



March 2021 – Joint BSCP/BSAB Newsletter

Welcome from Vince Grey - Safeguarding Partnership Manager

I think we have all noticed that the nights have started to draw out and there are a couple of more hours daylight than when our last newsletter was published. The first of the spring plants have started to crop up along the road verges and in our parks, signs of things starting new and with the Governments published "road map" to recovery, lets hope that over the next few weeks things improve even more. Sticking with the current Covid situation, I can report that our partners are still working hard to support the communities of Buckinghamshire in terms of Covid recovery plans, vaccination roll outs and healthcare provision. The schools will have started a phased return of pupils which is great news to continue the recovery moving forward.

Within the Partnership Business Unit we have been very busy supporting the ongoing safeguarding work. In January we published a further safeguarding Serious Case Review (SCR) for Baby N, the [report appears on our website](#). With regards to our SCR's we manage an action plan template to ensure that we capture all the learning from the reviews. We have undertaken work to implement new policies or procedures that have come from SCR recommendations and we continue to develop and implement this learning, examples of such work are a revised pre-birth procedures document, the writing of a new Joint Mental Health policy between Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Adults and Children that captures working new practices regarding parenting with mental health. We are also currently working on updating a children's neglect tool kit for partners.

On 4th March we held a learning event for partners based around all of our SCR's which was a huge success. The day was facilitated by an experienced independent author who has a background in working in various children's services across different Local Authorities. The event covered four main themes followed by a Q&A session to allow as much learning to take place around SCR's and how the interaction between all the agencies that support the communities of Buckinghamshire is a really important factor in our everyday roles.

Following on from a lengthy period of consultation the BSCP has now launched the new Continuum of Need (incorporating threshold guidance) update which went live on the 23rd March. This replaces the old Threshold document and the new update is to be used to assist in assessment processes by all agencies or partners operating in

Buckinghamshire. As well as the webpage version, suitable for all electronic devices, there is a printable PDF version of both the windscreen and the four levels of Need. The BSCP would make a request that if you currently display a link in your own documents to the old Threshold that you replace it with the one should below.

<https://www.buckssafeguarding.org.uk/childrenpartnership/professionals/continuum-of-need/>

As I mentioned in our last newsletter we were in the process of completing a Section 11 audit. This has now been completed and supported by an additional staff survey. We had a very good response from partners with regards to taking part in the audit/survey and we are currently collating the responses. We have prepared a report capturing outcomes which will be shared with one of our subgroups for further review and learning. Hopefully by the time of the next newsletter we will have published our findings.

I have been in post since February 2020 but by the end of this month my tenure in this post will have come to an end. The previous Safeguarding Children’s Partnership Manager, Jo Stephenson, will be returning in early April to pick up the reigns. Jo has significant experience in this area of business and I am sure will take the team forward in a really positive way. Lastly I just wanted to thank my team who have worked tirelessly throughout the last 12 months in difficult circumstances for us all, they are a dedicated bunch who support the wider partnership in many different ways.

Yellowberry Hill By Mark Newforth



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