



Barnet Safeguarding Children Board

Making Safeguarding Everybody's Business

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Welcome

Welcome to the eleventh edition of the Barnet Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) newsletter, which will be published following every meeting of the BSCB and uploaded on the Board website www.barnetscb.org

What is the BSCB?

The Barnet Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) is a multi-agency group that exists 'to make Barnet a safer place for all children and young people'. A safer place means children and young people are safe at home, safe in school and safe in the community.

BSCB includes a wide range of members from different organisations and communities in Barnet and its main function is to ensure that services work together effectively to protect children and young people from harm.

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Summary of BSCB Board Meeting on 20th March 2013

- **MASH** (Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub) – Phase 1 (co-location of the council and the police public protection desk) has been established. The development of Phase 2 involving co-location of all partner agencies including health, education and housing is progressing. There has been some delay in with securing the lease for the building for Phase 2. As soon as the lease is signed, partners will expedite the installation of their equipment to launch Phase 2.
- **Munro Demonstrator**—overall the work undertaken to integrate the Munro recommendations into ongoing practice has had a positive impact. The work which has been carried out so far is already achieving positive outcomes for children and young people in Barnet.
- Following their win, **Youth Shield** are currently in the process of recruiting new members and want to expand their training to the schools. They are looking to develop peer to peer training. They met with the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor has requested a copy of the consultations.
- **SCIE**—the findings from the full review that was undertaken were discussed and it was suggested that Champions be identified to look at the safeguarding across the partnerships in particular picking up on the five typology's identified within the report. This will be further discussed at the Board Review Day in May.
- **E-Safety Group**—received a proposal from Sharon Harrison who has agreed to get this group up and running.
- **Section 11**—the deadline for the returns has been extended to 19-04-13. If agencies cover other boroughs, they can send in the same return—there is no need to do separate ones for the individual boroughs.
- **Safeguarding Performance Data**—this dataset was reviewed at the meeting and further discussions will take place about particular areas at the Review Day in May.
- **LSCB/MAPPA**—all those present at the Board meeting agreed with the protocol and were happy to sign up to it. The only issue that arose is that there was no clarity as to which health services are involved. It was suggested that it should be changed from PCT to Health Care Trusts. Tim Beach said that he would feed this back to the London Board.
- **City Safe Haven**—Noelle Doona from Hendon School required some more support to progress this project. Several Board members agreed to assist and Noelle can be contacted at citysafe@hendonschool.co.uk or DoonaN@hendonschool.co.uk
- **BSCB Budget**—Tim Beach asked partner agencies to have discussions within their services and to inform him if they anticipate any problems with their contributions to the Board for 2013-2014.



Barnet Safeguarding Children Board Review Day

A date has now been set for the Review Day—**Tuesday 7th May 2013 (10am registration for 10.30am start to 4.30pm, North London Business Park, Oak Room Building 4)**. This Review Day will be used to discuss some of the following topics:

- Board Structure (agency attendance, review performance of Sub-groups)
- Board’s Existing Priorities
- Presentation and discussion from the findings of the three SCIE Reviews
- Journey of the Child
- Presentation of MASH and Munro
 - Does this address the issues?
 - What more do we need to do?
- Youth Shield
- Performance Dataset

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARIES—EMAILS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS

Training and Events for Practitioners working with Children and Families

SCIE

Barnet have undertaken three SCIE reviews and to learn from the findings, the Board will be organising some more SCIE/DVHR learning events this year (dates to be confirmed). Information will be posted on the Board website www.barnetscb.org in due course.

Personality Disorder and/or Challenging Behaviour

Due to the popularity of these workshops and consultations, we are happy to announce some new dates (below). This is an opportunity for all professionals to have a better insight into Personality Disorder and/or Challenging Behaviour. The workshops are run by Forensic Psychologists and they will also hold one-to-one or group consultations to discuss any specific cases that you may have (by appointment only). For further information and to book a place, please contact Fiona Fernandes 0208 359 4519/7959 or email bscb@barnet.gov.uk. Please ensure that you inform your staff of these dates.

For other training courses please contact the Children’s Services Workforce Development Team on 020 8359 6389/95 or email the Team at childrens.workforce@barnet.gov.uk

Date (Thursdays)	Morning Session (times and rooms vary – please see below)	Afternoon Session (times and rooms vary – please see below)
25 th April 2013	Individual and/or Group consultation slots (3 slots available—by appointment) 9.30am to 12noon (Cherry Room, Building 4, NLBP)	Introducing PD: Key Features of PD (1.00pm to 4.30pm) Training Room 2, Building 2, NLBP
23 rd May 2013	Individual and/or Group consultation slots (3 slots available—by appointment) 9.30am to 12noon (Cherry Room, Building 4, NLBP)	Strategies for working with PD (1.00pm to 4.30pm) Training Room 1, Building 2, NLBP
27 th June 2013	Introducing PD: Key Features of PD (9.30am to 12.30pm) (Conference Room 3, Building 2, NLBP)	Individual and/or Group consultation slots (3 slots available—by appointment) 1.30pm to 4.30pm (Conference Room 3, Building 2, NLBP)
18 th July 2013	Strategies for working with PD (9.30am to 12.30pm) (Conference Room 1, Building 2, NLBP)	Individual and/or Group consultation slots (3 slots available—by appointment) 1.30pm to 4.30pm (Conference Room 1, Building 2, NLBP)
22 nd August 2013	Introducing PD: Key Features of PD (9.30am to 12.30pm) (Conference Room 1, Building 2, NLBP)	Individual and/or Group consultation slots (3 slots available—by appointment) 1.30pm to 4.30pm (Conference Room 1, Building 2, NLBP)



Procedures and Guidance

New Working Together Guidance 2013

Briefing from London Safeguarding Children Board

Overview

The Government originally consulted on a suite of documents aimed at reforming the English child protection system in June 2012, cutting down more than 700 pages of existing guidance to just 68. The consultation process provoked a wide range of views from stakeholders, and the documents have undergone several revisions over the past 9 months. They have now been merged into one piece of statutory guidance, *Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013*, which makes several important changes to the existing safeguarding children framework.

The new guidance focuses strongly on legislative requirements, and removes large sections of non-statutory practice guidance. However, *Working Together 2013* is lengthier than the documents originally issued for consultation (now reaching 97 pages), and includes more detail on the roles and responsibilities of partner agencies such as health and the police. The guidance is clear that “safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility”, and other headlines include:

- The reinstatement of statutory timescales for assessing the needs of vulnerable children, which had been removed from the consultation documents;
- A removal of the distinction between initial and core assessments, replaced by ongoing, locally developed, assessments of need;
- A change in the governance arrangements for independent Chairs of local safeguarding children boards (LSCBs), who will now be appointed and held to account by the local authority Chief Executive rather than the Director of Children’s Services;
- The establishment of a national panel to hold LSCB Chairs to account on whether serious case reviews should be carried out, which independent reviewers should be commissioned to lead the review, and to challenge any decision that the report should not be published;
- A strong reiteration of the government’s intention that all serious case reviews should be published in full, and more detailed guidance on what this means in practice;
- A reversal of the consultation’s proposal for all future serious case reviews to be undertaken using so called “systems methodology”, with LSCBs instead free to use any model that is broadly in line with stated principles; and
- A requirement on LSCBs to develop a local framework for learning and improvement, including regular reviews of cases that may not meet the criteria for a full serious case review, as part of an ongoing process of learning and development.

Everyone has a responsibility for safeguarding children. By working together, we can help make sure no child is harmed.



For more information click on this link -

[London Safeguarding Children Board Working Together Briefing](#)

PLEASE NOTE:

The guidance will come into effect from 15 April 2013



Farewell and Thanks.....

There are two Board Members who will be leaving the Board, Bridget Griffin, Divisional Manager Safeguarding (also leaving Barnet) and Bernd Koschland, Chair of the Faith & Cultural Sub Group and we take this opportunity to thank them both for their continual, valuable support and input. We wish them both every success for the future.

Bridget has been an integral and much valued member of the Board for the last three and a half years, and over that time has undoubtedly made a huge difference to the quality of the services provided to young people across both Barnet and London. She has been instrumental in the work around missing children, child sexual exploitation, developing the systems learning case review model with SCIE, performance frameworks and quality audits across the safeguarding partnership. We could list more but you no doubt get the picture. In short she has been at the heart of what has been good about safeguarding in Barnet and will be sorely missed, not least for that precious ability to challenge colleagues across the partnership to ensure that children and young people remain our focus.

Similarly Bernd has chaired and led the Faith and Cultural Sub Group of the BSCB for three years during which time it carried out work in spreading the safeguarding message across faith groups and into supplementary schools.

That work and its significance, not only in Barnet but as a model for London, was recognized at last year's London Safeguarding awards. Again a great loss to the Board.

“Safeguarding and promoting welfare... to protect specific children who are suffering or are at risk of suffering significant harm.”

Barnet Safeguarding Children Board Website

The website is now up and running, however it is still work in progress. We therefore welcome any comments you may have about it. Furthermore, if you have any information about your services that you would like the Board members to know, we will be more than happy to put the information on the website. You can access the website at the following address: www.barnetscb.org

Key Contact for Advice and Support

The updated [Key Contact List](#) is designed for Professionals and provides details of who to contact if you have concerns about a child or wish to seek advice through the consultation line.

All queries relating to the Board and Sub Groups should be directed to Fiona via the generic Board email address at bscb@barnet.gov.uk. Child Death related queries or notifications should continue to be sent to the secure generic address at barnet.cdop@barnet.gcsx.gov.uk.

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Although we do try to incorporate all aspects of information from our partners agencies, we always welcome any contributions (appropriate links to websites, training or conferences) from our readers to share. Please send details for inclusion in the next newsletter or website to bscb@barnet.gov.uk

