



Quarterly News Bulletin

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Welcome from Independent Chair & Scrutineer

This quarters newsletter shares the findings from the our local safeguarding reviews as well as the National review into the murders of Arthur Labinjo – Hughes and Star Hobson.

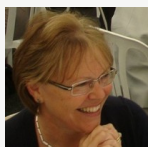
Once again the key findings include:

- Weakness in information sharing
- Lack of escalation and weak decision making
- Multi-agency arrangements are fractured and fragmented
- Insufficient attention and investment in securing multi-agency expertise

But this time there is a single recommendation to "Develop a new approach to undertaking child protection work".

In developing new ideas and ways of working I am pleased that Warwickshire partners hold tight to the fundamental belief that safeguarding is everyone's business. However, partnership work is not straightforward and different views can be challenging.

I urge you to pay particular attention to the Warwickshire escalation policy and use your senior colleagues to support you in this difficult work by unlocking blocks in the system and finding ways to resolve intransigent problems across the professions as we all work together to make a difference.



Elaine Coleridge Smith
Warwickshire Safeguarding Independent Chair & Scrutineer

Who are we?

Warwickshire Safeguarding is a multiagency Partnership established to ensure safeguarding measures are met and that vulnerable adults and children across Warwickshire are protected from harm and abuse and lessons are learned from case reviews and improvements identified/implemented.

Meet the Business Team

Amrita Sharma
(Business Manager)

Caroline McCluskey &
Holly Reed (Quality,
Learning &
Improvement Officers)

Kiran Mahal & Jennifer
Coxley (Business
Development Officers)



For further information and to keep up to date with our latest news, please visit:

www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk



NEW – Published Reviews

Provided below are details of reports which have been recently published by the partnership following the conclusion of safeguarding reviews. Copies of the full reports relating to children and adults can be found by clicking on either of the following links:

[Children's Reviews](#)

[Adults Reviews](#)



Prada and Jordan: Both Prada and Jordan were young people under the care of the local authority. At the time of the incident, Prada was 17 years old, and Jordan was 15. One day in early 2020, Jordan had gone missing from her foster care placement and returned to the area of her family home. Later that day, Prada assaulted and stabbed Jordan. The girls were not known to each other previously, but Prada was understood to be linked to another young person involved in a feud with Jordan.

At the time of the assault Jordan was living in a foster care placement due to abuse and neglect within the family home. Prada was known to agencies due to concerns over her behaviour, violent outbursts, and missing episodes.

View the full Lessons Learned [here](#)

Charlie: In late 2019, a house fire consumed the upstairs floor of a family home. Neighbours raised the alarm and called the fire service, who responded very promptly. Charlie, who was 21 months old at the time of the incident, was rescued but found in a critical condition. Charlie's father was at work and her mother was at a neighbour's house. Charlie and her siblings were left unsupervised. The fire is believed to have been started by a lit candle towards the rear of the property. Charlie spent a lot of time in the hospital due to being unable to breathe unaided and injury resulting in severe burns. Charlie will require ongoing medical treatment for her injuries, which are life altering.

View the full Lessons Learned briefing [here](#)





Safeguarding News

National News

Arthur Labinjo – Hughes and Star Hobson

The National Child Safeguarding Review Panel has published the review into the murders of Arthur Labinjo – Hughes and Star Hobson.

The key findings include:

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- Lack of escalation and weak decision making
- Multi-agency arrangements are fractured and fragment
- Insufficient attention and investment in securing multi-agency expertise

The panel made one core recommendation; -

"Develop a new approach to undertaking child protection work"

and eight more specific recommendations.

Read the full National Review [here](#)

Forthcoming Awareness Days

26/06/22	International Day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking
14/07/22	National Day of Remembrance for victims of honour based abuse.
10/09/22	International Suicide Prevention Day
13-18/09/22	Sexual Health Week

Recent spate of dog attacks

In the month of March, four children were viciously mauled by dogs. An eight year old was seriously hurt and three children under the age of 3 were killed. April 2022 two people killed, including a 3 year old boy.

Dog bites and attacks are increasing year on year. It is estimated that an additional 2 million dogs were brought in 2020 - 2021 compared to 2019. Sadly it is the most vulnerable who are most at risk from a serious dog attack.

Useful information:

- Please read our information on prevention in the home [here](#)
- Read about the dog safety code [here](#) and
- 7-minute briefing 'Safeguarding Children around Dogs' [here](#)

Child Q

In Hackney, a black female child was strip searched by female police officers. The search took place on the school premises without an Appropriate Adult present and with knowledge that the child was menstruating, involved the exposure of Child Q's intimate body parts. This incident was incredibly distressing to the child. The family GP made a referral for psychological support after Child Q's mother made an appointment.

The City and Hackney Safeguarding Children's Partnership commissioned a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review. The report and statement of the CHSCP's Independent Child Safeguarding Commissioner, Jim Gamble QPM, can be found [here](#)



Update from the Subgroups

Safeguarding Reviews Subgroup



Overview groups continue to meet and review cases



Actions and recommendations are embedded into Safeguarding Practice



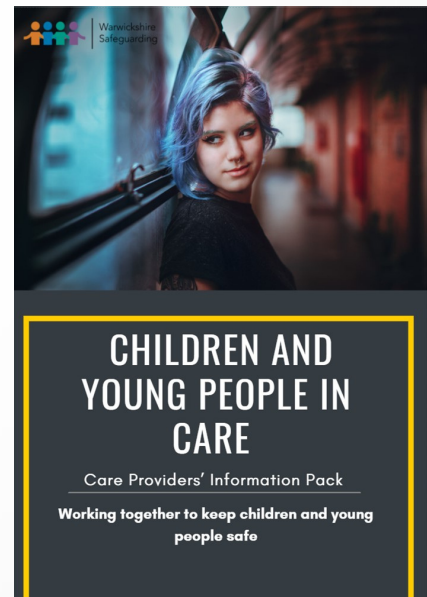
Lessons Learned Briefings and 7-Minute Briefings are developed alongside Safeguarding reviews on emerging trends and topics. More information can be found [here](#)

Exploitation Subgroup

Supporting Providers to keep Children Safe

Warwickshire Safeguarding Partnership, Warwickshire County Council Missing and Child Exploitation Team and Warwickshire Police have been working together to develop a number of initiatives to support care providers when a child or younger person goes missing from care or supported accommodation.

A Children in Care Pack has been developed for those who provide care to children and young people, setting expectations as to how they can help keep children safe and protect children from criminalisation.



A copy of the Children in Care - Care providers pack can be downloaded [here](#)



Update from the Subgroups Continued



Philomena Protocol

The scheme asks carers to identify children and young people (CYP) who are at risk of going missing. The forms that can be downloaded [here](#) are an efficient and user friendly log sheet to record vital information that can be used to locate them quickly and safely.

For advice or if you have any queries about the forms or the scheme, depending on the nature of your query, you can contact;

Police – missing@warwickshire.police.uk

WCC – cemissing@warwickshire.gov.uk

Something's not Right Campaign

Do you know the signs of Child Sexual Exploitation? What to look for? What to do you do if you have concerns?

Visit somethingsnotright.co.uk for more information

Did you know Barnardo's offer free training and webinars addressing child exploitation concerns to all services across Warwickshire? For more information click [here](#)

Education Subgroup



Talking to children about the war in Ukraine

Warwickshire County Council's newsletter for school leaders in Warwickshire 'Heads Up' have a selection of useful resources that can be used for talking to children regarding the situation in Ukraine, supporting their mental wellbeing. Find the resources [here](#)

Early Help and Targeted Support Update ~ Carl Lewis, Headteacher Coach

Schools and other education settings in Warwickshire are currently completing the annual Safeguarding Audit. This is an annual event which helps Warwickshire to gather information about safeguarding in educational provisions.

This audit gives us the opportunity to gather information on the status of safeguarding in Warwickshire, to keep elected members informed and to help plan for training and support in the year ahead.

Areas that we anticipate greater demand in training for in the year ahead include mental health support, self-harm and the role of 'lessons learned' and safeguarding reviews.



Safeguarding Spotlight



Practitioner Escalation Protocol

Warwickshire's Practitioner Escalation Tool provides clear guidance for practitioners. The protocol offers a three stage procedure and includes a reporting and monitoring processes.

- Stage 1 - Line Manager to Line Manager* Discussion
- Stage 2 - Senior Manager to Senior Manager* Discussion
- Stage 3 - Safeguarding Partnership

Practitioners are individually responsible for being satisfied about the substance and progress of safeguarding plans for service users. This protocol recognises this and provides a tool to support individuals to exercise this responsibility when they are concerned about the actions or inactions of other agencies or practitioners.

Find more information and supporting documents [here](#)

*Senior / Management lead to be identified by each agency based on individual organisation structures

Quick Links

- 7-Minute Briefings
- Lessons Learned Briefings
- Past Quarterly Bulletins

Somethings Not Right

Child Exploitation is
happening in Warwickshire

DON'T IGNORE IT

Forthcoming Training Opportunities

Multi Agency Domestic Abuse Training

This training has been commissioned by Warwickshire County Council with Refuge to deliver Domestic abuse training for the partnership. The course dates run March – September 2022. For date availability and to book* your place [click here](#)

*Please note: you MUST attend the understanding DVA course (or equivalent) before attending the course.

Remember Shafiea:

A Partnership Approach to Tackling Forced Marriage & Honour Based Abuse

- Friday 1st July 2022
- 9 am to 3.30pm

This event is free and funded by West Midlands Police. The event will be held online via Microsoft Teams The full agenda can be found on the registration link below. You may need to cut and paste the link into google chrome or another browser.

Registration Link

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL, YOU HAVE NOT INPUTTED YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS AND WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCESS THE EVENT.



Points of Interest



Podcast - Why children may experience denial after displaying harmful sexual behaviour (HSB)

NSPCC Learning Podcast – Episode recorded in January 2022

This podcast explores why denial, shame and minimisation presents when working with children displaying HSB. Helpful information for practitioners discussed in the podcast include:

- What denial looks like how it presents over time
- How practitioners can put themselves in the shoes of a child to understand why they might deny or minimise their experiences
- How to build a trusting relationship
- How to take a therapeutic and trauma informed approach.

To listen to the podcast [here](#)

Modern Slavery is closer than you think – Police campaign

This Warwickshire Police campaign highlights that modern slavery happens in every corner of the world and each case can look very different. The information covers:

- What is modern slavery?
- Spotting the signs
- Reporting Suspicions
- Getting help

Read more [here](#)



Forced Marriage Guidance

The Home office has updated practitioner guidance on how to support, advice and protect victims of forced marriage. Find more information [here](#)

Information for people directly affected by forced marriage is also available.

To report an adult safeguarding concern or to make a safeguarding referral for a child, please contact one of the following:

Social Care & Support (Adults): 01926 412080

Children Social Care: 01926 414144

includes options for FIS (Option 1), EH Support Line (Option 2) and Safeguarding (Option 3)