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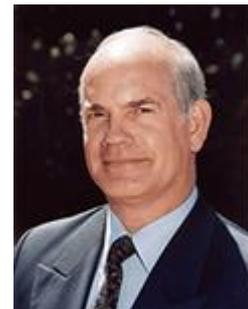
Independent Chair Update



Following an external recruitment process Barrie Crook has recently been appointed Independent Chair of the Bournemouth and Poole Safeguarding Adults Board and the Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board.

Barrie has a background in probation and criminal justice and most recently was Chief Executive of Hampshire Probation Trust.

Following the departure of Cliff Turner in November 2015, the Dorset LSCB and the Bournemouth & Poole LSCB welcome Rob Hutchinson CBE as Interim Chair until summer 2016. Rob has extensive experience and was one of the 7 external advisers for Every Child Matters, an adviser to the LGA, and a Director of Social Services for 8 years. In 2005 he was awarded a CBE and an Honorary Doctorate from Portsmouth University. We congratulate Barrie on his permanent appointment and Rob on his interim appointment and look forward to our collective future work.



Learning from National Serious Case Reviews



The two serious case review sub groups of the Bournemouth and Poole LSCB and the Dorset SCB have undertaken some work to identify messages from national serious case reviews which could be used locally.

We are reviewing national SCRs and where there appears to be some learning that is of value locally we send the link to the review to leads in partner organisations.

The group reviewed [ADS, Derbyshire, November 2014](#) and learning was identified in relation to all agencies having responsibility to convene multi-agency meetings.

Another review of the [Sunderland SCR for Child A and C](#) raised some useful learning about child-focus and reflection. The review identified how the focus had been on the mother's substance misuse rather than the impact on the children and protection of them.

You may like to review these within supervision or within a team setting to talk through what you may take from it and apply to your work with children.

Learning from Experience: Toxic Trio



Research shows that the environment in which a child lives is crucial to his or her health, safety and well-being. The term 'Toxic Trio' has been used to describe the issues of domestic abuse, mental ill-health which have been identified as common features of families where harm to children has occurred. They are viewed as indicators of increased risk of harm to children and young people.

Case Study - Use this in your setting to think about how you would respond to a family - either the children or the adults - and improve the outcomes for the children.

Children's Social Care received a referral from the school due to concerns for a mother's (Gina's) emotional wellbeing and her problems in getting one of her children to school on time.

Gina's partner Joe (the children's father) continually comes and goes leaving for a few weeks at a time. Gina is not willing to accept support from the local social care services but has a good relationship with her GP. She is struggling to sort out her relationship with Joe and has suffered violence and aggression from him in the past. Both Gina and Joe have had difficult childhoods. Gina suffered physical and sexual abuse whilst Joe had a very unhappy childhood with his father dying from alcohol poisoning when he was 11 years.

Joe and Gina confirm relationship problems exist between them. Gina's anxieties and depression impacts on family life and makes it difficult for her to prioritise her 3 young children's needs.

Joe finds it difficult to cope with 'family life'. He often shouts at him and loses his temper/physically damages things when things are going wrong in the family.

Gina feels her depression is not out of control and doesn't think its affecting her children in any negative way. She admits she sometimes struggles to get the eldest child to school as she often feels low and wants to remain in the safety of her home.

The family are isolated and have few contacts in their new area. The other two children (under school age) seem to remain in the family home for long periods of time and seldom seem to

leave the family home.

Upcoming Awareness Days

Internet Safety Day 9 February 2016

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2016>

CSE Awareness Day 18 March 2016

<http://www.stop-cse.org/national-child-exploitation-awareness-day/>

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