Safeguarding Group procedures, and Learning and Development

Welcome to Shropshire Council's Safeguarding Group intranet page.

The links from this page allow you to access the Shropshire Safeguarding Children's Board (SSCB) Child Protection Procedures for Shropshire and the Children Services Tri-X Manual for Social Care and Safeguards.

You can also access guidance to support your own professional development and keep up to date with the latest procedures and guidance to support your area of work. There are links to the Framework of Assessment and the supporting documentation in the Practice, Policy and Procedures link.

Information on the latest training courses and guidance to support, the Newly Qualified Social Worker and Early Professional Development Pilots can be found under Workforce Development.

It is important that you access this page regularly, and if you have any suggestions on information you would like to be able to access from please contact debbie.watson@shropshire.gov.uk or simon.dean@shropshire.gov.uk

Related information

- Social Worker Development Day
- Shropshire Safeguarding Children Board
- Child Protection Procedures for Shropshire
- Children Services Tri-X Manuals (SCS Staff only)
- Safeguarding and Support Services Training and Development
- NQSW Scheme
- Framework of Assessment
- A to Z Glossary
- Resources October 2012
- Raising Awareness Training 2013

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Shropshire's Safeguarding Children's Board

The SSCB is a representative group of agencies in Shropshire involved in safeguarding children and child protection. Shropshire Council's Safeguarding Group has lead responsibility for the effective working of the SSCB, but all agencies are responsible for contributing fully and effectively to the work of the SSCB.

For 2012/13, the SSCB has decided to concentrate on missing children, compromised parenting and communication.

In October 2012 the SSCB held a conference entitled "New Challenges, New Directions - Making a Difference and Keeping Our Children Safe from Harm", which looked at the future direction of the work of Shropshire Children's Trust and the SSCB in achieving this vision. It also looked at the work going on to develop the Early Help Offer in Shropshire. The SSCB Back to Basics Review Early Help report is published below.

October 2012 has also seen the latest update to the Shropshire Child Protection Procedures, including procedures on:

- Neglect Strategy and Guidance for Practitioners
- Suicide Prevention Care Pathway for Children and Young People and a Practitioner Toolkit
- Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy and Guidance for Practitioners

The Board's most recent annual report is published below.

Online services and downloads

- Working Together To Safeguard Children 2010 (pdf 2365kb)
- Munro Final Report (pdf 2146kb)
- SSCB Back To Basics Report 2012 Final V3 Feb 2013 (pdf 801kb)
- Sscb Annual Report 2012 (pdf 2011kb)

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INTER-AGENCY AWARENESS RAISING FOR CHILD PROTECTION (Level 1: Part 1)

TARGET AUDIENCE

All Level 1 training is applicable to anyone who works with or has responsibilities for children/young people/families in Shropshire. Part 1 of this training is aimed at staff/volunteers who:

- · Are new to work where safeguarding children and young people is a responsibility
- Work with or care for children and young people and have contact with their parents and carers
- · Work with vulnerable adults who have children within their families
- Need to develop their knowledge as they are in a position to identify concerns and contribute to the safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the community.

AIM OF COURSE

- · Clarify the role of Shropshire's Safeguarding Children Board
- Raise awareness and begin to develop confidence of child protection issues
- · Be able to follow correct procedures for child protection
- Know how to make a referral in line with local child protection procedures for Shropshire.

COURSE CONTENT

Topics to be covered include: what is child abuse - definitions; safeguarding responsibilities of all agencies and organisations working with children and young people; the role of Social Services Stay Safe Teams; what to do if you are concerned about a child or young person.

COST

This training is free of charge to staff from agencies who are members of Shropshire's Safeguarding Children Board and to staff/volunteers working for statutory agencies and charities in Shropshire. All other delegate places are charged at £30.00 and invoices will be raised to collect payment. Please read the cancellation policy on the booking form.

CPD

The General Social Care Council (GSCC) require that all registered social workers evidence continuous professional development (CPD) in order to renew their registration as a qualified social worker with the GSCC.

The current rules say that every registrant shall over a three year period complete either 90 hours or 15 days of study, training, courses, seminars, reading, teaching or other activities.

This requirement is made in order to advance their own professional development and to contribute to the development of the profession as a whole. Social Workers need to keep a record of their training and learning spread over the three year period which the GSCC can request as evidence of their CPD before renewing their registration.

Below you will find a guide to the types of activities that can be used as evidence of CPD and a form that can be used to record the evidence. Also available are web links to a number of useful websites to aid CPD.

Online services and downloads

- Examples of CPD.pdf (5kb)
- GSCC CPD Form.pdf (31kb)

Related information

- Social Care in Excellence
- NSPCC Inform
- GSCC
- Childrens Workforce Development Council

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Child Protection Legislation

Click on the web links to access the information you need

Related information

- Children Act 1989
- Children Act 2004
- Adoption and Children Act 2002
- Working Together to Safeguard Children

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Social care for children and families

Social care for children and families provides information relating to child protection, care services such as foster care, leaving care, young carers and adoption services. As well as providing information on services for disabled children and family support. To find out more information about any of these services please select the relevant section.