

## Boards' Business Unit



*Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the Boards' Business Unit E-Bulletin.  
We hope that you find this a useful signposting and supportive  
tool.*

*These e-bulletins will be circulated on a regular  
basis. Please cascade to staff within your settings.*

*June 2015*

### **Domestic Abuse**

#### **Harbour Perpetrator Programme**

Harbour are running a programme for perpetrators of domestic abuse. Referral Forms and Guidelines are attached. Please cascade across your setting. This is a time-limited programme, which will be reviewed. Any updates will follow as appropriate.

#### **Harbour Outreach Service**

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015, Harbour are providing an outreach support service to victims of domestic abuse. In addition to this service, they are also offering 'empowerment' programmes to victims of domestic abuse. Referral form and guidelines are attached. Please cascade across your settings.

#### **Harbour Children and Young People Service**

As part of the general service offered by Harbour, they also offer support children and young people, whose parents/carers are known to Harbour services, for example as victim or perpetrator. For further information contact Harbour direct on Telephone 03000 252525 or via secure e-mail at [children.youngpeople@harbourdas.cjsm.net](mailto:children.youngpeople@harbourdas.cjsm.net) . Please cascade across your settings.

#### **Practitioner Guidance on referring to MARAC**

The guidance for practitioners on referring to MARAC has been updated, copy attached.

#### **Domestic Abuse Awareness (level 3)**

A reminder to all agencies that in response to the recent Training needs analysis, the Safeguarding Business Boards Unit have scheduled a number of sessions in respect of Domestic abuse awareness during 2015. The course length is 3 hours, to be held at various venues in Darlington.

The aims and objectives of the session are;

- Describe what Domestic Abuse is
- Demonstrate an understanding of the victims perspective
- Demonstrate an understanding of the police and multi-agency response to Domestic Abuse
- Describe the steps available to protect victims

Dates of courses are listed below and additional details are available on the LSCB website, link as below.

### **Training**

The training programme for both Boards is continually updated, a number of training sessions are currently available (see details below). Due to courses being developed on a regular basis the programme is updated and refreshed and posted on the [LSCB Website](#). Any requests for training should continue to be forwarded to [LSCBtraining@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:LSCBtraining@darlington.gov.uk).

### **Safeguarding Training**

There are spaces available on the following training sessions:

#### **June**

Level 2 Safeguarding Children – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 9.00 – 4.00 – The Studio, Dolphin Centre,

Child centred practice when working with resistant families Training - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30 – 4.30, Morton Park Business Training Centre

Deaf and Disabled Children – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – 9.30 - 4.30, Head of Steam, North Road Station

#### **July**

MAPPA – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2.00 - 4.00, Head of Steam, North Road Station

e-safety Training – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30 – 12.30, Head of Steam, North Road Station,

Domestic Abuse – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30 – 12.30 – Head of Steam, North Road Station

Neglect – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 9.30 – 4.30 – Head of Steam, North Road Station

Court Etiquette Training – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2.00 – 4.00, Morton Park Business Training Centre

#### **August**

MCA/DoLS Training – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August – 9.30 – 4.30, Morton Park Business Training Centre

Level 1 Safeguarding Adults – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August, 9.30 – 12.30 – Head of Steam, North Road Station

Level 2 Safeguarding Adults – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 9.30 – 4.30 – Head of Steam, North Road Station

Level 2 Safeguarding Children – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 9.00 – 4.00 – Head of Steam, North Road Station

#### **September**

MAPPA – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2.00 – 4.00 – Head of Steam, North Road Station

Level 1 Safeguarding Children – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 9.30 – 12.00 – Head of Steam, North Road Station

Neglect – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30 – 4.30 – Head of Steam, North Road Station

Level 1 Safeguarding Adults – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30 – 12.30 – The Studio, Dolphin Centre,

Level 2 Safeguarding Adults – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30 – 4.30 – The Studio, Dolphin Centre, D

Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 9.00 – 4.00 – Morton Park Business Training Centre

Domestic Abuse – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30 – 12.30 – Head of Steam, North Road Station

Additional Training has been arranged beyond September, details available within the training programme, which is refreshed on a regular basis and is available on the website as link above.

### **Children's Access Point (CAP)**

As of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015, initial assessment of all Children's Services referrals will be undertaken by a Children's Access Point based at the Town Hall, Darlington. Please find attached letter and accompanying documents explaining the access point and updated referral form and contact details. Please ensure all practitioners are aware of the new referral process.

## **LSCB Web-site**

All information relating to the LSCB can be found on the [website](#). This includes the multi-agency Child Protection Procedures, with web-site is under review and currently being updated on a daily basis, please bear with us whilst changes are being made. If you have any queries please contact the business unit on 01325 406450.

## **What to do if you are worried a child is being abused – new guidance**

New guidance has been published for practitioners to identify child abuse and neglect. Please [click here](#) to access the guidance.

## **Child Sexual Exploitation**

### **CSE Bite Size Guide**

A bite size guide explaining CSE has been put together for professionals, please see attached flyer. Please ensure this is cascaded to all staff.

### **NWG Gold Membership**

The LSCB is a gold member of the NWG Network (Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation), as a gold member we can access various resources and toolkits which include:

- e-learning training tool which offers awareness raising to frontline staff in bite sized ten minute sections with a certificate once assessment is completed and passed – the whole programme can be completed in 90 minutes.
- Access to the comprehensive facilitator pack for delivering Cody's Choices (interactive discussion tool aimed at 1:1 and group work with young people looking at risk scenarios and making choices).
- Say Something if you See Something is the community awareness programme. A resource which includes sample letters, posters, leaflets, documents and training aimed at the hotel and licensing trade.

There is also access to the website and newsletters, information about national events and a national service directory as well as full access to an online library which currently holds over 700 CSE and Human Trafficking related resources.

We are offering this resources out to all agencies, if you would like access, please contact the business unit on 01325 406450 and we will arrange access for you.

## **The use of hidden cameras – CQC Guidance**

The Care Quality Commission published guidance earlier in 2015 which is aimed at families, carers and people who use health and care services. The guidance informs people of some of the things to consider if they are thinking of using recording equipment. To find out more, click on the link [The use of hidden cameras – CQC guidance](#) or refer to the attached guidance.

## **Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards**

The Boards Business Unit is working towards updating website pages with relevant toolkits and guidance to support a range of agencies. Please find attached Information Pack for Managing Authorities which sets out guidance following changes to the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards in 2014.

The attached was produced following a consultation and came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. It provides guidance for professionals but also informs patients, their families and carers of their rights. For more information click on the link [Revised Mental Health Code of Practice](#) or view the [easy read guidance](#).

## **Leaving - Safeguarding Boards' Business Manager – Odette Robson**

Sadly Odette will be leaving the Unit on the 26<sup>th</sup> June, to start a new role in North Yorkshire. The recruitment process has started for a new manager, if you have any queries,

please contact the Unit on 01325 406450. Odette has worked in Darlington for over 15 years and the unit are organising a farewell drink if you would like to join us please e-mail the units [mailboxes](#).

### **Suggestions/Comments**

We would like to know your views on the bulletins and would also welcome any suggestions for items to be included in future editions, for example any good practice or awards you have won that can be shared across agencies. Please forward your comments to [mailboxes](#)