

Autumn Newsletter 2010

Welcome to Cambridgeshire LSCB news letter. We hope you find it useful. It is designed to help everyone find out about what is going on in the world of safeguarding children. We hope you find the updates helpful.

If you would like to contribute to future newsletters please contact Helen Chrystal, Business Manager on helen.chrystal@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Welcome

Sally Giddins will be joining the LSCB on 4th October 2010 to take up her appointment as Workforce Development and Training Officer. She will be based at 7 the Meadows, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 4LG. Her e mail address is sally.giddins@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. Sally brings with her a wealth of experience and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome her to the team and hope she enjoys the challenges ahead.

We would also like to welcome Janine Prosser to the LSCB business support team.

News

A new joint LCSB E-safety sub committee with Peterborough has been set up, chaired by Sara Rogers (Manager, Education Child Protection Services). If any practitioner has any comments or issues about E-safety, please contact Sara on sara.rogers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

We are continuing to look at ways we can work more closely with our partners in Peterborough and will report on any future developments in the winter LSCB news letter.

The LSCB is still struggling for support from partners to maintain some of our other LSCB sub-groups in particular our Quality and Effectiveness group and our Communications group. If any practitioner is interested in becoming an active member please contact either Peter Wilson Head of Safeguarding and Standards Unit on peter.wilson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or Helen Chrystal Business Manager LSCB on helen.chrystal@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Just a reminder that the LSCB training brochure is available on our web site

www.cambslscb.org.uk/prof_training.html

The Cambridgeshire LSCB Annual Report 2009-10 is now available to download on the LSCB web site

www.cambslscb.org.uk

From September 2010, Cambridgeshire is starting to move to a revised model of integrated working for children and young people with the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) at its heart.

Please see the link that provides information from the Cambridgeshire Children's Trust and the CAF Project Team about the upcoming changes to the way the Common Assessment Framework is used in Cambridgeshire and how it will be rolled out, plus the accompanying training programme and the new Operational Guidance for Practitioners, is now on the Children's Trust pages on the County Council website at:



- <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.ukchildrenyoungpeople/childrentrust/caf/>
- <http://camweb2/Document%20Library/CYPS/crosscut/CAF%20Communication%20September%202010.pdf>

Professor Eileen Munro is calling on children's services professionals to contribute their views to her review of the child protection system.

Her call for evidence was open until the end of July and gave professionals the chance to suggest how they would improve the safeguarding system. Responses to the call will form a critical part of Munro's first interim report, which is due to be published by the government in September. Munro is set to use the review to explore what professionals believe works best in children's social care, in terms of early intervention, professional practice, transparency and accountability.

She is urging professionals to provide examples of innovative and cost effective best practice on issues such as how to improve interactions between social workers and families, and how to make the best judgments to protect vulnerable children and young people.

Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) Opens!

In January 2010 the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) opened. The Peterborough and Cambridgeshire SARC is the first of its kind in the region and was set up by Cambridgeshire Constabulary in partnership with NHS Peterborough and Rape Crisis. The centre, based at The Oasis, in Rivergate, Peterborough, is available 24/7 to victims of rape and sexual assault and was officially opened by Barbara Follett MP. This centre makes it easier for victims to get help by having all of the services that may be needed under one roof. This purpose built centre supports both children and adults and paediatric safeguarding clinics will be re-located from their acute hospital location to the Oasis from 1st September.

This is safeguarding partnership working at its best and with this excellent service we hope that victims of rape and sexual assault will be given the best possible support and potentially increase the number of perpetrators brought to justice.

Research Up dates

Sofa sleeping claims 25 babies' lives (18/08/10)

New figures obtained by the cot death charity, the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths, reveal that in the last 2 years at least 25 babies in the UK have died while sleeping together with an adult on a sofa.

The figures, collected for the first time from some of the newly-established Child Death Overview Panels as well as the Metropolitan Police, confirm as that parents are still choosing one of the most dangerous places in the home to sleep with their babies



Previous studies have demonstrated that falling asleep with your infant on a sofa increases their risk of dying suddenly and unexpectedly by 50 fold.

FSID and the DH's advice for all parents remains that the safest place for a baby to sleep, for the first six months, is in a separate cot in a room with you.

<http://fsid.org.uk/Page.aspx?pid=806>

Children missing from education (17/08/10)- www.cambslscb.org.uk/prof_chi_death.html

This survey evaluates the effectiveness of actions taken by LAs, and highlights the challenges they face, in relation to children and young people who are missing from education.

Children missing from education, and whose whereabouts become unknown, not only risk failing academically but are also potentially vulnerable to physical, emotional and psychological harm.

The report, which surveyed 15 LAs of different sizes across England, found that none felt confident that they knew about all the children living in their area in order to fulfil their duties to keep children safe.

- <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/News/Local-authorities-face-many-challenges-identifying-children-missing-from-education>
- <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Thematic-reports/Children-missing-from-education>
- <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/content/download/11407/134357/file/Children%20missing%20from%20education.pdf>
- <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/content/download/11409/134367/file/Summary%20-%20Children%20missing%20from%20education.pdf>

For Information

Cambridgeshire LSCB has recently published the Executive Summaries of the 4 Serious Case Reviews that were completed in December 2009. These can be downloaded from our website; www.cambslscb.org.uk/prof_scr.html

Tim Lasughton (MP) has written a letter all LSCB chairs and directors of Children's services to inform them about changes to the statutory guidance set out in Working together to safeguard Children (2010) in so far as it relates to Government office. For more information visit our website at www.cambslscb.org.uk

Caring for Someone Else's Child, Private Fostering

For more information please see the Fostering and Adoption teams' website
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/privatefostering



Latest News

Munro Review of Child Protection Part One has been published - <http://www.education.gov.uk/munroreview/>

Date for your diary

Please note that it is Anti Bullying week 15th -19th November 2010

Cambridgeshire LSCB will hold its annual conference on 31st March 2010 at Wood Green Animal Shelter. This year's theme will be 'Where has all the sexual abuse gone' Key note speaker will be Martin Calder MA CQSW. We hope it will be a very thought provoking and interesting day and look forward to seeing you then.

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