



**Bath and North East Somerset**

**Local Safeguarding Children  
Board**

**Welcome to the Nov issue of the B&NES LSCB e-newsletter**

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.

**New faces on the LSCB.**

**New Independent Chair of the LSCB, Reg Pengelly.**

Reg Pengelly completed a 31 year career in the police at the Home Office branch of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary. He represented HMIC at the Victoria Climbié Inquiry and led the police team that participated in the first Joint Chief Inspectors inspection of Safeguarding Children. On retirement he helped to write national police guidance on the investigation of child abuse, domestic violence and harassment. In 2004 he joined the NHS and became the Associate Director responsible for safeguarding across Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole, retiring again in April 2013. He holds a number of management qualifications including a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the Henley Management College.

We are also pleased to welcome two new Independent Lay Members to the Board. Their input will help to ask those questions of the Board that will reflect the views of the wider community

**More new faces**

I'm sure you are all aware too, that we have recently welcomed Stephen Mason [Stephen\\_mason@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Stephen_mason@bathnes.gov.uk) as the new Head of Safeguarding and Jackie Deas [Jackie\\_Deas@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Jackie_Deas@bathnes.gov.uk) as Deputy Head of Safeguarding we wish them well in their new roles.

**LSCB Stakeholder Event**

There are still a few places left on this year's Stakeholder Event .The theme is

**‘How do we engage creatively, even better, with Children and Young People’** will be at Fry’s all day on **Thursday Nov 28<sup>th</sup>**.

Please contact [Sarah McCluskey@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Sarah_McCluskey@bathnes.gov.uk) to book a place.

### **Curo update**

Curo Choice has a range of diverse services for vulnerable people including a range of services specifically for young people aged 16-25 years. Curo’s Young Persons’ Services in Bath and North East Somerset include:

- Supported accommodation for teenage parents
- 24 hour cover supported accommodation for young people aged 16-19 with challenging or more complex needs including moderate learning disabilities, mental health needs, alcohol and substance misuse issues, offending background, etc.
- Bath Foyer. This is supported accommodation with an emphasis and services specifically around education, training and getting into work. Currently running a project called Health Conversations designed to engage Foyer tenant and their wider communities in activities and lifestyle choices that improve physical and mental health and wellbeing.
- A range of supported accommodation to meet low and medium support needs
- Time to Talk, our family mediation service for young people. The service is successful in assisting young people to avoid homelessness.
- Floating support for young people that we provide to young people in their own home through the Reach Partnership (we are one of the 3 partners and specifically provide the services for young people)

For further information please contact Jan Errington - Head of Care and Support  
01225 366225 [janet.errington@curo-group.co.uk](mailto:janet.errington@curo-group.co.uk)

### **Children’s Society report on Poverty**

A report by The Children’s Society of almost 2,000 children in the UK, gives the most up to date snapshot of how children are affected by poverty in the UK today, as well as their expectations for the future. Over half the children in the UK, who say they are in poverty, are living in homes that are damp or mould ridden conditions. Some of the CYP interviewed for the report live in B&NES.

The report is being released to mark the launch of the first-ever Children’s Commission on Poverty- a unique opportunity for children to join forces and closely examine for themselves, the stark realities facing thousands of families living under the poverty line. Supported by The Children’s Society, a panel of CYP from across England will lead the commission’s 18 month investigation into child poverty in the UK.

Follow the link below to the link to The Children’s Society report:-

“Through Young Eyes”

[http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/tcs/poverty\\_commission\\_report\\_final.pdf](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/tcs/poverty_commission_report_final.pdf)

### **Draft Children and Young People’s Plan 2014-2017**

The next CYPP 2014-2017 is currently being drafted.

This plan will set out the vision that the Children Trust Board (our local partnership of the Council, Police, NHS, schools, voluntary organisations and other agencies) has for improving the outcomes for children and young people in B&NES. Over the summer there has been extensive in consultation with children and young people, parents and carers and their views and comments have helped to shape the plan.

The full draft will be sent out for further consultation in January/February.

### **SEND reform**

SEND stands for Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Disability. The reform is a transformation of the way support is provided for children and young people with SEN and/or disabilities up to the age of 25. Support will be focused on enabling children, young people and their families to achieve their long term aspirations.

For more information about the SEND reform in B&NES including how to get involved go to [www.bathnes.gov.uk/SENDreform](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/SENDreform) or [www.facebook.com/SENDreform](https://www.facebook.com/SENDreform).

This web page and Facebook page will include updates about this work in B&NES, details of how to let us know what you think and get involved and links to useful information about Special Educational Needs and disability and these changes nationally – this includes links to the national consultation on the draft code of practice which is open until 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013.

Alternatively get in touch with Charlie Moat, SEND reform programme lead for B&NES - email [charlie\\_moat@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:charlie_moat@bathnes.gov.uk), tel 01225 477663

### **Anti-Bullying Up-date**

During Anti-Bullying Week (Nov 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>) we are launching our new [B&NES Anti-Bullying Web pages](#) which provide information relevant to:

- Children and Young People
- Parents & Carers
- Professionals

Each section contains frequently asked questions about lots of aspects of bullying, including where to get help, the law, OFSTED guidance, how children and young people can get involved and much more.

### **Challenging Homophobia / Transphobia**

We are also using Anti-Bullying week to advertise our Young People's LGBT support group, SPACE, which is run by Off The Record and our E-Mentoring Scheme, run by Bath University, for young people who are exploring their sexuality or who have been the targets of homophobic / transphobic bullying.

### **E-Safety Competition**

We are also running an E-safety Competition entitled "Safe, Fun and Connected" about Positive uses of technology, to fit in with the Anti-Bullying Week theme. We have developed a Powerpoint presentation which schools / settings can use with young people to promote the competition.

For further information please contact Kate Murphy  
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### **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.

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

### **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 can be accessed on the website at the link below.

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

### **LSCB Website**

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

**The next e-newsletter will be sent out in May 2014, any comments or suggestions for inclusion please contact Sarah\_McCluskey@bathnes.gov.uk**