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Please note the SCSP are currently working from home



DID YOU KNOW?

The SCSP offers a range of free multi agency training.

For the full training catalogue, including dates/times,

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**The SCSP needs YOU
for a Multi Agency Case File Audit
(MACFA)**

What is a MACFA?

MACFAs are completed every quarter to gain an understanding of what practice, systems and processes look like across Sandwell on a specific theme.

4-6 children are chosen to be the subject of a 'deep dive' where agencies who have worked with the child/family complete a case file audit of their involvement.

Practitioner discussion forums are held to gain the insight and perspective of frontline practitioners and first line managers. Where appropriate, families are also invited to share their views.

MACFAs are led by the Quality of Practice and Performance (QPP) subgroup. The findings enable QPP to provide assurance to the SCSP Board that there are effective multi agency safeguarding arrangements across Sandwell.

How can I help?

Multi agency practitioner discussion forums

The forums enable practitioners to come together and share their experiences of working with children and families relating to a specific topic. Recent themes have included Exploitation and Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health of children and young people.

A request will be sent out via your agency's QPP representative—you will be asked to put your name forward and indicate a preference for a morning or afternoon session. Be quick as only a set number of spaces are allocated to each agency!

Discussion forums are held virtually (MS Teams) and last for 90 minutes. They are facilitated by the SCSP Business Unit.

The forums encourage open and constructive dialogue in a confidential environment. The SCSP wants to celebrate good practice and highlight areas where improvements could be made.

The forums are a great place to share information and network.

Your feedback plays a crucial role in shaping strategies and changing and improving practice.

“It was good having a diverse range of professionals together talking about a specific topic...”
CPN, CAMHS

“It was really positive to meet so many like-minded people. Everyone involved was very polite and respectful.”
DSL, primary school

“We will be meeting with some of the professionals who attended the forum to inform our practice and to build positive partnership working” – Family Support Co-ordinator

MACFA Case File Audit Tool

If a child you have worked with is chosen for the 'deep dive' aspect of the MACFA, the case file audit tool will be sent out via the QPP representative.

The tool must not be completed by the case worker but by their manager/a manager within the service or a safeguarding lead. Once completed the caseworker **must** be informed of the findings of the audit tool and offered the opportunity to reflect on the case.

Case file audit tools must be completed within 5-6 weeks and sent back to the SCSP Business Unit by the given date.

The case worker will be invited to discuss their work with the child and family with the Audit Standing Panel—this is to inform the overall MACFA report.

The MACFA report will summarise the findings of the case file audit tools and discussion forums. It will celebrate and share good practice and identify areas for improvement, which will form multi agency recommendations and an action plan. This will be ratified by the SCSP Board to complete the MACFA.