

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

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Education, Participation and Skills



Foreword by Judith Harwood

Welcome to the summer edition of your Safeguarding Newsletter. We hope that you will take the time to read the information included as we think that this is important information, which can support your effectiveness within your school.

If you have ideas about areas that you would like to see included in this regular newsletter please contact Education Participation & Skills (EPS) at SchoolsSettings@plymouth.gov.uk . If you have any information you wish to be included in the next newsletter please send to above email address no later than Friday 5 July 2019.

If you have any questions about the information in this newsletter or wish to know more, please contact EPS SchoolsSettings@plymouth.gov.uk and we'll find you the right person to help you.

With best wishes and have a great summer term!

Judith

Schools Safeguarding Briefings

The regular briefings and this newsletter are considered as training/updates as set out by the 2018 Statutory Guidance: Keeping Children Safe in Education.

During an Ofsted inspection both Senior Leaders and Governors will be expected to show they have discharged their duties with respect to safeguarding children by engaging with the PSCB and by regularly updating staff and DSLs in respect to current practice and recent changes.

By attending the termly briefing, reading the newsletter and cascading information to staff, it will make a significant contribution to demonstrating that these responsibilities are being effectively discharged.

The date of the next citywide Safeguarding Briefings will be:

Thursday 11 July 2019, 4.00 to 5.30pm, Lower Hall, The Guildhall

Thursday 7th November 2019 4.00 to 5.30pm, Lower Hall, The Guildhall

Thursday 19th March 2020 4.00 to 5.30pm, Lower Hall, The Guildhall

These briefing sessions are free to all Plymouth schools and are targeted at Head teachers, Principals, Designated Safeguarding Leads and/or deputies and Safeguarding Governors. **Please complete the [online booking form](#) to secure your place.**

Trauma Informed Network

Please find attached a crucial safeguarding partnership document “Envisioning Plymouth as a Trauma Informed City”. A number of you will recall that Simon Hardwick, Anna Moss, and Shelley Shaw have visited our Groups to talk about the Trauma Informed Plymouth network and its growing ambition to create an innovative and unifying narrative to enable people, communities, services and systems to work even more collaboratively and deliver more effective responses.

Some of you may have been at the Safer Plymouth Conference yesterday where the document was launched. For those who were unable to attend, then I recommend that you read the attached and discuss with your safeguarding colleagues. It is likely to form a future subject/direction at our Group meetings.

Do contact me Tracey Watkinson Tracey.Watkinson@plymouth.gov.uk if you have any queries and I can forward them to the Trauma Informed Plymouth Network.



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Rethink

Plymouth Community Mental Health Service

Type: Community support

Region: South West

Area Covered: City of Plymouth

The service provides a range of support including a variety of group work and one-to-one support. Rethink community support services are designed to enable people affected by severe mental illness to achieve their full potential and recover a better quality of life. Support needs are initially assessed and all clients receive an individual support plan which is regularly reviewed. This ensures personalised interventions for each individual. Structured and goal-focused support is provided in a variety of ways 1:1 Support or Group based support which can include: - Supporting people to become more involved in social, leisure, educational, training, volunteering, and employment opportunities outside their home, which can continue after the service has ended; - Empowering and enabling people to live independently; - Supporting people to maintain suitable accommodation; - Helping people to identify and make positive and meaningful links with other individuals.

Further information

For further information nationally about our groups and services, please contact us on 0121 522 7007

or email info@rethink.org

<https://www.rethink.org/services-groups/services/plymouth-community-mental-health-service>



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Online portal

Partner agencies are requested to use the online portal to share information about crime and vulnerability, e.g. CSE, criminal exploitation, county lines, modern slavery, trafficking etc. Agencies in Plymouth are encouraged to use this portal to aid information sharing within Plymouth.

The portal is not a referral into statutory/safeguarding services. Child protection concerns must still be referred by the Plymouth Children's Gateway.

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/contact/contact-forms/partner-agency-information-sharing-form/>

This portal is an easily accessible way for our Partners to effectively share intelligence and information about vulnerability and crime. Sharing information between ourselves lawfully is vital, so we can work together to understand the threat and harm to the most vulnerable people, as well as the risk others pose.

Any of your teams who believe a child or adult is vulnerable or being exploited can use this form to provide intelligence or information that they think Devon and Cornwall Police should be aware of. If you've witnessed something that could be relevant to vulnerability or exploitation do not ignore it, please report it. Intelligence submitted via this form could include a variety of points such as; information about a concerning incident, suspicious activity, an unusual exchange between two or more people or something that makes you feel uncomfortable.

When supplying information please provide as much detail as possible. (Full names, addresses and dates of birth whenever known, descriptions, vehicle registration details, telephone numbers). Anything that can assist the police in identifying the people and places involved or developing the information further. Indeed if you know the identity of the person (s) or place please ensure that is included to make the police response as effective as possible.

In most cases the Police won't be able to give updates on what has happened with the submissions however with the new portal they will be able to provide Partners with data on numbers and types of submissions from their organisations. Crucially all of the data used will be included in the profiles the Police share with you around Organised Crime and Vulnerability.

Please remember that this isn't a referral form and does not replace any pre-existing referral or statutory safeguarding procedures. Always call 999 if there is an emergency, a crime is in progress, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

