- Raising awareness to prevent CSE in educational establishments, agencies, and communities, and if identified, refer appropriately to Family Connect and the Police;
- Mapping the multi-agency support which is available for young people and victims as they journey through the CSE Pathway.
- Organisational awareness of risk to staff by CSE perpetrators.

The TWSCB and individual agencies have welcomed the CYP Scrutiny Committee's recommendations which provide valuable ideas and advice to develop the multi-agency response to CSE.

Work is already progressing in many areas including for example:

- Utilising CSE data and intelligence to target perpetrators has led to effective disruptions of behaviours associated with CSE
- Raising awareness of CSE has resulted in taxi drivers attending Driver Awareness Training
- Reviews of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and Sexual Health Services have been carried out and access to support for CSE victims and their families will be improved as a result
- The CSE care pathway has been reviewed and improved
- Supervision for professionals working with children abused through exploitation is now the same quality as social workers received due to the complexity of the work and emotional impact this type of work has on individuals and the team as a whole .

The TWSCB will be responsible for monitoring the recommendations and ensuring progress is made in a timely manner through the Child Exploitation Thematic Sub-group.

Neglect practice tool launches...

GCP2

TWSCB Neglect thematic sub-group identified the Graded Care Profile as a practice tool which could aid and improve practice in relation to early identification of Neglect, and enrich the assessment process which will inform TAC/TAF and Core Group plans where neglect features in a Child's life.

The Graded Care Profile (GCP):

- Gives an objective framework for making timely assessment of both the scale and type of neglect
- Assists families and professionals to understand what changes are needed
- Provides clarity and consistency on the nature of evidence for decisions in cases of neglect
- Allows a baseline measurement to be made against which subsequent improvement or deterioration can be judged
- Acts as a change enabler for families.

Working in partnership with the NSPCC we are rolling out the GCP2 as a tool for all practitioners who work with children, young people and their families in the Telford and Wrekin area.

The TWSCB will be hosting briefing sessions for managers/supervisors and training dates, 1 ½ days for practitioners whose role will enable them to use the Graded Care Profile 2.

The next briefing session is being held on **3 October 2016 at 3pm**. Further details can be found on the [TWSCB website](#).

Online Safety Tips

Get the Net Aware app!

Know the difference between Twitch and Tango, Yik Yak and YouNow?

The NSPCC has launched the Net Aware app so you can stay up to date more easily. Browse the sites by category or colour and find out which are the safest for your kids. Download as an app from the [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#).



What can you do?

Explore the online world of your child. Ask your child to show you their favourite things to do online, and take an interest in what they do. This will give you a way to support and encourage them while learning what they know. You can use [Net Aware](#) to find out more about the sites they are using.

Talk to your children about what they do online and how they keep safe. Children need to know they can talk to their parents about the things that are worrying them. Give them an opportunity to talk you through what they are experiencing and help them to know how to report and block content that concerns them. [Share Aware](#) can help you start the conversation.

Agree the family boundaries and be a great role model. The important thing is to get the balance of activities right. Agree what times your child can go online, and what they do. Don't forget to think about your own online behaviour to help set a good example.

Use technology to create safer space. Make use of the technology available to help with keeping children safe. There are loads of tools available, especially when it comes to filtering content, but often we are unaware of them. That's why we are here.

How well do you know your child's online world?

To get to grips with the online world you don't need to be a Snapchat native or a Minecraft champion but it does help if you understand the basics of how children's favourite apps and games work.

The NSPCC has created a short quick quiz "[how well you know your way around the online world?](#)". Take the quiz and once you've got your score, you'll get advice from the NSPCC and O2 experts to take your online safety knowledge to the next level.

Pokemon Go is here and providing families with lots of opportunity to get out and play together and socialize at the Gym. If you have been left wondering what this is all about, or want information about how to encourage children to participate safely have a look at the following information <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/pokemon-go-parents-guide/>

Do you have a cyberbullying or digital safety concern?

The UK Safer Internet Centre has been funded by the European Commission to provide a Helpline for professionals who work with children and young people in the UK, specifically tackling the area of e-safety. The Helpline provides support with all aspects of digital and online issues such as social networking sites, cyberbullying, sexting, online gaming and child protection online. The Helpline aims to resolve issues professionals face about themselves, such as protecting professional identity and reputation, as well as young people in relation to online safety. Open **Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm**. The Helpline can be emailed at any time, and these will be responded to during their normal working hours.

Find out more by visiting the Helpline section of the UK Safer Internet Centres [website](#)

0844 381 4772

Next Training Dates

To apply for a place on TWSCB training you will now require access to Ollie. If you are not a member of staff with Telford & Wrekin Council nor have an existing Ollie account you should complete [an account request form](#). Once your account is set up, login details will be sent to your email address by the Ollie team and you will then be able to log in and sign up to any of the TWSCB courses. Flyers for all the following courses can be found on the [TWSCB website](#):

Targeted	
Safeguarding Children from Emotional Abuse	21 October 2016
Safeguarding Children from Physical Abuse	16 November 2016
Safeguarding Children from Neglect	24 November 2016
Working Together in Child Protection Conferences and Core Groups	6 & 7 December 2016

Useful links

The NSPCC has launched a government funded **Whistleblowing Advice Line**. This will take calls from professionals from any sector who are worried about the way their, or another, organisation is dealing with child protection issues. Employees who don't feel able to escalate these issues internally can contact the service, as well as those who have been unsuccessful in doing so.

It can be reached for free on 0800 028 0285 and can be contacted anonymously.

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not recorded it hasn't
happened!!**

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