

MONTHLY NEWS

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Introduction



In June 2018, the SSCB Independent Chair sort approval from the Chief Executive of the SMBC to commence transition planning for the new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements (MASA). Sandwell Children's Trust appointed an Independent Consultant to lead a project on the transition from SSCB to the new MASA. Partners from Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, Sandwell Children's Trust, West Midlands Police and Clinical Commission Group came together to form a steering group to oversee the Project (the MASA Stakeholders). The project plan implementation was supported by Officers of the SSCB Business Office and agency representatives across the SSCB. The MASA was successfully launched 1 April 2019 being one of the first in regional. The new arrangements have already seen many changes, and these will continue to improve all services.

A new Independent Chair and Scrutineer, Jane Shuttleworth, was appointed shortly after the MASA was launched. Jane is new to Sandwell and to enable her to gain a good understanding of the area and how things work she has been meeting and visiting different agency representatives and sites. Everyone has been very welcoming and open with Jane gaining some excellent knowledge from these visits/meetings.

SCSP Events

Learning from Practice Events

The first of three Learning from Practice Events was recently held on Tuesday 17 September. The focus of this event was 'Working with parents including fathers'. There was a fantastic attendance from agencies across Sandwell with some excellent discussion and sharing of ideas between professionals.

The next Learning from Practice Event will be held on Wednesday 16 October with the focus on Early help and the final planned event will be on Tuesday 19 November with the focus on front Doors. Spaces are limited therefore if you would like to register your interest please email SCSP_Business@sandwell.gov.uk with your name, job title and email address. Confirmation and information is sent out closer to the event date.

NSPCC Graded Care Profile

Delivery of the Graded Care Profile to frontline practitioner is due to commence very soon. Please look out for further information.



Sarah's Disclosure Law Requests has gone live – Sarah's Law is the Child Sex Offender Disclosure scheme, which allows anyone to formally ask the police if someone who has access to a child has a child sexual offences record. Click [here](#) for more information.

Please contact the SCSP Business Team if you would like any news included in future news bulletins.



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