

Safeguarding in Education Newsletter

Welcome to the November/December edition of Sandwell's Education Newsletter,

We aim to update you on all things safeguarding in education, including potential training opportunities and useful links.

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Significant Incident Learning Process Review

Ramsey Richards (Attendance & Prosecution Service Manager) is currently working on a significant incident learning process review (similar to a domestic homicide / child safeguarding practice review): From recent forum discussions and meetings with schools, we are aware of your views in relation to Operation Encompass and the absence of seriousness indicators and victim/perpetrator information. What we would like your help with, is local examples of best practice in response to DA notifications. Really brief (thumbnail) case summaries including actions and outcomes would be appreciated. Please send to: ramsey_richards@sandwell.gov.uk. Thanks in anticipation for your support.

POT Review

Safeguarding Partners are reviewing the current Position of Trust process with the LADO. This is to try to reduce the number of unnecessary MARFS for POT's. If a school submits a POT form to MASH, a MASH Manager will screen the POT referral and then let them know if a MARF is required.

Education Rep Availability

Our Education Reps, attend daily STRAT meetings throughout the day and DAS Screening Meetings (usually 2—5 pm each day) - this means at times we may not be able to answer our phones— if this happens we advise that you email us on our above emails as we maybe able to respond to you more effectively.

S157/175 Audit

The Refreshed S157/175 Audit is now live. This is intended to be a working document to enable education providers to self-evaluate their safeguarding arrangements, processes and practice. The local authority will be monitoring and reviewing audits in order to provide assurance to Sandwell Childrens Safeguarding Partnership (SCSP) but there will be no requirement to do a final submission an audit this year but we will let you know dates that we will be looking at audits for an annual report. You will be able to update the audit when actions are completed and change details of key personnel if required. We hope this new format will be of more use to you moving forward.



Black Country Women's Aid has introduced a new specialist "Young Person's Independent Domestic Violence Advisor" role. This new service which will offer support to domestic abuse victims aged 16-21 (up to 25 for LAC children) on an emotional and practical level. The work can be carried out one to one, either virtual or face to face. Also work can take place in schools or colleges to provide support sessions and groups. For more information please contact Kirsty Harris - Office Number 0121 553 0090 / Mobile Number 07741 994971

Data Analysis per child 1st September 2021—31st October 2021

TOTAL AMOUNT OF INCIDENTS	OUTCOMES FOR ALL INCIDENTS (outcomes for open cases not recorded)
Domestic Abuse incidents—1129	Section 47 : Child Protection—155
Urgent Child Protection : STRAT—263	Single Assessment : Managed with CSC— 99
Domestic Abuse Triage—691	Universal Services : Single Agency—283
MASH Discussions— 6	Targeted Early Help— 125
Total Amount of Children Affected—2089	NFA : No Role Sandwell Children trust—71



Anti-Bullying Week is an annual UK event which aims to raise awareness of bullying and to highlight ways of preventing and responding to it. This year the theme is 'One Kind Word', emphasising the positive impact a small gesture or comment can have on someone else's day.

To get your school involved in Anti-Bullying Week, you can download a range of free resources from the [ABA website](https://www.abaweb.org/), including lesson plans and themed assemblies for different key stages.

DfE Updates

Guidance for Schools—Coronavirus

What school leaders, teachers and school staff need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak—'Awarding qualifications in summer 2022'.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/guidance-for-schools-coronavirus-covid-19>

Behaviour hubs

Find out how the behaviour hubs programme will enable schools with exemplary behaviour to work with other schools to improve their behaviour culture

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/behaviour-hubs>

Implementing the early years foundation stage reforms

Videos for practitioners assessing children's development at the end of the early years foundation stage (EYFS).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/case-studies/implementing-the-early-years-foundation-stage-reforms>

Low Level Concern Policy

A sample low level concern for persons in a position of trust policy is now available via the School Extranet Virtual offices.

A Low-Level concern policy should form part of your Policy and procedures for Allegations against persons in a posi-

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 10th December



<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>



***** GCP2 Training *****

More Virtual LSCB Training

- ◆ Understanding Extremism—Wednesday 8th Dec, 9.30—16.00
- ◆ Modern Slavery Awareness—Monday 22nd Nov, 9.45—13.00
- ◆ Childhood Regained—Exploitation Update Session—Tuesday 23rd Nov, 13.30—15.00
- ◆ Trusted Adult Training—Supporting young peoples well-being and Mental Health—Wednesday 8th Dec, 9.30—12.00

Please use the link to log on and book your place on the above courses:-<https://training.sandwellscb.org.uk/>

A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Everyone at Sandwell Children's Trust and the MASH

Team—Keep Safe, Keep Well