



Welcome to the 18th edition of the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) Information Update.

Please share this as widely as possible across your organisation. If you have any feedback, suggestions for improvement, or want to discuss anything else relating to the BSCB contact Joanne Stephenson, BSCB Business Manager: jstephenson@buckscc.gov.uk

The BSCB is a statutory partnership responsible for coordinating local arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and ensuring these are effective.

BSCB Conference

The BSCB are pleased to be able to notify you that the mid-year review conference will be held on **Tuesday 25th June 2019** at Oculus, The Gateway in Aylesbury from 9am – 3.45pm with additional time for networking

Booking for this conference is now open. Places on the conference will need to be booked via our new online system. Delegates will first need to create a User Account (if they haven't already done so) - once registered, they will be able to manage their own booking. Please see the following link for further details: - <https://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/training/>

The conference is an opportunity to bring safeguarding partners together to ensure that you are kept up to date with changes to the Board and the work that we are undertaking with your help. This year we would like to focus on the themes which have reoccurred over the last ten years in serious case reviews. We are delighted to welcome speakers from the following organisations to give us insight and perspective on the following themes;

Working with parents who have a learning disability- Talkback

Talkback and Nclude have worked for over 20 years in a person-centred way with over 1000 people who have learning needs and/or autism. They provide people with opportunities for education, life and social skills and employment. They enable them to share a voice and be recognised equally in their community.



Talkback

Reducing the Risk
of Domestic Abuse



Working with families where there is domestic abuse – Reducing the Risk

Reducing the Risk is a registered charity dedicated to the safety of adults and children at risk of domestic abuse and to empowering the professionals and volunteers who support them. Through them and the work of the community safety team, Buckinghamshire now has an extensive network of domestic abuse champions. Reducing the risk also work nationally, providing training and support to practitioners to work together to tackle abuse.

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BSCB Conference

Understanding and working with child criminal exploitation – Space (stop and prevent adolescent criminal exploitation)



From lived experience emerged a mission to:

- Safeguard young people entrenched in County Lines and better support families through guidance and advocacy;
- Campaign for safeguarding improvements, and to train professionals and wider community by sharing personal insight and awareness of:
 - * County Lines indicators, gaps and challenges in the professional response, best practice approaches, grooming, extremism, and Modern Slavery legislation;
 - * Relevance of missing episodes;
 - * Link between CCE, CSE and Radicalisation;
 - * Need for contextual safeguarding and engaging parents as partners.

New Child Exploitation Awareness Raising Sessions



Child Exploitation has moved on from when we first understood that children were being groomed and tricked into ‘relationships’ in return for sexual favours. We often hear about children being involved in ‘gangs’, ‘criminality’ and ‘county lines’. Do you know what these mean and do you know how to spot the signs?

Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board are working with partners to provide a new awareness session, to update your knowledge on how children are being exploited and what agencies are doing to identify

potential exploitation and support children and families.

We have planned three sessions to bring attendees up to date on the latest developments to services supporting children and families within Bucks.

Monday 10 th June	9.30 – 12.00	The Disraeli School, High Wycombe
Friday 14 th June	10.00 – 12.30	Exhibition Suite, Aylesbury
Tuesday 18 th June	12.00 – 2.30	Chiltern District Council, Amersham

To book a place you will need to set up an account on our online booking system (it's free to use) and book. Please follow the link for further details: -

<https://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/training/>

Peer Days in the MASH

The MASH are holding Peer Days where partners can come and see the MASH in action and talk to staff. They will be taking place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month and up to 4 people at a time can attend each session.

The dates will be as follows:

- 11/06/19
- 09/07/19
- 13/08/19
- 10/09/19
- 08/10/19
- 12/11/19
- 10/12/19

Anyone interested in booking a visit will need to e-mail Donna O'Donnell at dodonnell@buckscc.gov.uk who will send them a copy of the confidentiality statement to sign and confirm a date with them on receipt of the signed copy.

Free Online Suicide Prevention Training



Launched recently the zero suicide alliance. “The Zero Suicide Alliance is a collaborative of National Health Service trusts, businesses and individuals who are all committed to suicide prevention in the UK and beyond.

The alliance is ultimately concerned with improving support for people contemplating suicide by raising awareness of and promoting FREE suicide prevention training which is accessible to all.

The aims of this training are to: enable people to identify when someone is presenting with suicidal thoughts/behaviour, to be able to speak out in a supportive manner, and to empower them to signpost the individual to the correct services or support.”

The free online training can be found here:

<https://www.zerosuicidealliance.com/>

Local Area SEND Inspection

Buckinghamshire is awaiting a Local Area SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) inspection carried out by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission. The SEND inspection will focus its enquiries on 3 key questions:

1. ***How well does the local area identify the needs of children and young people with SEND?***
2. ***How well does the local area meet the needs of children and young people with SEND?***
3. ***How well does the local area improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND?***

This is a new inspection and Buckinghamshire has not had one before.

As a local area we have been busy preparing for the inspection, working closely with colleagues from across Education, Health and Social Care and with our parent/carer forum FACT (Families and Carers Together) Bucks.

What will inform the inspector's judgement?

Inspectors will consider all available evidence to develop an initial picture. i.e. performance data, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, a range of strategies, Serious Case Reviews etc.

Inspectors will also review additional information such as:

- Evaluations from service users and how these have influenced commissioning and changes to service delivery
- Data about initial and health review assessments for children looked after who have or who may have special educational needs and/or disabilities
- Pathways for referrals to health services for assessment, including CAMHS, therapies, child development centres and associated performance data

During the inspection inspectors will visit a number of educational and health settings and talk to a range of people, including professionals, parents/carers, and children and young people.

Inspection outcome

At the end of the inspection HMI will feedback on inspection findings against the 3 areas of focus and share:

- Areas of strength
- Areas requiring improvement
- Any safeguarding concerns
- Quality and accuracy of local area's self-evaluation

A published letter will detail the inspector's assessment of how well the local area is meeting the needs of children and young people with SEND and how well service providers work together to deliver positive outcomes.

The local area may be asked to produce a Written Statement of Action as a result of the inspection that identifies how they will address any concerns.

If you would like to know more about the inspection or wish to discuss what you could do to prepare, please contact Lucy Pike, Head of Improvement and Transformation - lpike@buckscc.gov.uk

Forensic Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services



Forensic Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (fCAMHS)

*A service covering Oxfordshire,
Berkshire and Buckinghamshire*



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About Forensic CAMHS

The forensic CAMHS team is a specialist service for young people under 18 who demonstrate high risk behaviors. These young people may be in contact with the youth justice system. The service works with agencies working with young people within Thames Valley and beyond. Psychiatrists, psychologists and nurses form part of their wider mental health services for children and young people (CAMHS). Their clinicians are all experienced in working with young people. Particularly with young people who may not have had positive experience of other services.

They offer services to support professionals as well as access other teams within CAMHS provision. They can offer:

- Initial advice
- Case consultation
- Joint assessment
- Case supervision
- Training
- Specialist interventions

Referrals

They are a small team and welcome enquiries from any professional with concerns about a young person. When they receive initial enquiries they can have a brief conversation about whether a formal referral to the team is advisable or not. If they advise making a referral, they will ask you to provide information about the young person via a referral form, and they may also seek clarification via phone or email. When you make a referral they expect you to have discussed this with the young person and their family or carers and to have sought their consent. In some cases, where consent is not given but there are major concerns, a referral can be made on safeguarding grounds.

What happens when a referral has been made?

They will discuss things with you to check that services are helping in the best possible way. They will help clarify what is needed and who or what might provide this.

The way they work includes:

- Offering advice
- Offering ongoing support to professional
- Supporting or offering direct assessment or intervention

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Professionals can come to them for advice about the best way to support a child or young person. Once they have had this discussion they may not need to be further involved.

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In some cases they may need to meet directly with the young person, their family or carers and any professional with whom they are closely involved.

What happens when they have seen a young person?

Information they collect will contribute to their assessment of the child or their situation. They will then share this with those involved in the child or your persons' care. They often help professionals and parents to make plans to help the young person. They will remain involved for as long as those concerned consider it helpful. In some cases this is for a short time (weeks); in other cases it can be for years.

Feedback

They will ask you for feedback on their services so that we can consider how to develop their service. They will also ask young people and the families for feedback.

Contact the team

Telephone: 01865 902613

Email: oxfordhealth.thamesvalleycamhs@nhs.net

Talk to them about other useful resources.

Useful links

Oxford Health NHS FT children and young people's webpages:

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/>

Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel

Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel: Practice Guidance 2018

This document is aimed at those involved in local child safeguarding practice reviews and Serious Case Reviews SCRs. The Panel's role is to identify and oversee the review of serious child safeguarding cases which, in its view, raise issues of complex or national importance. The data collected helps the panel to understand the common themes and issues seen consistently. The first annual report will present some of this data and use it to consider any changes to the way we do things.

Please see link below to view the practice guidance: -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/793253/Practice_guidance_v_2.1.pdf

Recent Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)

A DHR has recently been published by Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC). AVDC explains that a Domestic Homicide Review considers the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16+ has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by:

- a person to whom he or she was related
- a person with whom he or she was or had been in an intimate personal relationship
- a member of their household

“The aim of the review is for all agencies involved to identify what lessons there are to learn about the way local professionals and organisations work individually and together to safeguard victims. They are not reviews of the police investigation, coroner’s hearing, or any internal disciplinary.” More information about these reviews can be found here: -

<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/domestic-homicide-reviews>

They have recently published a review into the death of “Keith” who died in January 2017. The summary can be found here-

https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/page_downloads/Exec%20summary%20Keith%20Aylesbury%202017%20-%20Final%20published%20%282%29.pdf

EM Learning Review

In November 2018, the BSCB undertook a review into the case of a 21 year old woman who took her own life by hanging. Whilst the situation did not meet the criteria for a Serious Case Review (children) or a Safeguarding Adult Review, it was felt that there was a lot that agencies could learn from the case.

The BSCB commissioned an independent author to meet with practitioners who had some involvement in the young woman’s life, in order to identify any significant learning points.

The full Case Review document, including conclusions and key learning points for agencies, can be read in its entirety at:

<http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/About%20the%20BSCB/Audits%20and%20findings/Learning-from-case-review-E.pdf>

To access findings from additional BSCB learning events / Challenge Sessions, please visit:

<https://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/about-the-bscb/audits-other-learning/>

To access final reports from Local Serious Case Reviews / Serious Case Review Learning Logs, please visit:

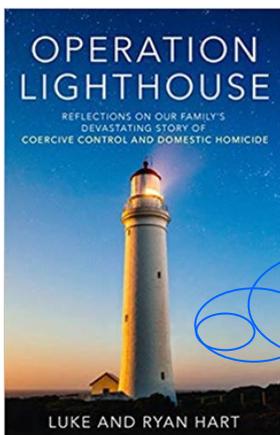
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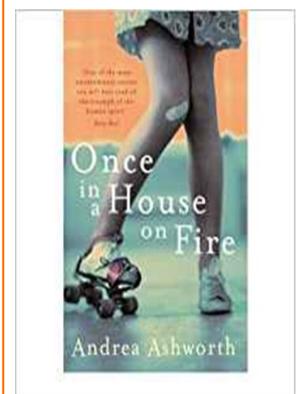
Recently released -Joan Smith “ Home Grown : How domestic violence turns men into terrorists” described in one review as “an urgent manifesto revealing the link between domestic violence and terrorism by seasoned journalist and human rights campaigner”.



Current to Bucks - Luke and Ryan Hart who are attending Buckinghamshire domestic abuse champions meeting have a book which aims to raise awareness, as a result of their personal experience, on the harmful effects of patriarchy. Operation Lighthouse: Reflections on our Family's Devastating Story of Coercive Control and Domestic Homicide is described as “the most relevant and inspiring account that I have heard in the 15 years I have been active in challenging men's abuse and violence towards women and girls” by Chris Green OBE, Founder White Ribbon UK



Re-release- “Once in a house on fire - Andrea Ashworth”. A true account of one girls life in the seventies and eighties with themes still relevant today. Amazon product description states “Set in 1970s Manchester, Once in a House on Fire tells the true story of three sisters and their mother, a close-knit and loving family forced to battle with poverty, abuse and the effects of depression. Beautifully written and deeply inspiring, with a new afterword by Andrea Ashworth, it is a book that will stay with its readers for ever.”



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