

Wakefield Safeguarding Children Partnership

Spring 2020



Introduction

In 2016 the Government commissioned a report by Alan Woods about the future of Local Safeguarding Children's Boards. The report recommended the abolition of the LSCB's, which was enacted by the Children and Social Work Act 2017.

A new 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' was published in 2018, which sets out the new requirements for a Local Safeguarding Children Partnership led by three key partners:

Wakefield Clinical Commissioning Group
West Yorkshire Police
Wakefield Council

Dear Colleagues

Since the last Partnership Newsletter, the world around us has changed quite considerably, given the Coronavirus pandemic. I wanted to start this update by saying how proud I am of us as a partnership. It is periods like this that we pull together and truly show our best as we continue to work to support and help our district's children and families. Thank you to everyone.

Over the last six months our strong partnership arrangements have continued to develop and have put us in a good position to respond to the current pandemic. During this period we have held a well-attended and evaluated wider Safeguarding Partnership Conference which focused on our key priorities of children's mental health, neglect and adolescent risk. The sub groups of the partnership have continued to meet, now meeting virtually, to provide assurance about our safeguarding arrangements. We have developed a programme of work which gives members of the partnership the opportunity to consider an area of practice in depth which includes visits to relevant services or attendance at a conference or meeting relating to the area of practice.

This edition of the newsletter contains useful information that has been identified as important as a result of serious incidents that have occurred in Wakefield, these include working with hard to engage families, a professional awareness of the risks of overlay or infant death and the additional risk factors that professionals should be aware of and the use of the Neglect toolkit. We know that Neglect continues to be one of our biggest areas of concern and harm to children and the Neglect toolkit is aimed at helping professionals identify when the care given to children is not good enough.

The priority for Wakefield Safeguarding Children's Partnership (WSCP) is to be assured that children and young people are safe and their wellbeing is protected, particularly at this time and also particularly our vulnerable children.

With that in mind we have focused on three key areas of assurance:

- 1) A shared understanding of what all partners are doing during the pandemic to support and safeguard children and young people. We have produced a Partnership Document which is regularly reviewed and the most up to date version is available on the WSCP website. www.wakefieldscp.org.uk
- 2) Launched a "Safeguarding Is Everyone's Business" communications campaign, which encourages everyone, particularly front line workers, to look out for potential signs of child neglect or abuse during the pandemic. The campaign is being delivered via social media and through posters with links having been made with businesses such as Amazon, the supermarkets and Royal Mail to encourage their staff to look out for signs of safeguarding issues when they are making deliveries and feel confident to report them.
- 3) Developed a tracker of children who have been identified by partners as potentially vulnerable in the Wakefield District. This is particularly important for children who are identified as vulnerable by schools, but who have not required a referral to targeted support or specialist services.

Our strong partnership working on the Safeguarding Tracker has been particularly impressive. The Tracker is updated on a weekly basis by School Improvement Advisors and helps us to understand how many vulnerable children are attending early years, primary years and secondary year's settings and, if not, what the contact arrangements for them are.

In true Wakefield Families Together style, partners are having conversations on a regular basis and having weekly Cluster Safeguarding Meetings between Social Care, Children's First Hubs, education, health and the police to discuss children we are concerned about and putting shared plans in place to make sure they are seen and supported. What a fantastic arrangement.

I can only repeat my thanks again to everyone for their dedication to supporting our children, young people, their families and each other and I look forward to seeing the Partnership working together to make sure children and young people remain safeguarded and supported as the lockdown restrictions begin to ease.

Beate Wagner

WSCP 5 Priorities

Our 5 priorities

1

Ensure that thresholds across the partnership are fully understood so children receive the right help at the right time.

2

Improve the WSCP's effectiveness in reducing the harm to children in vulnerable groups, with particular focus on children and young people at risk of sexual or criminal exploitation.

3

Improve the WSCP's effectiveness in reducing the harm and protecting children and adolescents who are experiencing neglect.

4

Improve the WSCP's effectiveness in reducing the harm and protecting children experiencing problems with emotional health and wellbeing.

5

Review and evaluate the effectiveness of the partnership to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in Wakefield and district, and respond to any areas for change and development through the transition to the new arrangements.



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Safeguarding Partners

As many of you will be aware the new Safeguarding Partnership arrangements became effective from September last year. The Wakefield Safeguarding Partnership website explains this in detail.

One aspect of the new arrangements is the requirement to have Independent Scrutiny and here in Wakefield that is my role "Independent Scrutineer."

This involves looking at the work of the sub committees of the partnership and reporting to the executive group.

In my first meeting with the executive in January I was able to report that all the new arrangements had made a good start, the partnership was not only compliant but working well together. In addition the partnership arrangements had done a good job of involving and listening to young people.

In the same meeting we discussed what might be the best approach we could take towards making the districts most vulnerable children safer, what would make the arrangements more effective?

As a result of these discussions we initially decided to focus on "**Safety Plans.**"

These are the plans we draw up with families at all stages of concern whether it be Early Help, Child in Need or Child Protection. These plans are most effective when everyone who knows the family and/or child (including the family members) participate and communicate together to make sure the plan is effective. Within this approach every partner takes some responsibility for some aspects of the plan and regularly communicates with other partners and family members, sharing their perspective on progress and concerns. Of course our plans were interrupted by the C-19 crisis and the awareness raising events and discussions about Safety Plans have not been able to take place as we had hoped.

In some ways the idea of all partners who know a family or vulnerable child communicating in support of the family or child is even more important under the current restrictions. The need is more pressing than ever for us all to communicate and be extra vigilant in respect of those who might be vulnerable and easily lost to our support mechanisms.

For this reason I would still wish to prioritise both the extra vigilance required in the current crisis along with the development of partnership wide effective safety plans, especially those plans in place for 'hidden' children potentially suffering neglect. No better time for us to try to develop best practice across the district in these responsibilities.

Stuart Smith OBE

WSCP Conference Winter 2019

Attended by approx. 100 multi-agency colleagues the first Wakefield Safeguarding Children Partnership Conference took place on 2nd December 2019 at the Westfield's Centre in South Elmsall.

This was the first Partnership wide event since the new Safeguarding arrangements came into place on 1st September 2019. The event was opened by Stuart Smith, our Independent Scrutineer, who set out our new Safeguarding Partnership arrangements. This was followed by a presentation about the new Practice Model Connecting Practice and the way this links to the new ways of working - **Wakefield Families Together**. There was a choice of three Workshops and these related to the three Safeguarding Partnership priorities of responding to neglect, children & young people criminally exploited and responding to the emotional health and wellbeing of children & young people.

The Neglect Workshop launched the revised Neglect Toolkit which has been revised to include the neglect of adolescents and to include a recording tool to summarise concerns. The Neglect Toolkit can be accessed [here](#)

The Emotional Health & Wellbeing Workshop considered the learning from a recent review following the deaths of young people in Wakefield as a result of suicide and the developments in practice to respond to the mental and emotional health needs of children and young people.

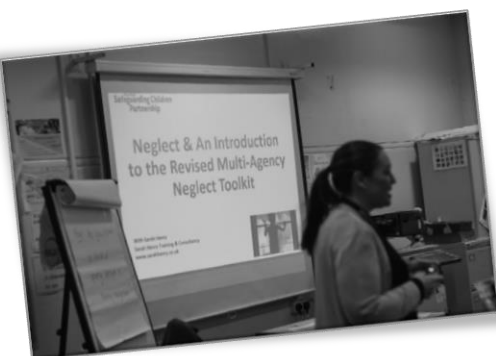
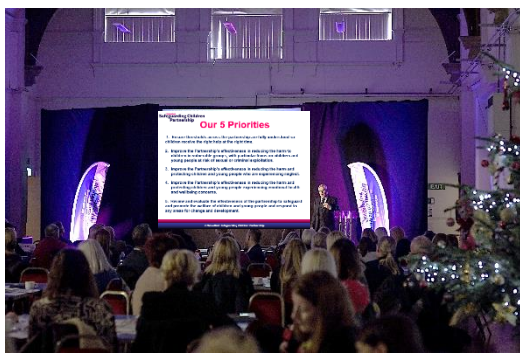
The Children Vulnerable to Exploitation Workshop considered the role of the CVE Team who are co-located into the Police, how to spot the signs of children and young people being criminally exploited and what to do if you are worried.

The Conference ended with a presentation by young people who have worked together to produce a video about their experiences of bullying. The central message of the video and presentation is that bullying is one of the biggest worries for young people. Their video was really powerful and the young people asked everyone to consider what more they could do to help those experiencing bullying.

The event was well evaluated and comments included:-

- *Very enjoyable and informative,*
- *Great networking opportunities,*
- *I have enjoyed the day,*
- *Excellent presentation from the children and young people,*
- *Extremely informative afternoon*
- *Very useful*
- *The content was excellent, needed more time*
- *Really appreciated from input the young people.*

WSCP Conference Winter 2019



WSCP E-learning available

We have updated our e-learning programme, as listed below:

Level 1 Safeguarding Children (chose the level appropriate to your role)

Level 2 Safeguarding Children (chose the level appropriate to your role)

Level 3 Safeguarding Children (chose the level appropriate to your role)

Safeguarding Children in Education

Awareness of Domestic Violence and Abuse

Child Sexual Exploitation

Suicidal Thoughts

Toxic Trio – Hidden Harm, Parental Mental Health, Parental Substance Misuse

FGM and Abuse linked to Faith or Belief

Gang related issues and County Lines

Radicalisation and Extremism

Modern Slavery & Trafficking

eSafety

Reducing Parental Conflict / Wakefield Relationship Matters

PACE Keep them Safe Free Online CSE Training

ECPAT UK Training on Child Trafficking

For more information and to register please [click here](#)

Save the date!

Monday 22nd June we plan to start our virtual Safeguarding week with the Wakefield Safeguarding Children Partnership summer conference.

Following the conference we will make available on our website a range of e-learning opportunities including online training presentations, ted talks and other resources.

More details will be available soon... www.wakefieldscp.org.uk/



Wakefield Families Newsletter

A Wakefield Families Newsletter has been created. This was a collaboration between agencies including public health and voluntary sector with special thanks to Wakefield Council's creative and communications teams. This has been emailed and delivered to Wakefield's families.

Edition 1 & 2 is available to download below. Please promote via social media and pass to the families you are involved with, if you do need hard copies please let us know.

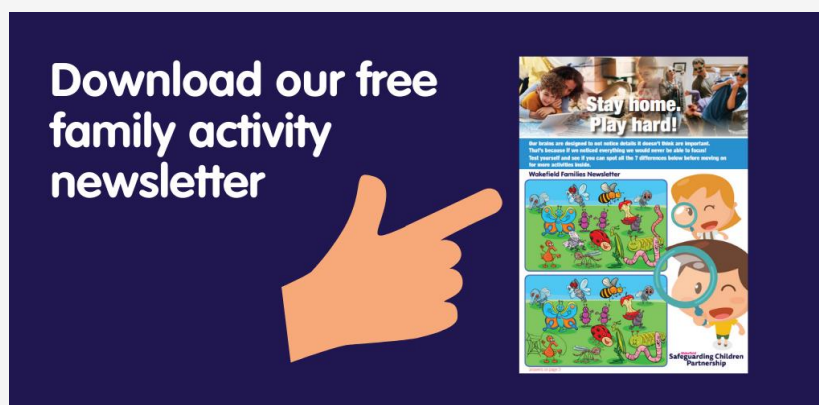
Activities for families

Being at home with the people you live with can be great fun but how do you keep everyone occupied? Do you need helpful information and support around your families' health and wellbeing? That's why we have developed the Wakefield Families Newsletter. It's full of content and activities we think you'll find useful; whether it is inspiration for things to do indoors, fun foodie activities, or advice around routines and things like sleep – we've got you covered.

April



May



Safeguarding is Everyone's Business

A campaign has been produced to encourage everyone to see safeguarding as their business. This comes as whilst children and young people might be out of sight staying home as per government guidance around coronavirus, they might not be out of harm's way.

The link to the press release is [here](#).

For more information on the signs to look out for, advice, and to register for online training visit www.wakefieldscp.org.uk. If you are able to share via social media please email wscpevents@wakefield.gov.uk to receive the media pack of suggested messages and graphics.





MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

A simple guide to getting the right help for
16-18 year olds



Future in Mind

Offered to young people via KOOOTH online counselling and support. Also offers advice and training to education staff, parents and other professionals on how they can support young people to increase their resilience and coping strategies.

Support is offered for:

- Anxiety, stress, low mood
- Relationship difficulties

Referral is via school and college staff teams.



Turning Point Talking Therapies 16+

Psychological therapies via one to one, group or online therapy. Support is for common mental health problems such as:

- Low mood and depression
- Anxiety and worry
- Anxiety disorders such as OCD, PTSD, panic and social anxiety
- Stress, poor sleep and lack of coping strategies

Self-referral online via talking.turning-point.co.uk or 01924 234 860



CAMHS

Assessment and interventions via one to one, group or family support to young people and their families who are suffering from significant mental health or behavioural problems, such as;

- Psychosis (delivered by Insight Early Intervention Team)
- Severe depression or anxiety with poor functioning and/or significant self-harm or thoughts of suicide
- Eating disorders
- Severe emotional or attachment issues

Professional referral via referral form to CAMHS Single Point of Access - 01977 735865

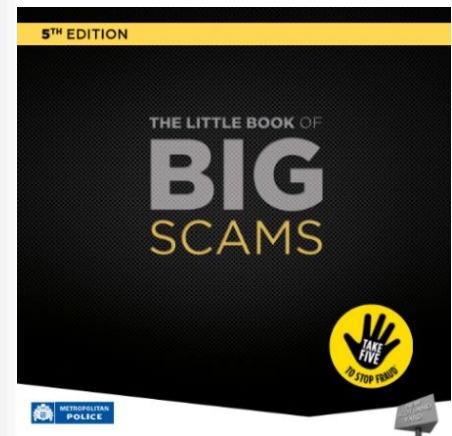


Preventing fraud and cyber crime

Several million cases of fraud and of computer misuse are reported to the police every year. It's staggering, but even more staggering is that so many of those crimes could have been prevented by making a few small changes in online behaviour.

To avoid becoming a victim of online crime you don't need to be a computer expert. Developing a few good online habits drastically reduces your chances of becoming a victim of cybercrime, makes you less vulnerable and lets you use the web safely.

The Little series of books and videos explain some of the most common scams and give advice on how to avoid falling victim to them.



Take Five is a national campaign that offers straight-forward and impartial advice to help everyone protect themselves from preventable financial fraud. This includes email deception and phone-based scams as well as online fraud – particularly where criminals impersonate trusted organisations.

Many people may already know the dos and don'ts of financial fraud and scams – that no-one should ever contact them out of the blue to ask for their PIN or full password, or ever make them feel pressured into moving money to another account. The trouble is, in the heat of the moment, it's easy to forget this.

After all, trusting people on their word is something everyone tends to do instinctively. If someone says they're from your bank or a trusted organisation, why wouldn't you believe them? Take Five urges you to stop and consider whether the situation is genuine – to stop and think if what you're being told really makes sense.

Led by UK Finance, and backed by Her Majesty's Government, the campaign is being delivered with and through a range of partners in the UK payments industry, financial services firms, law enforcement agencies, telecommunication providers, commercial, public and third sector organisations.



Duty to Refer

Do you work with people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness?

You may be aware that from 1st October 2018 some public authorities are required to notify a housing authority (Housing Needs Service of Wakefield Council) of anyone they consider may be homeless or threatened with homelessness within the next 56 days.

The public authorities with a duty to make referrals include: Prisons, Youth offending institutions, Secure training centres, Secure colleges, Youth offending teams, Probation Services, Jobcentre Plus, Social services authorities, Emergency departments, Urgent treatment centres and Hospitals in their function of providing hospital inpatient care.

You may not however, be aware that from November 2019 the ability to make referrals has been extended to include Housing Associations and other key partners. This is known as a 'Commitment to refer' if you work for a Housing Association or 'Pledge to refer' if you work for any other key organisation.

To be able to make a referral for someone who you believe to be homeless or threatened with homelessness in the next 56 days, you will need:

- The consent of the person being referred, and they will have:
- Advised they would like to be referred in the Wakefield district, and
- Consented to their contact details to be given in order that the housing needs Service can communicate with them regarding their housing situation.

Referrals should be made direct to The Housing Needs Service of Wakefield Council, using a system known as Alert. To be able to use Alert you will need to register with <https://live.housingjigsaw.co.uk/alert/duty-to-refer>. Once registered you will be able to securely send the information required to make the referral with the bonus of being able to see who you have referred and the status of the referral.

For more information on Duty/Commitment or Pledge to refer and a paper based referral form, please see our web pages at www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/adults-and-older-people-services/homelessness/public-authorities-duty-to-refer.

Safer Sleep for babies, Support for families

A number of cases have recently highlighted the dangers of parents co-sleeping with young babies. In particular, the risks associated with co-sleeping are significantly increased if the parent has drunk even a moderate amount of alcohol or has taken drugs (including some prescription drugs). The risk is associated with the possibility that the parent can accidentally suffocate the child by laying over them and in 2009; research suggested that over half of all SIDS deaths (also known as “cot death”) were potentially a result of over-laying by the parent.

Due to this recent increase, the Safeguarding Children’s Board has raised with Public Health the importance of clear, accurate, and **consistent messages** being given to new parents and families. In particular, they were interested in what awareness and training the wider workforce receive in relation to ‘safe sleeping messages’.

The 0-19 Service and Midwifery use the Lullaby Trust resources in discussing these messages www.lullabytrust.org.uk therefore it makes sense to ‘rollout’ these resources and reinforce the ‘safe sleeping messages’ across the Wakefield District to all who are involved in children and families i.e. Children’s Centre, Early Help Workforce, Social Workers and housing as well as raising awareness in the general population by displaying posters in all appropriate public places.

The Lullaby Trust also deliver training for all professionals this will be available in Wakefield – further details to follow. A Safeguarding Briefing will also be written and circulated alongside the Lullaby Trust resources over the forthcoming months.

The Lullaby Trust is concerned that families will be receiving less guidance and information around reducing the risk of SIDS as access to health visiting and other support services for families are reduced during the lockdown.

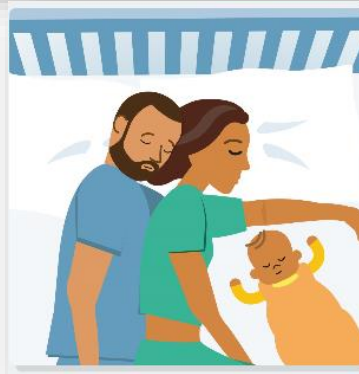
We have produced some **new free** safer sleep presentations to support staff who are remotely working with families. These presentations can be used both by professionals as a refresher on the current advice and shared with families and carers. Links to the presentations can be found on our website in the new section created for professionals supporting parents during the coronavirus (Covid 19) crisis www.lullabytrust.org.uk/professionals/supporting-families-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/



Sharing a room with your baby

The safest place for your baby to sleep is a separate cot or Moses basket in the same room as you for the first 6 months, even during the day.

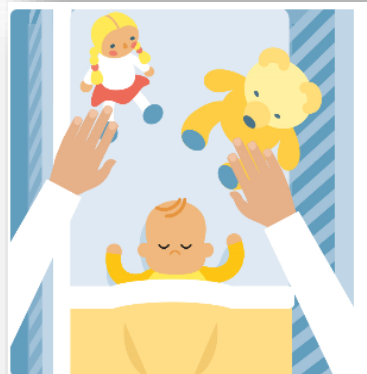
[READ MORE](#)



Co-sleeping with your baby

Some parents choose to share a bed (also known as co-sleeping) with their babies. It is important for you to know how to do this safely and that there are some circumstances in which bed-sharing with your baby can be very dangerous

[READ MORE](#)



A clear cot is a safer cot

Babies are at higher risk of SIDS if they have their heads covered, so it is safest to keep baby’s cot clear of any items such as bumpers, toys and loose bedding. Unnecessary items in a baby’s cot can also increase the risk of accidents

[READ MORE](#)



Coronavirus and caring for your baby

We know this is a worrying time for everyone, and that you may have particular concerns if you are pregnant or have a baby. We have put together the advice on coronavirus (COVID-19) and caring for your baby that is currently available and will keep updating this as we know more.

Connecting Practice



Incorporating a comprehensive set of tools and theories, with an overarching restorative approach, the Connecting Practice model supports staff to deliver the best practice and achieve the best outcomes for children and young people in Wakefield.



A new practice model has been developed which retains a focus on strength-based approaches, reflecting and building on Wakefield's history with Signs of Safety. The model "*Connecting Practice – Relationships for Change*" provides for an overarching approach in line with Restorative Principles, whilst creating more focussed attention on other elements of working with children and families – including risk (and concepts relating to the capacity to achieve and sustain change when this is needed), professional curiosity and trauma informed approaches. The model was developed with social care staff and involving partners and included a collaboration with Research in Practice.

A Restorative Approach (RP) – focusses on how we build relationships that enable us to work in a high challenge, high support way. RP gives us a set of approaches to be better equipped to understand behaviour and how that links to thoughts and feelings. RP enables us to work in this way both with colleagues, but also with families in order to support sustainable change.

Strengths based practice – Strengths based models such as Signs of Safety are used widely across the partnership. We will continue to use this approach to our work with families, for example: - what's working well? What are we worried about? What needs to happen next?

Risk – here the focus is on understanding risk, and importantly finding effective ways to reduce and mitigate harm. A number of partners already access training, which includes consideration of risk, and use the Risk and Resilience Framework.

Trauma – the focus on trauma informed practice ensures that we know how trauma impacts on the abilities of adults and children to protect themselves and others, as well as knowing how to safely intervene in these circumstances. A number of partners deliver Adverse Childhood Experiences training and use this approach to assist with their understanding of the impact of how trauma affects brain development and behaviour.

Professionally curious – The need to be curious, triangulating what we see with what others see and understand is embedded in learning across the partnership.

The Learning Academy within the council and the learning offer from the Wakefield Safeguarding Children Partnership brings the five elements of Connecting Practice into learning opportunities. The need to work together across the partnership to check out our thinking and understand more fully, what we are seeing is enshrined in **Working Together 2018**.

Working with hard to engage families

The following is an excerpt from the [West Yorkshire Consortium Inter-Agency Safeguarding and Child Protection Procedures](#):

1. Working with Families, Parents and Carers

In the range of work undertaken by staff in all member agencies of the West Yorkshire Consortium Safeguarding Children Partnerships, direct contact with children and their families is the main feature. The very purpose of these procedures is working in partnership with families to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Research evidence from a number of Serious Case Reviews has demonstrated that when the partnership between professionals and parents and carers breaks down or fails to operate, the risks to the children can increase significantly.

A number of different factors come into play from the parents who are unable to engage with others because of their own circumstances, for example being unable to read and to tell the time, to the parents who are threatening and aggressive to any authority figures or officials at any time.

Similarly, some workers may have difficulties in dealing with particular circumstances and conflict. If they fail to recognise their own role in safeguarding the child, and management systems fail to identify any difficulties or obstacles, the child may be left unprotected and work may appear to be taking place when in fact it is not.

All agencies should have robust systems in place to assess risks to staff where any threats or assaults have taken place. Strategies for working with violent parents and carers should be put in place to protect staff and ensure that services continue to be delivered to the child.

2. Reluctant Parents and Carers

The parents may be fearful of revealing personal information about such issues as their income, their immigration status, or the simple fact that they cannot cope with getting to a meeting on time by themselves.

Alternatively, communication with parents about concerns and what needs to be changed may not have been clear or understood and expectations may need to be conveyed in a different way.

On the other hand, the behaviour may be deliberate and designed to hide child abuse. If workers have a poor understanding of the symptoms of mental ill health, drug/alcohol misuse or Domestic Violence and Abuse and the consequent impact on the family, they may operate a lower level of expectation and the impact on the child may not be recognised.

Some parents may go to considerable lengths to avoid any contact with what they perceive as 'outsiders' as they attempt to keep control of their lives. This may involve actions from moving home or the child's school to avoid agencies or playing loud music to cover up children crying for example.

All agencies must communicate with one another as it is unlikely that only one agency is experiencing difficulties with the family. The assumption must never be made that the child must be safe because one agency thinks another agency is seeing the child. This may not be the case, as several Serious Case Reviews have demonstrated.

Working with hard to engage families' cont.

3. The Workers and Managers

Serious Case Reviews have indicated that where parents have a reputation for hostile, bizarre or non-compliant behaviour, workers can feel uncomfortable and become anxious. This can lead to suspicions of child abuse not being as thoroughly investigated as they might otherwise have been.

The worker might:

- Only do one ring at the doorbell;
- Only wait 5 minutes for a family to arrive for an appointment;
- Not challenge when appointments are missed or parents turn up late;
- Accept unlikely explanations;
- Not ask to see the child alone.

To confront parents may, in the mind of the worker, produce a violent response or lead them to believe any positive professional relationship will be lost. This may result in professionals colluding with the family and failing to protect the child.

As a consequence cases can drift as the focus is lost, and risks are not reduced or may be increased.

Effective communication and inter professional relationships can deteriorate resulting in "closed professional systems" where workers develop a fixed view and become less sensitive to conflicting information or observations.

Managers have a vital role in providing the environment and mechanisms to allow workers to explore the impact of working in such situations and the effect on their practice.

If any worker feels uncomfortable or unhappy about working with a family, they must consult immediately with a supervisor, so that the problem can be shared.

Asking for support is not a weakness in practice. The worker should record their feelings so that other professionals are alerted to the issues and a multi-agency meeting is convened if necessary.

Where access to the child is denied, this should be regarded as an indicator of significantly increased risk and should be reported immediately to a line manager and legal advice sought.

4. Good Practice

In order to ensure that the welfare of children is effectively promoted by all member agencies, the issues and lessons learnt from Serious Case Reviews over time should form a regular part of inter-agency training programmes.

All agencies should have policies in place which address the issues of violence against staff so that staff can feel confident in their agency's support as they carry out their duties.

Regular line management supervision is essential to support staff in identifying cases where the parents failure to engage with the service is impacting on the safety of the child.

Visiting children and families with a colleague from the same team or another agency can help identify the particular difficulties in communicating with the family as well as provide the worker with another view of the circumstances.

Regular record keeping with chronologies and frequent case summaries should be standard practice and will aid the analysis of information, allow for the recognition of developing patterns and promote effective case management.

During the assessment and enquiry stages, as well as the Initial and any Review Child Protection Conferences and Core Groups, the parents' capacity for change and capacity to meet the needs of the child must be assessed and analysed.

If the parent does not have the ability or motivation to work with the agencies or actively undermines any plans or services provided, then this must be addressed by the workers and managers with the family in order to maintain the focus on safeguarding the child.

Wakefield Families Together update

There have been fantastic strides in improving services for children in Wakefield as a partnership. Moving forward into 2020, the Wakefield Families Together (WFT) “new ways of working” programme of work will play an intrinsic part in furthering this.

Many partners will have been involved in the developed of the WFT ‘plan on a page’, which brings together the joint vision for integrated teams and services. This began with the move to 6 cluster areas, creating smaller geographical zones aligned to school catchments and footprints. The rationale behind this being that by frontline staff consistently working with the same partner practitioners, it will improve conversations and support for families.

The children’s social care teams were the first shift, with early help in process. However, this is part of much wider scale ambitions of multi-agency alignment and co-location to provide services and support under one roof locally. As part of this ambition, a review is underway for the use and capacity the district’s children’s centres.

For reference, the latest cluster area map is on the next page. However, please note this will be built on and amended as work develops.

In the meantime, partners in health, the police, primary intervention teams, and community navigators (to name just a few) have been looking into how they can similarly work towards the new integrated cluster model.

The Wakefield Health Visiting (0-5) Service have committed to changing their delivery model, which currently consists of two teams (east and west), to mirror the 6 cluster areas through the formation of three teams instead. The ‘East’ will cover the Castleford & Airedale, and Pontefract and Knottingley clusters, ‘Central’ will encompass the South East, Normanton and Featherstone clusters, and finally the ‘West’ will include the South West, Central & North West clusters. Staff within will be aligned to these teams and hubs - further fostering successful working relationships, communication and understanding, and thriving communities!

In other news, links have been made through WFT to the Inclusion Work being led by Wakefield district school leaders, which centres on improving pathways to services for vulnerable families, and enhancing transition and targeted inclusion support.

By the end of the summer, the aim is to have simpler systems in place, removing at least some of the duplication, and streamlining the delivery of current services. This includes looking at the number and frequency of meetings, and joining up work where it makes sense to do so. One of the first things partners will see is the alignment of the work in support of children with emotional health and wellbeing, currently undertaken through the Future in Mind programme, to that of the Children First Hubs. This alignment will enable support to be provided at the earliest opportunity, alongside better discussions with schools, and a more holistic offer of support.

Lots of work underway and still to do, but tangible progress towards the partners’ joint vision of children’s services can be seen.

Wakefield Families Together Cluster Areas

● Children's Centres

1. Sunbeam Mon-Fri 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00
2. Stanley Mon-Thu 8:30-5:00, Fri 8:30-4:30
3. Castle Mon-Thu 8:30-5:00, Fri 8:30-4:30
4. Butterflies Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri 9:00-5:00, Wed 10:00-4:00, Sat 9:00-4:00
5. Oakhill Mon-Thu 8:30-5:00, Fri 8:30-4:30
6. Kendal Drive Mon-Thu 8:30-5:00, Fri 8:30-4:30
7. Pomfret Mon-Fri 8:00-6:00
8. Havercroft Mon-Tue 9:00-3:00, Wed 1:00-4:00, Thu 9:00-12:00
9. Cedars Mon-Thu 8:30-5:00, Fri 8:30-4:30

● High Schools

1. Outwood Grange Academy
2. Outwood Academy City Fields
3. Cathedral Academy
4. Ossett Academy
5. Horbury Academy
6. Kettlethorpe High School
7. St Thomas à Becket Catholic College
8. Outwood Academy Freeston
9. St Wilfrid's RC Catholic High School
10. Crofton Academy
11. The Featherstone Academy
12. Castleford Academy
13. Airedale Academy
14. The King's School
15. Carleton Community High School
16. De Lacy Academy
17. Outwood Academy Hemsworth
18. Minsthorpe Community College

● PRUs

1. The Priory Centre - KS 2/3
2. The George Centre - KS4 Satellite
3. The Springfield Centre KS4 Main hub
4. The Castledene Centre KS 2/3
5. The Hilltop Centre KS4 Satellite
6. The SESKU Centre KS4 Satellite

● Special Schools

1. Highfield School
2. Kingsland Primary School
3. Oakfield Park School
4. High well School

● Nurseries

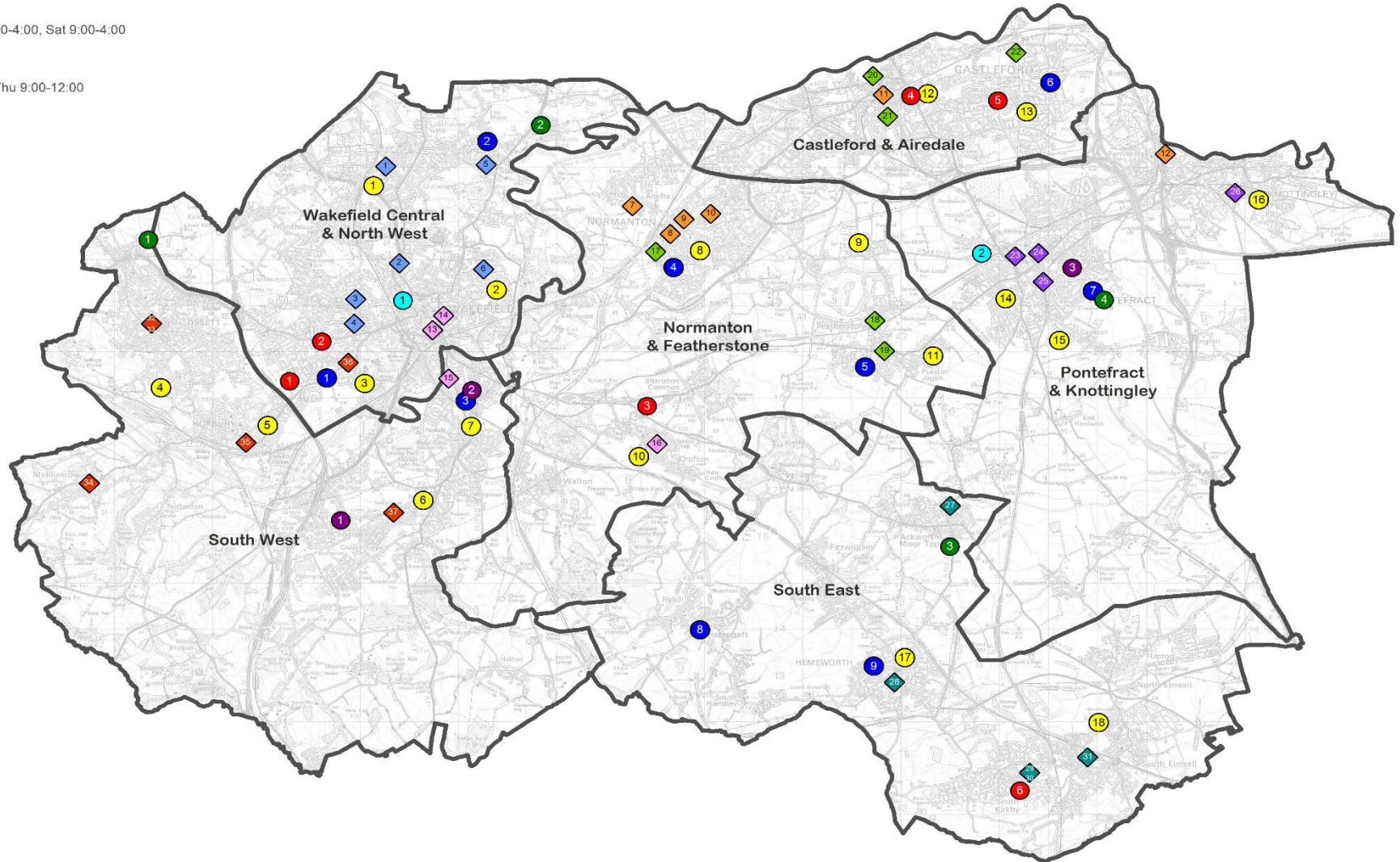
1. Crigglestone Nursery
2. The Castle Nursery
3. Harewood Centre Nursery

● Colleges

1. Wakefield College
2. New College

◇ Health/GPs

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outwood Park Medical Centre 2. New Southgate Surgery 3. Alverthorpe Surgery 4. Homestead Medical Centre 5. Stanley Health Centre 6. Eastmoor Health Centre 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Patience Lane 8. Queen Street Surgery 9. Kings Medical Centre 10. Park View Surgery 11. Castleford Medical Practice 12. Ferrybridge Medical Centre 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Trinity Medical Centre 14. Warwengate Medical Centre 15. Maybush Medical Centre 16. Crofton & Sharlston Health Ctr 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17. Newland Surgery 18. Station Lane Medical Centre 19. St Thomas Road Surgery 20. Riverside Medical Centre 21. Henry Moore Clinic 22. Tieve Tara Medical Centre 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 23. Stuart Road 24. Northgate Surgery 25. The Friarwood Surgery 26. Ash Grove Medical Centre 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 27. College Lane Surgery 28. The Grange Medical Centre 29. Dr Diggle and Dr Phillips 30. Dr Singh and Partners 31. White Rose Surgery 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 32. Prospect Road Surgery 33. Church Street Surgery 34. Middlestown Medical Centre 35. Orchard Croft Medical Centre 36. Lupset Health Centre 37. Chapeltorpe Medical Centre



Cashwise

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Cash Wise is a financial support service available to everyone living within the Wakefield district.

The team can help to resolve a wide range of financial challenges that are affecting you or your family's ability to manage and sustain a healthy household.



Call **01977 724651**, email cashwise@wdh.co.uk or visit getcashwise.co.uk/contact-us/

Cash Wise can support you to:

- Create a household budget
- Understand your bills and priority payments
- Maximise your income and reduce your outgoings
- Understand your benefit entitlements
- Reduce your bills and switch energy providers
- Complete applications for benefits and grants
- Support with benefit appeals
- Support with debt issues
- Refer you to other services that meet your needs

We can help you if you are:

- Living in a WDH property
- Living in a privately rented property
- Living in other social housing
- A homeowner
- A lodger
- Homeless / In temporary accommodation



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Check out the Cash Wise website which is packed with useful information, such as



- An easy to use budget calculator
- Help to manage your money
- Cooking healthy food on a budget
- Job advice and employability skills

If you're struggling with your money and would like some support, get in touch by clicking on the 'We can help' icon on the website www.getcashwise.co.uk and complete the form.



Like our Facebook page [getcashwise](https://www.facebook.com/getcashwise) to stay up to date with our latest news, money saving tips and competitions



or follow us on twitter [@getcashwise](https://twitter.com/getcashwise)

If you are struggling we can help 

WDH and Wakefield Council are working in partnership



Sexting...

What is Sexting

When people talk about sexting, they usually mean sending & receiving :

- Naked pictures or “nudes”
- Underwear shots
- Sexual or dirty pics
- Rude text messages or videos



Sexting can easily happen, things can go wrong, even when you didn't mean for them to.

They can be sent using mobiles, tablets, smartphones, and laptops .



Is Sexting Illegal?

YES, When you're under 18 it's against the law for anyone to take or have a sexual photo of you – even if it's a selfie.

What are the risks:

- No control of images and how they're shared
- Blackmail
- Bullying
- Unwanted Attention
- Emotional Distress



Who to report sexting to

- Emergency Dial 999
- Non-Emergency 101
- Family, Friends or Guardians
- Teacher



Information & Support

There is a lot of help and support out there for you, just ask and see support. Don't be afraid.

Disrespect Nobody - www.disrespectnobody.co.uk

ChildLine - www.childnet-int.org

Think before you send...

Before you share a photo of yourself always think “would I be ok with anyone and everyone seeing this?”

If you share a 'nude' or 'underwear shot' even with someone you trust, you are not able to control who they send it to or where they save it.

It could end up online for everyone to see. Once it's gone, you can't get it back.



Can't undo, can't go back

It is an offence to request, send or share an image of anyone under the age of 18 which could be viewed by others as 'indecent' or 'explicit', even if the picture was taken and shared with permission.



www.westyorkshire.police.uk/sexting


Female Genital Mutilation

Home Office
Information
Resource Pack

At risk of:
Childbirth complications
Infection
Anxiety
If she's cut.

Female Genital Mutilation, including pricking, piercing and cutting, has lifelong consequences for us all.

Let's protect our girls.



HM Government

FGM is illegal. To find out how to protect our girls, visit nspcc.org.uk/fgm or call the free, anonymous helpline on 0800 028 3550.

NSPCC

At risk of:
Childbirth complications
Panic attacks
Scarring
If she's cut.

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NSPCC

Department for Education
and Home Office
Mandatory reporting of
Female Genital Mutilation
– Procedural information

At risk of:
Trauma
Infection
Difficulty urinating
If she's cut.

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HELPLINE


0808 800 5000

help@nspcc.org.uk

At risk of:
Trauma
Scarring
Period problems
If she's cut.

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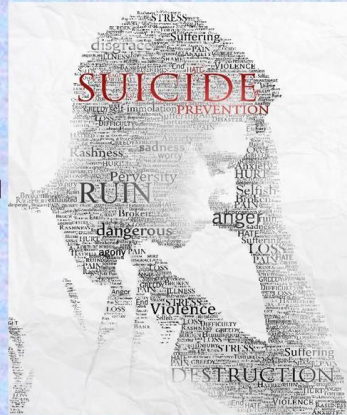
Suicide Awareness

Suicide Awareness

If you are feeling so down that you can't see a way out, know that others have felt this way and survived. You are not alone and however bad you feel, you can be helped.

A number of things can lead up to suicidal feelings:

- Depressed, or have another serious mental illness
- Using drugs or alcohol, particularly if you're upset
- Very anxious about the future or today's pressures
- Under pressure from family or your peers



Things to keep in mind:

- Think about who can help and get support if you're thinking of suicide
- If you're in danger or need urgent help, you can call the police by dialing 999
- Never give up, you are stronger than you know.
- Think Positive.

IT'S OKAY TO TALK

Support & Advice:

- Papyrus www.papyrus-uk.org, Confidential advice and support for young people who feel suicidal. Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org, Text: 07786 209 697
- Childline: www.childline.org.uk, if you're under 18 you can confidentially call, email, or chat online about any problem big or small. Freephone 24h helpline: 0800 1111

SAVE A LIFE



PAPYRUS
PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE

HOPELineUK 0800 068 41 41





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