



Safeguarding is everyone's business

Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Newsletter - December 2016

Pan-Dorset Adult Safeguarding Procedures have been updated

The last revision of the Dorset, Bournemouth & Poole Multi Agency Procedures for the Protection of Adults with Care and Support Needs was in August 2015. Since then some helpful suggestions from health and social care partners about how the procedures could be improved have been received, leading to an updated version which has been published on the local safeguarding websites. The update has also been driven by legislative change, in particular new Care Act guidance, and changes to terminology or definitions. To access the revised procedures please visit the [Dorset Safeguarding Adult Board](#) or the [Bournemouth & Poole Safeguarding Adult Board](#)



Sibling Violence

Sibling violence is not routinely recognised as a source of significant harm but can have a profound impact on the victim and perpetrator.

There is little formal research into the area of sibling violence in this country, with much of the current research coming from America.

A small number of Serious Case Reviews refer to issues around sibling violence within the context of chronic neglect and sexual abuse, but also in respect of the needs of the victims being overlooked. A [Serious Case Review](#) carried out after the death of a sibling and published by the Bradford Local Safeguarding Children Board identified the importance of considering the needs of all siblings and not just the child that is perpetrating the violence. Practitioners need to understand the seriousness of the issues and the complexities of meeting the needs of **ALL** the children in the family as well as supporting parents and carers to manage and care for their children.

Poole FIS – Focusing on Families

[Poole Family Information Service](#) and [online Directory \(The FID\)](#)

provides up-to-date information on a variety of local organisations, services, childcare, activities and events relating to children, young people, parents, carers and professionals working with families.



With over 200,000 visitors last year, more families in Poole are turning to the [FID](#) to assist them in all aspects of family life including.....

- [Staying Safe - Protecting Children](#)
- [Local Offer – Special Educational Needs & Disabilities](#)
- [Activities & What's On](#)
- [Childcare](#)

- [Health & Wellbeing](#)
- [Welfare & Employment](#)
- [Schools & Learning](#)

Are your details on the [FID](#)? Make sure your service or activity is listed so that Poole families can be kept informed. Log on now.

Finally, sign up to our monthly [Families newsletter](#) with the latest events, news and topics – [subscribe here](#). Also, like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) - an easy way to talk with us at anytime of day, keeping you connected.

Call us on 01202 261999 or email: familyinformation@poole.gov.uk



Domestic Abuse in Older couples

[Domestic abuse](#) between older couples can occur in a range of relationship contexts, including Domestic abuse which has 'grown old', where it started earlier in life and has persisted throughout the relationship; 'Late Onset' referring to domestic abuse which begins in older age in what was previously a non-abusive relationship. This can be for a variety of reasons including retirement, disability, sexual changes, dementia or other cognitive conditions. Or it may occur in new abusive relationships where someone has met a partner later in life, for example, following divorce or widowhood.

It is important that professionals are aware of the additional challenges older people face. Dementia, sight and hearing problems can make it difficult for older people to identify or disclose abuse. Where it is suspected that domestic abuse may be taking place, the appropriate safeguarding referrals should be made. It is important to assess the risk in individual cases and ensure any referrals or actions do not place the victim at increased risk of immediate harm.

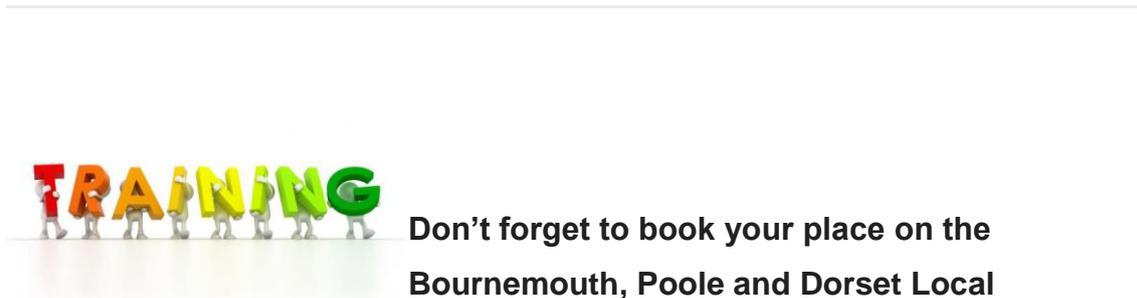
Reminder about Multi-Agency Information Sharing

Information sharing is vital to safeguard the welfare of children and young people. A key factor identified in many serious case reviews has been a failure by practitioners to record, share and understand information and then take appropriate action.



[HM Government](#) has provided advice that supports practitioners in making decisions about when and how to share information to reduce risk or harm. The seven golden rules to sharing information are set out in the guidance.

Please share this with your colleagues and your teams.



Safeguarding Children Boards

Don't forget to book your place on the Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset Local

Spring Conference 2017- "It's a Risky Business"

There are two events available - Tuesday 7 March at AFC Bournemouth or Thursday 16 March at Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester

There is a charge to statutory agencies of £50 but free places are available for charities. You will need to book early as places are limited and are booking fast.

To book visit www.pooleworkforcedevelopment.co.uk, click on multi-agency, then search events and type in LSCBs as a keyword.

Coming

soon.....

NEW L2 Multi-Agency Safeguarding Training in February and March 2017. Available to book from

For further information please email lscbstraining@dorsetcc.gov.uk

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

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