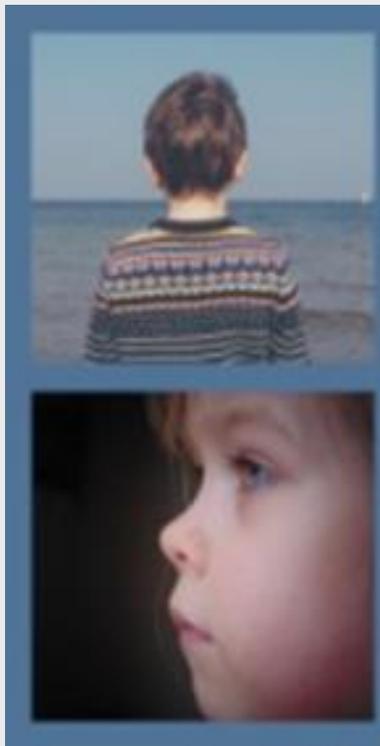


LSCB NEWS

Updates to pan Sussex Safeguarding & Child Protection Procedures

Child Witnesses

Child Witness Support is available to children and young people required to give evidence in criminal proceedings, either in relation to their own abuse, or as a witness to crimes committed against another person. Read more about the service in the revised procedure [Child Witnesses in Criminal Prosecution and Pre-Trial Therapy Support](#)



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Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures Group

The pan Sussex Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures Group met on 30 October 2018 to review the local policies, procedures and guidance for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in Sussex. With the publication of [Working Together to Safeguard Children, 2018](#) it was a busy meeting for the group.

Read on to hear about the changes we have made.

Foreign Exchange Visits



Exchange Visits provide valuable and often unique experiences for young people to experience other cultures, develop new friendships and thus broaden their horizons and knowledge. Children on foreign exchange visits typically stay with a family selected by the school in the host country and are vulnerable for reasons comparable to others living away from home.

We have reviewed our procedure to support safe and productive exchange visits. See [Foreign Exchange Visits](#). If you are a school, the British Council has some helpful information plan [a visit](#)



Pre-Birth Child Protection Procedures

A pre-birth conference should be held where a:

- Pre-birth assessment gives rise to concerns that an unborn child may be at risk of Significant Harm;
- Previous child has died or been removed from parent(s) as a result of Significant Harm;
- A child is to be born into a family or household which already have children subject to a Child Protection Plan;
- A person identified as presenting a risk, or potential risk, to children resides in the household or is known to be a regular visitor

Familiarise yourself with the procedure [HERE](#)

Next Steps

Over the next few months we will continue to review our procedures, including;

- Working with Children and Families
- Recognition and Referral of Abuse and Neglect
- Response to Child Protection Referrals
- Children from Abroad/Children and Families who Go Missing
- Children and Young People Vulnerable to Violent Extremism
- Domestic Violence and Abuse
- Racial and Religious Harassment
- Child Protection Conferences

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Dangerous Dogs

This guidance was written last year to support the protection of children in Sussex from the serious injuries that can be inflicted by dogs that are prohibited, dangerous or poorly managed.

It sets out to explain and describe:

- The children most likely to be vulnerable and the dogs most likely to be dangerous;
- The information that should be gathered when any child is injured by a dog and the criteria that should prompt a referral to Children's Social Care;
- The basis for an effective assessment of risk and the options for action that could be considered by strategy groups or case conferences

Certain dogs are prohibited



Dangerous Dog

Act 1991

We have given it another re-read and encourage you to do likewise.

[Dangerous Dogs](#)

Complex (Organised and Multiple) Abuse

We have reviewed this procedure to support you to recognise and respond to complex and organised abuse. All agencies, including those from the community and voluntary sector, who may be asked to contribute to complex abuse investigations, should familiarise themselves with this procedure.

[Complex \(Organised and Multiple\) Abuse](#)

Honor Based Violence

It takes a lot of courage for a child to tell someone that they are afraid that they will be, or have been, subjected to HBV. It is essential, therefore, that we all take what they are saying seriously. Read about risks, indicators, and protection action to be taken in the pan Sussex [Honour Based Violence procedure](#).

If you would like to get in touch regarding this bulletin please contact LSCB.admin@brighton-hove.gov.uk