



# Hull Safeguarding Children Board

## Weekly e-bulletin

### Safeguarding/other

#### **Hull ReNew Drug & Alcohol Services' new model went live on Monday 1st October.**

Attached for information and cascading to your teams are:

- Partnership Bulletin – Issue 2
- Current opening times and provision
- Referral Form (MS WORD format)

#### **Would you like to help family, friends and colleagues to spot the signs of cancer?**

NHS Hull CCG is working with the Cancer Alliance to provide training to staff and offer the opportunity to become a Cancer Champion. In the first instance, the training session is specifically organised for CCG and Public Health staff and will take place on Monday 19 November, in the CCG Boardroom, from 2:00 – 4:00pm. Other professionals or community groups interested in becoming Cancer Champions can make enquiries and log an interest for future courses – see contact details on attached leaflet.

You will learn about the early signs and symptoms of cancer, how to approach the subject, and what advice to give to someone who might need it, plus a supportive handbook and leaflets to help you in your new role as Cancer Champion. The aim of the programme is to ensure that more people who have cancer are diagnosed at an earlier stage by improving general awareness and uptake of screening. The project aims to help support people to take charge of their own health and wellbeing and help those with potential signs or symptoms of cancer to get diagnosed and treated earlier.

Cancer Champions are local people who use their experience, knowledge and passion to support friends, family and colleagues to seek help early if they suspect they have symptoms of developing cancer. They raise people's awareness about cancer by engaging them in conversation; you don't need any skills, qualifications or special knowledge of cancer to be a cancer champion. It is all about real people talking to real people and

it does make a difference. If you would like to find out more, please see attached leaflet. To reserve your place on the training on 19 November, email [sharon.bettney@nhs.net](mailto:sharon.bettney@nhs.net) by Monday 12 November.

### **Behind the smiles of these three friends are some heart-breaking stories**

Three young people tell their story about leaving care, they are all now leading happy lives, thanks to the determination and support of Hull City Council.

Hull Daily Mail [online](#)

### **New statutory and operational guidance for CCGs and LAs on Child Death Reviews has been published.**

This guidance sets out the full process that follows the death of a child who is normally resident in England. It builds on the statutory requirements set out in Working together to safeguard children and clarifies how individual professionals and organisations across all sectors involved in the child death review should contribute to reviews.

The guidance sets out the process in order to:

- improve the experience of bereaved families, and professionals involved in caring for children
- ensure that information from the child death review process is systematically captured in every case to enable learning to prevent future deaths

[Child Death Review Guidance](#)

**Countries that ban the smacking of children appear to be safer for young people to grow up in**, according to research revealing that fighting between youths – particularly females – is less common where corporal punishment has been outlawed. Experts say the study adds to a **growing body of evidence that punishing children by smacking, slapping or spanking them can lead to later harm**. The research has led to renewed calls for policymakers to ban such practices in both schools and the home.

“The association with academic problems and mental health problems and so on among those kids that have this experience in early life, that is pretty well established,” said Dr Frank Elgar, co-author of the research from McGill University in Canada. “Our question was about policy.” However, researchers say it is not clear whether bans on smacking themselves drive better behaviour, or if smacking and youth violence were already rarer in countries that have adopted the policy.....

[The Guardian news article](#)

**Children will start receiving mental health assessments when they enter the care system from June 2019 as part of a delayed pilot project.**

The deadline for local authorities to apply to pilot mental health checks for looked-after children is 19 October. Up to 10 pilot areas were set to start testing mental health assessments for looked-after children by May last year, but these were delayed as a result of the snap general election, and are still yet to launch.

In May DfE minister Lord Agnew said they would get under way in 2018, but it has now emerged that while the two-year pilot is pencilled in to begin in November, there will be a six-month set-up period. Mental health checks will then be provided between June 2019 and May 2020, followed by a six-month period of "sharing learning", meaning the project will be "live" for a period of 12 months.

The group delivering the pilot, which is led by the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families (AFNCCF), said it will work with the pilot sites to develop an "implementable, needs-based, child-focused assessment framework", according to a document outlining details of the pilot. The underlying philosophy behind the trials will be to increase trust in the relationship between professional and child through the APP (attention, perspective taking and providing empathy) model which will be taught in training workshops to those carrying out the assessment....

[Children & Young People Now article](#)

**A report published today by the Children's Commissioner for England, suggests there are 15,800 babies under the age of 1 considered by local authorities to be vulnerable or highly vulnerable and at risk of harm, but still living at home.** The report comes as many local authorities are struggling with unprecedented financial pressures that are putting increasing strain on children's social services.

The report, 'A Crying Shame' looks at how many babies might be vulnerable to severe harm. It shows how in March 2017, the last comprehensive local authority data available, there were 19,640 babies under a year old identified by local authorities as being 'in need', largely due to risk factors in the family home. 3,820 of these babies under 1 were being looked after by local authorities, with a further 640 babies under 1 placed under special arrangements with someone other than their parents and a further 300 adopted over the year. This leaves 15,800 babies under 1 considered by local authorities to be vulnerable or highly vulnerable but still living at home in March 2017, a figure that is unlikely to be changed today. This amounts to around 100 babies per local authority. Babies appear disproportionately in Serious Case Reviews.....

[Children's Commissioner press release](#)

[A rapid data review on groups of vulnerable babies aged under 1](#)

[A Crying Shame report](#)

## Safeguarding practice/Learning Reviews

Commissioned by Newham Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) following a notification of the death of Chris, a fourteen year old boy who identified as being of Caribbean heritage. Chris was shot at close range in Newham and was transported to the Royal London Hospital. Chris died later in hospital, with his family around him, after his life support was turned off. There is an ongoing murder enquiry but as yet, no arrests have been made in relation to Chris's death. Exploration and analysis of the murder itself is not within the scope of the Serious Case Review.

[Statement from Chair of Newham Safeguarding Children Board](#)

[Serious Case Review – Chris – Executive Summary](#)

[Serious Case Review – Chris – Report](#)

## Ofsted Inspections

### Portsmouth Children's Services Inspection

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### Walsall Metropolitan Borough Children's Services focused visit

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### London Borough of Enfield Children's Services focused visit

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