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Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Child Sexual Exploitation Campaign

The Safeguarding Children Boards for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland have worked together on a Child Sexual exploitation awareness raising campaign.

The campaign, which is supported by all public sector agencies across the city, county and Rutland, aims to raise awareness of the signs of child sexual exploitation and how to report concerns

As part of the campaign, materials have been created featuring the tell tale signs and who to contact for advice or to report concerns. These include a leaflet for parents and carers, a wallet-sized leaflet for young people, a flyer for the leisure industry and a poster, which are being distributed over the next few weeks.

Resources can be accessed from <http://www.lrlscb.org/leaflets>

Safeguarding individuals who might be susceptible to radicalisation

At a national, regional and local level agencies are working together to:

- Prevent people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism
- Identify and provide support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into extremist or terrorist related activity through Channel

What is Prevent

Prevent is one strand of the governments counterterrorism strategy focussed on vulnerability and safeguarding.

The aim of Prevent is to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

It seeks to do this by identifying those individuals who may at some point in their life become vulnerable to supporting violent extremism

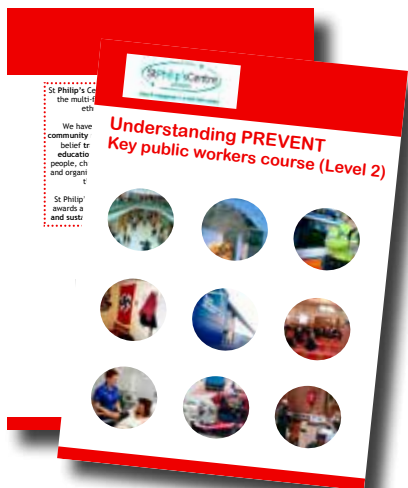
and by providing effective joined up support across a range of public voluntary and community sector agencies and specialist support.

Prevent seeks to divert people from a path that might otherwise involve them entering the Criminal Justice system. Engagement with Prevent does not result in or rely upon a criminal record.

Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland are supported in managing issues linked to Prevent by the appointment of a Home Office Prevent Coordinator, Will Baldet, who is based at the St Phillips Centre in Leicester on 07403 727727
prevent@stphilipscentre.co.uk

Leicestershire Police Prevent Team is managed by Inspector Drew Elliot and are based at Spinney Hill Police Station in Leicester on 101 extension 6726
PreventEngagement.Team@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

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In addition the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) have appointed a Regional Prevent Coordinator, Sam Slack, to support the Higher and Further Education Sector (universities and colleges) because of the strong link that the strategy inevitably has with Safeguarding Adults and Children.

Sam Slack – 07812 301215
sam.slack@derby.gov.uk

For free awareness raising courses please contact the Prevent Engagement Team on 101 ext 6773 or email PreventEngagement.Team@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Identifying and providing support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into extremist or terrorist related activity

Channel

People working in the public sector, carrying out home visits, volunteering, working in safeguarding roles are often in a position to identify those individuals who are susceptible to radicalisation at a very early stage so that they are not drawn into criminal activity which may affect their prospects in later life.

Channel is a multi agency approach to identify and provide support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into extremist or terrorist related activity whether it is Far-Right, Extreme-Right, Irish-Related, Al-Qaeda inspired, Animal Rights, Environmental or any other form.

Channel is not about prosecuting or stigmatising individuals who have

been referred. It is a multi-agency safeguarding process to protect a person and help them avoid a pathway to extremism and crime.

What can put people at risk?

There is no single profile of a terrorist or violent

extremist. Factors which may make people more vulnerable include:

- Substance & alcohol misuse
- Peer pressure
- Influence from older people or via the Internet
- Bullying
- Crime & anti-social behaviour
- Domestic violence
- Family tensions
- Race/hate crime
- Mental Health Issues
- Lack of self -esteem or identity
- Grievances (personal or political)
- Migration

Channel assesses the nature and extent of the potential risk to an individual and, where necessary, provides an appropriate support package tailored to their needs. This decision is made by a multi agency panel with representation from the police, education, health, housing, social care etc.

Early intervention can help to keep all our communities safe so if during the course of your work you are concerned about the welfare of an individual there are a variety of ways you can refer to the Channel process:

- Contact your organisations Safeguarding Lead
- Will Baldet, who is based at the St Phillips Centre in Leicester on 07403 727727 prevent@stphilipscentre.co.uk
- Prevent Engagement Team on 101 ext 6773 or email PreventEngagement.Team@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

School nurse messaging service pilot

Since May Leicestershire Partnership Trust (LPT) have been piloting a school nurse messaging service with 4,500 young people in three Leicestershire schools.

Staff have been using a new computer based SMS text message management system developed by the Trust, supported by a suite of new guidance. A host of safety features in the system, which was designed by school nurses, helps to mitigate safeguarding issues. In the summer term around 85 messaging conversations were had with young people and saw an increase in reach amongst new service users, including adolescent boys.

The Trust are aiming to give service users and staff more efficient and timely ways to communicate, using channels that resonate with young people.

School nurses who have been involved with the pilot say they're saving time compared with speaking on the phone and speaking face to face, which is helping to free up time to deliver more face to face where it's most needed.

The service is being promoted with marketing materials which have been created by young people.





Paul Burnett

Independent Chair
Leicestershire and Rutland
Safeguarding Children
Board and Safeguarding
Adults Board.

Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults and Children Boards Business

Safeguarding Children

Children can only be kept safe properly if the key agencies work together.

Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) were established by the Children Act 2004 which gives a statutory responsibility to each locality to have this mechanism in place. LSCBs are now the key system in every locality of the country for organisations to come together to agree on how they will cooperate with one another to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The purpose of this partnership working is to hold each other to account and to ensure safeguarding children remains high on the agenda across their region.

In May 2011, the final report from the Munro Review of Child Protection, A child-centered system, was published. Within this report, Professor Munro set out the important role that Local Safeguarding Children Boards have in monitoring the effectiveness of partner agencies and recognised that they are key to improving multi-agency working, to support and enable partner organisations to adapt their practice and become more effective in safeguarding children. Munro states that Local Safeguarding Children Boards are:

‘...well placed to identify emerging problems through learning from practice and to oversee efforts to improve services in response.’

Safeguarding Adults

The Safeguarding Adults Board whilst not currently on a statutory footing are established to promote, inform and support multi agency safeguarding adults work. N.B The Health and Social Care Bill currently going through the House of Commons proposes that Adult Safeguarding Boards become mandatory.

The work of the Safeguarding Board is underpinned by DoH guidance No Secrets 2000

Safeguarding adults means helping adults at risk who need support from community care services to keep their independence, remain safe and exercise choice in their life.

Partner agencies from the statutory, voluntary and independent sector come together to seek assurance that the persons thought to be at risk stays safe, are effectively safeguarded against abuse, neglect, discrimination, are treated with dignity and respect and enjoy a high quality of life.

In this issue of Safeguarding Matters we are taking the opportunity to explain the work of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) and the Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)



Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Boards Business Office

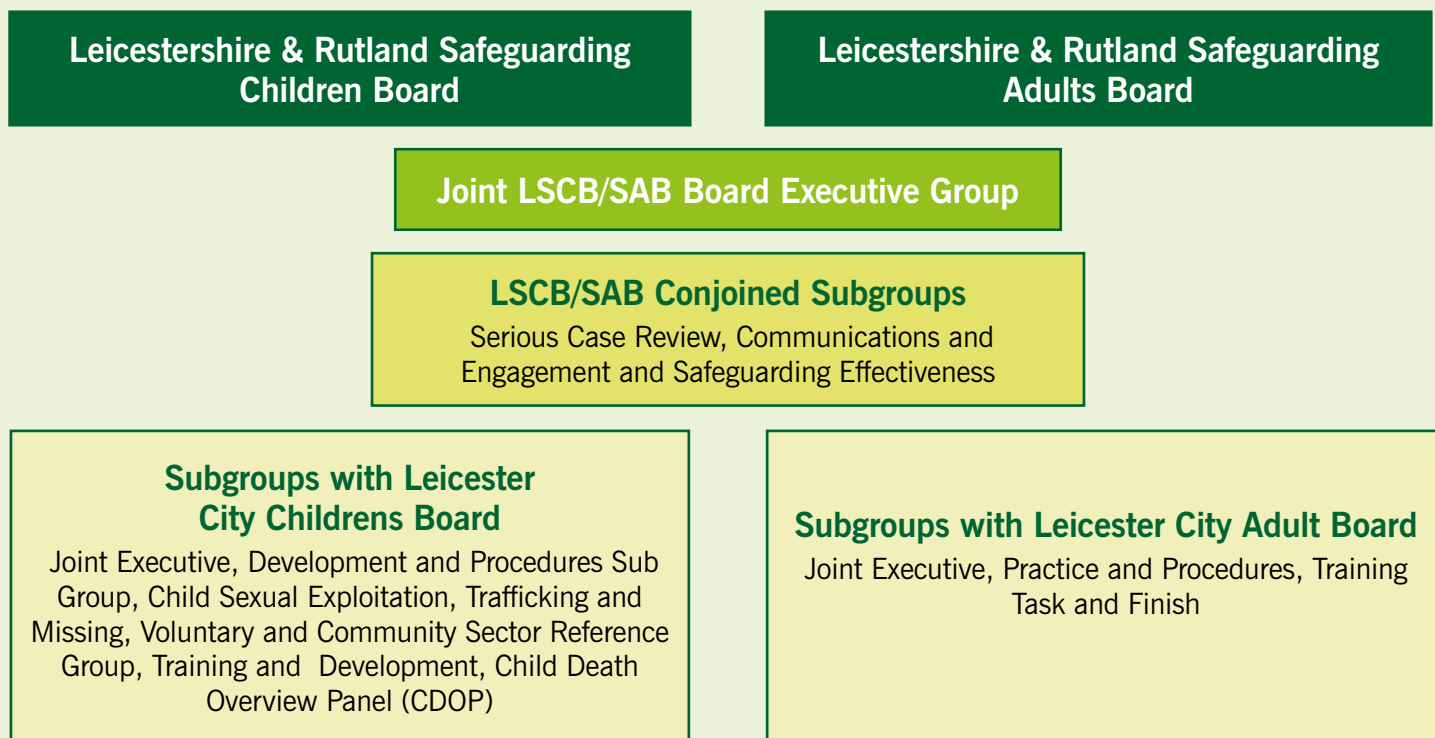
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Administration Assistant Cathy
Phillips, Helen Pearson Gary Watts
Board Officers.

Front Row L-R: Andrew Hitchcock
Boards Manager, Sue Hughes
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Safeguarding Adults and Children Annual Report 2012-2013

More information regarding the partnership working of the Board, and its Subgroups is highlighted in the Annual Report.

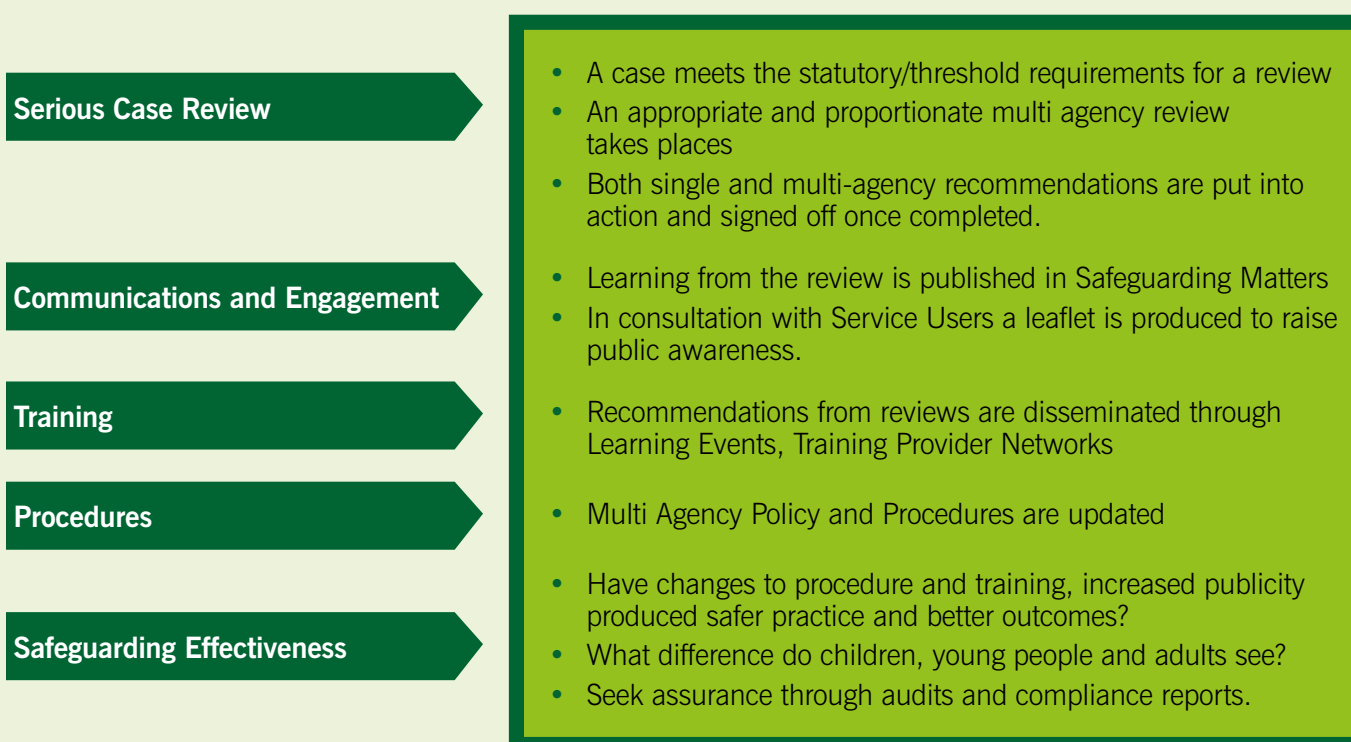
Leicestershire & Rutland LSCB & SAB and Subgroup Structure



What the Boards do

The work of both boards is supported by a number of subgroups with membership drawn from a wide range of agencies; this offers a breadth of experience and knowledge. The work of the subgroups are closely linked as demonstrated in the example below which shows how the work flows through the groups when a Serious Case Review is undertaken.

Flow Chart of Board Business through the Subgroups – Serious Case Review Example



For more information please contact Safeguarding Boards Business Office on sbbo@leics.gov.uk • Tel No 0116 3057130

Learning from Reviews

Daniel Pelka Serious Case Review, Coventry LSCB

The Serious Case Review looking at events leading to the death of four year old Daniel Pelka, published by Coventry Safeguarding Children Board, highlights the opportunities missed by a number of agencies to protect him.

Although specifically aimed at identifying gaps and leading to improvements in child protection in Coventry, like all SCR reports it identifies issues that will be of relevance elsewhere.

Lessons learned and recommendations

A link is provided to the full report, through which readers may readily access the list of lessons learned and the report's recommendations (which relate to Coventry, though will also be of relevance elsewhere); these are expressed succinctly, so do not lend themselves to summary.

[Coventry Safeguarding Children Board documents](#)

A future special edition of Safeguarding Matters will be dedicated to the learning from recent Serious Case Reviews that have received national attention.

Risks to children and young people associated with adult drug use.

Staff who support families where adults use drugs including those on methadone prescriptions are reminded to familiarise themselves with the Practice guidance in relation to Chapter 1.4.3 [Children of Drug and Alcohol Misusing Parents](#)

Risk Assessments should always take into account the developmental needs of the child and the risks posed by drugs and drug use including the safe storage of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

Assessing risk - the use of knives to threaten, abuse and kill.

The Domestic Homicide Reviews currently being managed by the Safeguarding Board on behalf of the Community Safety Partnerships have highlighted the use of knives to threaten, reinforce or commit offences against friends, peers or partners.

The use of or threat with knives should be taken very seriously in assessing risk.

If people talk about gun use or ownership everyone connected to those involved are more alert to the risks and would possibly inform the police. Knives are more readily available and often people make glib comments like ' he/she said they would stab me'. Other weapons are occasionally used e.g. a glass, ornaments/statues, fingernails aerosol cans.

Remember, if during the course of your work there is reference to knives now or in someone's history this can indicate a higher risk. This should lead to further enquires and sharing of information with the relevant agency.

Helpful information

Legal definition of a child - NSPCC factsheet

Our factsheet looks at the legal definition of 'child' in the UK in various contexts, including child protection guidance, sexual offences, criminal responsibility and parental consent. Click on links below:

- [What law defines the age of a child in the UK?](#)
- [What is the definition of a child in child protection guidance?](#)
- [What is the age of consent?](#)
- [What is the age of criminal responsibility?](#)
- [At what age should children's wishes be taken into account?](#)
- [At what age is parental consent no longer required?](#)
- [At what age can a child be employed?](#)

Making Safeguarding Referrals to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

If you dismiss or remove a person from regulated activity (or may have done so had they not left) because they have harmed or posed a risk of harm to a child or vulnerable adult, then you have a LEGAL duty to refer the person to the DBS.

The DBS' role is to make barring decisions about people who are referred to it (usually following an employer's disciplinary process), with the possible consequence of the person being barred from working or volunteering with children and/or vulnerable adults. The DBS uses a fair, thorough and consistent process that ensures that the decision it reaches is both proportionate and appropriate to the risk the person poses to children or vulnerable adults.

On 1 December 2012 the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) and the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) merged to form a new organisation, the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The legal duty to make referrals remains, however referrals should now be addressed to the DBS.

The DBS' website is www.homeoffice.gov.uk/DBS and provides a range of materials to help you to consider or make a referral. This includes a Referral Form, Referral Guidance, FAQs and a series of Fact Sheets.

You may also contact the DBS Helpline on 01325 953795 for information or advice about making a referral.

Disciplinary, suspensions or redeployment?

Do you know your referral duty?

Do you know that when you have cause to move or remove an employee (or may have done had they not resigned) because they have harmed a child or vulnerable adult – or there was a risk of harm you have a LEGAL duty to refer the person to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)?

We know that many 'regulated activity' employers make referrals, but we believe that some employers might need more information to support them when safeguarding allegations arise. The DBS' website is www.homeoffice.gov.uk/DBS and provides a range of materials to help you to consider or make a referral. This includes a Referral Form, Referral Guidance, FAQs and a series of Fact Sheets.

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My role

Michael Clayton

Job title:

Head of Safeguarding

Organisation:

University Hospitals of Leicestershire

How long have you been in this role?

3 plus years

Tell us about a typical day

University Hospitals covers 3 hospital sites and has satellite units for maternity and renal services.

The focus of the role is to ensure the protection of people from abuse, as such there is often not a typical day as it can range from being involved in an individual care versus developing strategies to develop safeguarding practice.

Tell us about your responsibilities or duties

I oversee the safeguarding services provided by the trust; this role incorporates responsibility to ensure that we fulfil our statutory responsibilities in relation to safeguarding.

Ensuring that staff have access to specialist advice and support.

To support the provision of training and education.

To support multi agency working to safeguard adults and children.

What is your safeguarding best practice top tip?

To remember the focus of our work is to promote better outcomes for people particularly those who are vulnerable.

What one thing would you find most beneficial to help you in your role (with regards to safeguarding)?

To introduce statutory guidance to ensure that adults in need of safeguarding are afforded the same right of protection as children.

Training Matters

SCIE Adult safeguarding elearning resource

SCIE has launched a new adult safeguarding e-learning resource. This includes dramatised films that show how safeguarding issues can develop, and suggests ways of dealing with them. A variety of challenging topics are covered, including:

- What is ‘adult safeguarding’ and how does it affect each and every one of us?
- How do I recognise the signs and symptoms of abuse?
- What can I do if I suspect that someone is being harmed?

A key theme of this resource is that safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility and it will be of interest to social care and health professionals, trainers and members of the public.

[Click here to view the resource](#)

[Click here for all SCIE’s adult safeguarding resources](#)

[Click here to view the press release](#)

Children’s Workforce Matters

Please see the main link to the Children’s Workforce Matters website for details of all training available on the 3012-14 Inter-Agency Training Programme -

<http://www.childrensworkforcematters.org.uk/safeguarding-children-and-young-people-training/level-3-safeguarding-training/>

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