

Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Newsletter



Bath and North East Somerset

**Local Safeguarding Children
Board**

Welcome to the first issue of the B&NES LSCB e-newsletter for Childrens Services staff this will be sent out twice a year, in May and Nov.

The LSCB is a multi- agency partnership that has responsibility for overseeing the safety and well-being of children and young people in B&NES. It is supported by an Independent Chair and is made up of safeguarding representatives from a wide range of statutory services, police, health and the voluntary sector who work with children, young people or their parents/carers.

The LSCB's responsibilities are broad. They consider everything from ensuring that accidents and bullying are minimised, to monitoring child protection performance, investigating child deaths and conducting serious case reviews.

The LSCB also monitors and evaluates the effectiveness of Board members to ensure they are delivering high quality safeguarding services to all children and young people.

Over the next few months the LSCB will be recruiting two Independent Voluntary Lay Members to the Board, if you know anyone who might be interested in this role please contact Sarah_McCluskey@bathnes.gov.uk

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013

A guide to interagency working to promote the safeguarding and welfare of children

Working Together sets out how organisations and individuals should work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in accordance with the Children Act 1989 and the Children Act 2004.

“Safeguarding children – the action we take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm – is everyone’s responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play”

<http://www.workingtogetheronline.co.uk/chapters/contents.html>

LSCB Website

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/children-young-people-and-families/child-protection/local-safeguarding-children-board>

The following useful documents are available to download and read online

The LSCB Annual Report 2012-2013 and Work Programme 2013-2014.

This report gives an overview of how successful the LSCB has performed in the last 12 months and the Work Programme identifies the work that the Board will undertake over the current year.

Training

The LSCB training unit continues to develop its training programme and offer multi-agency training across a range of key safeguarding issues. The training programme for 2013/14 has now been agreed and can be accessed on the website at the link below.

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/childprotectiontraining>

LSCB Stakeholder Event

In Nov 2012 The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) ran a very successful Annual Stakeholder Event on the theme of 'Thresholds.' Over 90 members of staff and volunteers from organisations representing the breadth of the partnership attended the event, which was run in an Open Space format whereby much of the discussion on the day came from questions from the floor.

- "Information from today will definitely inform my practice".
- "Good to network and communicate with each other keeping the children ahead of the work"

This year's Stakeholder Event will be all day on **Thursday Nov 28th**. If you have any suggestions for themes for the day please contact

Sarah_McCluskey@bathnes.gov.uk

Please note the date in your diary, more information will follow nearer the time

And finally... There's still time to book a place on the following two events

The Future for Families- The changing political, economic and social landscape

This event will explore the impact of the current national policy changes on the lives of families.

Wednesday June 12th 9.30-2.30 The Fry Club, Keynsham

For further details and booking information contact Sue_Davies@bathnes.gov.uk or phone Family Information Service on 0800 073 1214

Engaging Father's – An event to showcase a number of good practice case studies from across B&NES.

Thursday June 13th 9.30 -12.30 Fry Club, Keynsham

For further details and booking information contact
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Keeping children safe is everybody's business

The next e-newsletter will be sent out in Nov, any comments or suggestions for inclusion please contact Sarah_McCluskey@bathnes.gov.uk