



Safeguarding is everyone's business

## Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Newsletter - February 2017



### **BABY N SERIOUS CASE REVIEW Bournemouth and Poole LSCB**

During 2016 a Serious Case Review explored the work of agencies with Baby N and his family prior to his death in summer 2015. The cause of death was “sudden unexplained death in infancy” (SUDI).

#### **Recommendations from the review:**

- Addressing common misuse of the term “cot death” which implies that a sudden unexplained death in infancy can only happen in a cot
- Making parents fully aware of potential co-sleeping risks
- Ensuring professionals see babies' home sleeping arrangements, highlighting concerns to parents about cluttered environments, inappropriate bedding and prevention of over-heating
- Multi -agency identification, risk assessment and follow up of vulnerable parents during and post-pregnancy, including effective information sharing between agencies

- Identification of and work with cases of child neglect
- Work with families resistant to engaging with services

To raise awareness of and address learning, a Synopsis of Learning was widely circulated to staff in statutory and non-statutory organisations. The case was also highlighted and explored with staff from a wide variety of organisations Serious Case Review update training in summer 2016. The full SCR Overview Report can be accessed [here](#)

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## **Making Safeguarding Personal- 'a return to core values'**

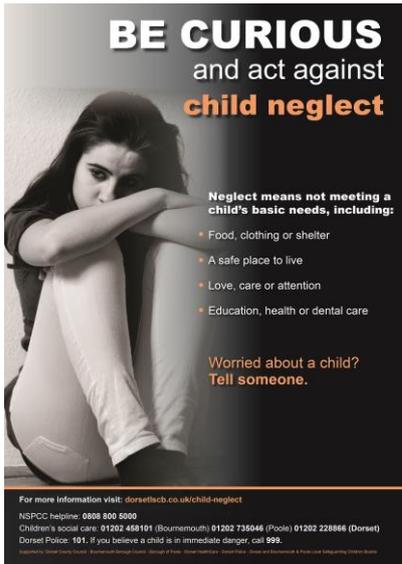
Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) was introduced in 2010 and aimed to use key social work skills to achieve meaningful outcomes for individuals.



Safeguarding is one of the most complex areas of work and through using MSP principles services have been able to move away from purely substantiating abuse as an output, to working more creatively with the individual. By working in partnership concerns are also managed more effectively from the very outset. A recent report highlights that more than 3/4's of Local Authorities are implementing the approach with others still developing plans.

The Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board and the Bournemouth and Poole Safeguarding Adults Board are committed to the use of MSP throughout all safeguarding enquiries to empower individuals to achieve their identified outcomes and remain safe from harm. To review this article please click [here](#)

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## What is Neglect?

According to the NSPCC neglect is the most common form of child abuse, with one in ten children experiencing neglect in the UK. It is the most common reason for taking child protection action. Neglect means not meeting a child's basic needs.

Neglect often happens over a period of time, but can also be a one-off event. Incidents often don't meet social care or criminal thresholds as it is the cumulative effect that is most impactful.

### Multi Agency Neglect Assessment Toolkit

A multi-agency neglect assessment toolkit has been developed to support practitioners to undertake effective assessments that enable them to accurately identify appropriate cases in need of early help or onward referral to Children's Social Care.

#### Who should use the toolkit?

The tools are available for any service, school or organisation who work with children and families in Dorset.

#### Why is it needed?

Learning from Serious Case Review Findings, Local Practice Reviews and Thematic Inspections frequently highlight missed opportunities as a consequence of poor quality assessments and lack of early intervention.

The toolkit is available on the [Dorset Safeguarding Children Board website](#) and the [Bournemouth & Poole Local Safeguarding Children Board website](#).

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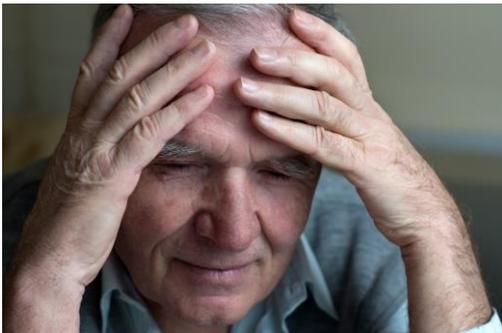
## Safe Schools & Communities Team Online safety newsletters for Parents and E-Safety Champions - Spring term 2017



The Safe Schools & Communities Team (SSCT) is a partnership between Dorset Police and the Dorset Combined Youth Offending Service, with a remit to prevent and reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and wrong-doing amongst children and young people, and help keep them safe in a digital world.

Check out their [On-line Safety and Anti-Bullying Champions Newsletter](#) which includes an article on the first DSCB E-Safety Award to Sunninghill Preparatory School, and the [Parents Online Safety Newsletter](#)

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### Self-neglect Conference

The Safeguarding Adults Boards in Dorset held a self neglect conference in November 2016 which proved to be very successful and went over issues such as:

- Effective practice in self-neglect: Messages from research (Suzi Braye – Professor social work, University of Sussex)
- Hoarding – Poole Housing Partnership (Lesly Curtis)
- Hoarding– Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue (Sarah Moore)

If you missed the conference or need a refresher the slides and video from the conference are available to [view here](#)

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## NEW Pan-Dorset Protocol for the protection of the Unborn Child

This [local protocol](#) has been developed to ensure that anyone who has concerns when that come into contact with an expectant parent (think Dads as well as Mums) knows what to do to ensure that help is available to address any concerns as soon as possible. Please review this protocol to ensure you are familiar with your responsibilities.



The Pan-Dorset Policy on the Unborn will be revised in the next update of the Policies by Tri.x in Feb / March and a new policy will be available around concealed pregnancies at the same time – look out for these and don't forget to [register for updates](#) from the Pan-Dorset policy site



### THINKUKNOW Training Child Exploitation and Online Protection Agency

**16 May 2017 - 0930-1300**

**Merley House, Merley House Ln, Broadstone, Wimborne**

**BH21 3AA**

This course is aimed at professionals who work with children and young people, such as: Teachers, Youth workers, Social workers, Police officers, Child protection professionals, Public protection officers, and LSCB e-safety leads.

#### **Aims of the course**

- Provides an overview of CEOP and the THINKUKNOW education programme
- Introduces new technologies and how young people use them
- Highlights some of the risks associated with these online environments
- Shows how the free THINKUKNOW education resources respond to these risks

#### **How to book a place:**

**PLEASE BOOK ON THE CPD SITE <http://www.pooleworkforcedevelopment.co.uk> NOT WITH SSCT AS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED**

This course is free of charge.

Further details can be obtained by contacting the SSCT on 01202 222844 or by email

[ssct@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ssct@dorset.pnn.police.uk)

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## NSPCC Speak Out -Stay Safe

The NSPCC have launched a [Speak out- Stay safe programme](#) (formerly Childline Schools Service) so that a generation of children have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. They are aiming to reach every primary school in the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.



### How does it work?

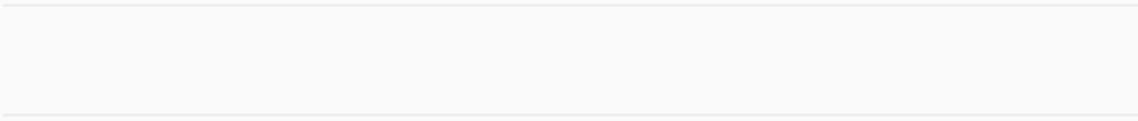
The Speak out Stay safe programme, offered at no cost to schools, will ensure all children aged 5-11 learn this essential safeguarding information in a lively, interactive and memorable way. By the end of our visit pupils will feel empowered and can speak out and stay safe.

With the help of their mascot Buddy, the programme provides child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops to help children:

- understand abuse in all its forms and recognise the signs of abuse
- know how to protect themselves from all forms of abuse
- know how to get help, and the sources of help available to them, including the [Childline](#) service.

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[The numbers you need to report a concern about a child](#)  
[What to do if you suspect an adult is being harmed or abused](#)



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