



NEWHAM  
**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN**  
PARTNERSHIP



# **NSCP Newsletter – November 2019 Edition**

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## **Welcome to the NSCP Newsletter,**

1. Introduction to Newham Safeguarding Children Partnership
2. This month we would like to say farewell to our interim NSCP Independent Chair and welcome to the our NSCP Independent Chair
3. Available Training for this month until March 2020

## **Key Changes from Working Together 2015 to Working Together 2018**

There are a number of significant changes in the 2018 guidance from the previous version which are summarised below. Most significantly Working Together: These changes had to be in place by 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Newham published the new arrangements and a full report can be found on the NSCP website

### **What are the changes?**

- Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB's) will be replaced by new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements in local areas established by three statutory safeguarding partners (the Local authority, the Police and the local Clinical Commissioning Group)
- Serious Case Reviews will be replaced by local and national child safeguarding practice reviews
- Changes to the child death review process which will be the responsibility of the child death review partners (the Local Authority and Clinical Commissioning Group)

The defined partners in Newham are Newham Council, NHS Newham Clinical Commissioning Group and Newham and Waltham Forest Police. In Newham, Education is the fourth partner, despite this not being a statutory requirement.

The Executive Team will oversee and drive forward multi-agency child safeguarding in Newham. It will meet 4 times a year and will hold partners to account through a 'high support, high challenge' culture. The main functions of the Executive Team will be to:

- Agree annual priorities for the Partnership, to be reviewed quarterly, primarily through scrutinising business plan updates
- Hold partners to account through scrutiny of key performance data, the analysis of local issues and what is being done about them and operating a 'golden thread' culture between the Executive Team and the front line of local agencies so that issues on the ground can be subject to scrutiny and trouble shooting
- Being themselves held to account by the Independent Chair who will with the statutory partners be responsible for driving forward change and service improvements in Newham.
- Allocating resources and funding, including setting the annual budget of the Partnership

The Serious Case Review Sub Group Is now called **Child Safeguarding Practice Review Team**, this is co-chaired by police and the Principle Social Worker for children's services. The **Performance and Quality Assurance Team** will also continue with a revised terms of reference chaired by Assistant Director - CAMHS and Children's Services in Newham.

A detailed report can be found by following the link below.

<https://www.newhamscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Newham-Safeguarding-Children-Partnership-Published-Arrangements.pdf>

We would like to thank Anthony Douglas CBE for his expertise and guidance in driving through the changes for Newham. Anthony has stayed beyond the original contract to support the implementation of the new process, his support and direction has been invaluable.

### **Website Update**

The LSCB website has been updated to reflect the new name change and logo to NSCP. The domain has been changed, therefore if you were to search for LSCB you will be re-directed. If you need the new logo for your policies or documents please contact us.

### **1. NEW LSCP Independent Chair -**

#### **Goodbye from Fran Pearson -**

Since January this year, on an interim basis, I've been chairing the Newham Safeguarding Children's Partnership in addition to my permanent role for the partnerships here, which is independent chair of Newham Safeguarding Adults Board.



So what can I say at the end of this year? First of all, that thinking about whole families and working strategically across adult and child safeguarding, is definitely stronger and will only get better. Both safeguarding partnerships have always

worked together but this year thanks to members of both adults' and children's boards, we've all identified areas where we can do more. This might be in responding to learning around the parent's mental health in a children's safeguarding review or in the setting up of an all age exploitation strategic group. Going back to my substantive role with the Adults board, I'm equipped with new ideas and contacts. We also have a joint safeguarding executive group for the two partnerships to make sure we join up where we can.

Secondly, I wanted to thank everyone who has helped steer the Newham Safeguarding children's partnership as it is now known, into a formal, signed off arrangement that complies with the government's requirements. NSCP is going into a first phase of its development over the next year, led by the police, local authority, and NHs commissioning group. Disappointingly, government did not include education as the fourth of these "statutory" partners, despite widespread feedback from local areas that this should be the case. In Newham we have named schools as the fourth partner in our arrangements because we think it's so important to state this and to make it a reality.

It's been a year when we've made a lot of asks of all board members but it's been great to include local colleagues such as child psychiatrists or voluntary sector colleagues to add their perspective to our meetings. Most importantly young people formed a panel of interviewers for all recent senior council officer recruitment and for the recruitment of a new independent chair for the NSCP. I know Julia Stephens-Row, the person who has been appointed, will involve an even greater range of young people, organisations and individuals, and make all the connections with initiatives such as the Mayor's Youth Safety work, so that we are more sure of our collective effectiveness.

Thank you all for making me so welcome this year. I've been supported by all partners especially the executive group and our schools colleagues. The team around the board have been unfailingly helpful. And I'd especially like to thank on behalf of us all, Anthony Douglas who has included everyone in developing the new partnership arrangements.

## Message from Julia Stephens-Row

Hello

I would like to introduce myself as the new chair of the Newham Safeguarding Children Partnership. I was born and brought up in Cheshire and I got my degree and my Social work qualification in Manchester. I then moved to Suffolk to become a Probation Officer and I still live in Suffolk.

I have worked in Probation in both Suffolk and Essex Probation, as a practitioner and a senior manager, before being seconded to the Home Office to develop an Offender Assessment System which is now in use nationally with offenders in prison and in the community.

I took up the role as Head of Youth Offending Service in Suffolk before becoming an Assistant Director with Suffolk County Council in September 2003. My management responsibilities have included the Drug and Alcohol Action team; Equalities and Inclusion; Community Safety; troubled families; and leading

a team which was established to support individuals wishing to exit from sexual exploitation and to prevent young people from being sexually exploited.

Since 2013 I have been working independently as a consultant and as an executive coach and mentor. I was both the chair of the Manchester Adult Safeguarding Board and the Safeguarding Children Board until July 2019.

I am really looking forward to being part of the new partnership in Newham and working with you all to ensure that safeguarding is everyone's business and is a real focus of the work that is taking place. Collectively we need to achieve and promote outstanding safeguarding services throughout Newham.



Training:

Please note the below training sessions have spaces available to book online following the link:

<http://www.newhamlscb.org.uk/events>

Date	Title
26th November 2019	Perinatal Mental Health
4th December 2019	Complex Safeguarding: Understanding the Impact of Trauma
5th December 2019	Extremism: Understanding the Impact on Young People
6th December 2019	Working together: Child Protection Conferences and Group Meetings
6th December 2019	Child Neglect - GCP2 Surgery – Beyond the training
10th December 2019	Complex Safeguarding: Introduction and Tools
13th December 2019	Criminal Exploitation Workshops
8th January 2020	Child Neglect: Graded Care Profile (GCP2) Assessing Quality of Parental Care
14th January 2020	Creating Safer Organisations
14th January 2020	Complex Safeguarding: Introduction and Tools
15th January 2020	Managing Allegations and the LADO Process
15th January 2020	Radicalisation Awareness Training
20th January 2020	Disabled Children and Safeguarding
21&22/ January 2020	Complex Safeguarding: Exploitation: Trauma, Identity and the Construction of Vulnerability
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2020	Child Neglect - GCP2 Surgery – Beyond the training
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2020	Introduction to Safeguarding
27 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Cultural Competence and Safeguarding
29 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Child Neglect: An Introduction
4th February 2020	Impact of Parental Mental Health on Children and Young People – Advanced
6th February 2020	Extremism: Understanding the Impact on Young People
6th February 2020	Introduction to Safeguarding
7th February 2020	Working together: Child Protection Conferences and Group Meetings
11th February 2020	Child Neglect - GCP2 Surgery – Beyond the training
11th February 2020	Early Help Framework and Team Around the Family
13th February 2020	Perinatal Mental Health
14th February 2020	Parental Substance Misuse & Children and Young People
21st February 2020	Domestic Abuse: Risk Assessment & Safety Planning
26th February 2020	Child Sexual Abuse
27th February 2020	Effective Engagement with Parents and Carers
4th March 2020	Child Neglect: Graded Care Profile (GCP2) Assessing Quality of Parental Care
4th March 2020	Complex Safeguarding: Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Children and Young People
10th March 2020	Complex Safeguarding: Introduction and Tools
10th March 2020	Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
12th March 2020	Radicalisation Awareness Training
19th March 2020	Child Neglect - GCP2 Surgery – Beyond the training