

Autumn Term 2014 Senior Designated Person Network Meetings

Wednesday 3rd December 2014

Civic Suite, Runcorn Town Hall, Runcorn

&

Thursday 4th December 2014

Box 9, Halton Stadium, Widnes

Housekeeping



Agenda

3.30pm – 5pm

- 1. Lisa Punton, Independent Sexual Violence Advisor from RASASC**
- 2. Information Briefing**
- 3. AOB**

Information Briefing

Ofsted - “Good” & “Outstanding” safeguarding in schools

Safeguarding is our ‘core’ business



- Safeguarding is and should be everybody’s business
- Safeguarding must be at the core of inspection practice
- The role of school leaders and governors is critical in safeguarding children

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Inspection guidance



- There is a stronger focus on safeguarding across all our inspection remits.
- This includes the proposed changes being made from September 2015.
- Inspection will always be a judgement call

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Changes to inspection guidance



- Separate worded judgements on 'behaviour' and 'safety'
- Now only one key additional guidance document – which is on safeguarding

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Shared criteria for good practice



- Children know how to complain and their concerns are taken seriously.
- Adults have been trained appropriately to recognise the signs of abuse
- Staff are clear about procedures they must follow
- There is an effective safeguarding lead in place.

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Shared criteria for good practice



- There are clear procedures in place for raising concerns about staff or other adults
- Records are timely and appropriate
- Referrals are made without delay whether it be to social services or to the LADO

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Particular concerns



- Children going missing
- Sexual exploitation
- Dangers posed by forced marriage, female genital mutilation
- The many forms of extremism
- The world of electronic communication

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Safe recruitment



- Not just about the single central record checks
- The range of checks and questions asked of potential employees and volunteers
- Checks on visiting speakers
- Being vigilant when it comes to the practice of staff and other adults

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Four essentials

- The quality of training of governors and staff at all levels
- The timeliness and appropriateness of action taken in relation to potential or actual instances of abuse
- The rigour of recruitment practice
- The tenacity in following through any concerns

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Ofsted – “British Values”

- Ofsted completed unannounced inspections of 7 schools between 8th and 17th October 2014
- Six were independent Muslim faith schools (four secondary and two primary) and one was a state-funded, voluntary-aided Church of England secondary school
- Sir John Cass School was previously graded “Outstanding”
- Central to inspectors’ findings was the school leadership’s failure to respond appropriately to serious concerns raised about social media sites relating to the sixth form Islamic Society

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-30129645>



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'Radicalisation risk' at six Muslim private schools, says Ofsted

By Hannah Richardson
BBC News education reporter



Independent schools 'inadequate' say Ofsted

Pupils at six small Muslim private schools in east London are at risk of extremist views and radicalisation, says Ofsted's chief inspector.

Sir Michael Wilshaw said the pupils' "physical and educational welfare is at serious risk" following a series of emergency inspections.

He said all the schools focused too heavily on Islamic teachings.

One of the schools called Ofsted "unprofessional", while another said its findings did not reflect reality.

Education Secretary Nicky Morgan says the schools will be closed down if changes are not made quickly.

Related Stories

Church school fails on Islamic group

Ofsted inspects Islamic schools

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Counter Terrorism Branch – Cheshire Police

- Although Cheshire may not have the terrorist targets that cities like London and Manchester have, Cheshire has 200 miles of motorway, train links to Manchester and North Wales (with a main junction at Crewe), and a busy airspace. There is a mix of traditional industries and commercial enterprises, plus a northern belt of petro-chemical and chemical industries set against an area of agricultural farming and light industries, as well as strategic waterways
- If you think that you may have seen something suspicious or you are unsure about somebody's activities or behaviour, however insignificant it may seem at the time, call the Anti-Terrorist hotline on:

0800 789 321

- Calls are taken in confidence by specialist officers who will analyse the information. They will decide if and how to follow it up. Your call could be vital, however unsure you may be

www.halton.gov.uk

Information Briefing

Operation Encompass – Widnes Evaluation

The evaluation looked at the period 2nd June to 29th September 2014

- 30 schools were part of the pilot and 26 responded to the evaluation request
- 72 calls were received which related to 100 children and young people
- Of the 100 children, 23 did not attend school on the day of the call
- Of the 72 calls, 16 were repeat calls regarding families who had already been subject to an Operation Encompass call
- 19 of the 26 schools received a call during the evaluation period
- 7 schools did not receive a call

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Operation Encompass – Widnes Evaluation

Positives

- Several schools have reported that parents have come forward to school to voluntarily share that they have been victims of domestic violence
- Positive relationships have been built with the local Police
- Schools have identified areas to develop in school in relation to embedding work throughout the curriculum regarding healthy relationships, safety planning, etc.
- A large number of schools accessed further training regarding Domestic Abuse
- Operation Encompass has been cited as a positive contribution to ensuring children feel safe within a Halton school's recent Ofsted report

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Operation Encompass – Widnes Evaluation

Issues

- Difficulties in the identification of which school children attend
- Timing of the Operation Encompass call
- Knowledge and understanding of the impact of Domestic Abuse on children and young people and therefore how to appropriately support identified children
- The delay in partner agencies receiving the information from the Police

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Operation Encompass – Widnes Evaluation

Case Study

“Following an Operation Encompass call regarding a domestic incident a young Polish mum came into school that day to discuss the incident at the request of the Key Adult. From discussion, it became apparent that she had been suffering significant domestic abuse, both physical and emotional, from her husband. She was alone in the Widnes area without any network of support. All of her family were in Poland. She needed help to flee the situation. The Key Adult contacted Changing Lives who had a vacancy for a family. Mum left the family home that day and is now safe with her children in their accommodation. Had school not been aware of the police incident, they potentially wouldn't have met mum so quickly and been able to support her in leaving the abusive situation. She might still be in an intolerable position in the family home and the children may have continued to witness the abuse with very damaging consequences. This mum had no knowledge of support available or where to go to access it. She now says she feels she can move on with her life and although she feels vulnerable and alone, she knows she has made the right decision for her children and herself. She is being supported through Changing Lives as her position is complex in relation to her entitlement to public funds and school are able to continue supporting the children.”

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Operation Encompass - Runcorn

- Initial plan to roll out to Runcorn was for the Operation to start in January 2015
- This date has now been delayed in order to address operational issues within the Police
- Reports regarding the evaluation due to go to Halton Safeguarding Children Board in the New Year
- Suggestion that a contribution is made to funding a part-time position within the Police whose sole responsibility is to make the Operation Encompass calls each morning
- Plan for Runcorn roll out will be Spring 2015

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ChildLine Schools Service



The ChildLine Schools Service are visiting primary schools

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This free of charge service is now booking in schools across this area. Please click on 'Book an appointment' above and add your details. Your ChildLine Area Coordinator will then get in touch to arrange a meeting with the headteacher or school representative to explain more about our service and to arrange visit dates.

What is ChildLine Schools Service?

All children have the right to be happy and safe, but many suffer abuse in silence, unable to speak out. [The ChildLine Schools Service](#) helps children to understand abuse, know how to protect themselves, and where to get help and support if needed.

The ChildLine Schools Service focuses on primary school children, aged 9 - 11 years old. It is delivered in two parts:

Assembly

An assembly delivered in an age appropriate way, covering the definitions of abuse, places to go to for help and an introduction to ChildLine.

Follow-up workshop

The assembly is followed by a workshop one to two weeks later. This interactive classroom-based workshop reinforces the key messages given in the assembly.

Benefits

The Schools Service programme can be especially important in creating a safe space for children to discuss their understanding of what can be complex, difficult and sensitive issues.

One head teacher said *'The content and style of the workshops was fun, varied and age appropriate. The children were all able to join in and answer questions regardless of their ability or emotional development and the materials were sensitively used without being graphic.'*

The many benefits for schools include the links that the Schools Service programme makes to the PSHE and Citizenship curriculum and to the ethos of safeguarding within the school. The Schools Service also provides evidence for schools in relation to aspects of the OFSTED inspection framework 2012.

Next steps

Please click on the box above to book an appointment and we will be in touch.

For any further information please contact your local ChildLine Area Coordinator, Kristy Messham, who covers Cheshire East, Cheshire West & Chester, Warrington & Halton on **07961 246 144** or email kmessham@nspcc.org.uk.

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Halton Family Nurse Partnership (FNP)

FNP is a voluntary home visiting programme for first time young mums, aged 19 or under. A family nurse visits the young mum regularly, from early in pregnancy until the child is two.

FNP enables young mums to have a healthy pregnancy, improve their child's health and development and plan their own futures and achieve their aspirations.

FNP can accept notifications for women in their first pregnancy who are:

- Aged 19 or under at last menstrual period.
- Living in Halton with a Halton GP
- Under 28 weeks gestation, but please notify us as early as possible in the pregnancy because we aim to start visits early in pregnancy

The FNP is based at Kingsway Children Centre and the contact number is

0151 511 5602

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HSCB Section 175/157 Safeguarding Audit

- Section 175/157 Audit requests were sent to all Head teachers the week beginning 3rd November 2014, with the SDP's being copied in to the email if they are not the Head teacher
- The majority of schools are required to submit an update to their 2013/14 Action Plan plus a completed Interim Audit Questions document
- New schools must submit a full Section 175/157 Audit document as the predecessor school's Audit will no longer be valid

**Returns must be received by Tracey Holyhead by Monday 15th
December 2014**

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Child Sexual Exploitation

CSE Operational Group update

- CSE Operational Group now meets fortnightly with key partner agencies present
- Information sharing form has now been updated and should be used by anyone wanting to refer information in to the group

Cheshire Police CSE awareness week 19th January 2015

- Email was sent to schools on 25th November detailing the next phase of Cheshire Police's awareness raising campaign and giving suggestions for how schools can support the next phase. It also included resources that schools can use
- The week beginning the 19th January is focussing on awareness raising using Social Media with children, young people and parents

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Vulnerable Groups - Young Carers

- Identified numbers of Young Carers in Halton has risen dramatically in the last 12 months from just under 300 to over 450
- Awareness raising is clearly working, but there is still a long way to go as there should be over 700 YC in Halton
- Halton Carers Centre are still available to come into school to deliver YC awareness raising in assemblies and staff meetings
- The Carers Trust and Halton Carers Centre “Young Carers Award” will be available in 2015 for schools to work towards. It will be an award of either Bronze, Silver or Gold and once achieved it will come with a resource pack and toolkit

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Vulnerable Groups - Private Fostering

What is your role?

- All professionals have a shared responsibility to work together to ensure that all privately fostered children are well cared for and safeguarded from harm

What should you be doing?

- **Detecting** – identifying potential Private Fostering arrangements
- **Promoting** – posters and leaflets visible around school and in reception areas
- **Advising** – when identified, professionals should advise and encourage families that they need to inform CSC of the arrangement themselves
- **Referring** – professionals should contact CSC and provide as much information as possible about the placement if a family is not willing to do so themselves

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Training Update, Spring 2015

Halton Safeguarding Children Board Training

- **Working Together to Safeguard Children**
9am – 4.30pm, 26th - 27th January 2015, 12th - 13th February 2015, and 3rd - 4th March 2015
- **Working Together Refresher Training**
9am – 4.30pm, 9th February 2015
- **Understanding the Sexual Abuse of Children & Young People**
9am – 4.30pm, 28th January 2015
- **Responding to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM): Training for Professionals and Front Line Staff***
9am – 4.30pm, 12th January 2015, Ellesmere Port
9am – 4.30pm, 26th February 2015, Widnes
**This training is recommended for all schools in light of the Ofsted focus on FGM*
- **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Basic Awareness Training**
9am – 4.30pm, 13th January 2015 and 2nd February 2015

School Specific Training Programme

- **Designated Governor for Safeguarding**, 9am – 12.30pm, 27th January 2015
- **SDP/DDP Roles and Responsibilities for staff new to role**, 9am – 11.30am, 12th February 2015
- **SDP/DDP Roles and Responsibilities refresher**, 9am – 11.30am, 3rd February 2015
- **Safer Recruitment**, 9am – 5.30pm, 10th February 2015
- **Safer Recruitment Refresher**, 9am – 12.30pm, 26th February 2015

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New Literature / Resources

1. **Ofsted - Inspecting safeguarding in maintained schools and academies, Briefing for Section 5 Inspections** (September 2014) [Ofsted Safeguarding Briefing](#)
2. **DFE Cyberbullying Guidance for parents & carers** (November 2014) [Cyberbullying guidance for parents DFE](#)
3. **NSPCC – Core Information, Neglect or Emotional Abuse in Children aged 5-14** (November 2014) [Core Info - Neglect or Emotional Abuse in children](#)
4. **Ann Coffey MP – Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Manchester** (October 2014) [Ann Coffey MP Real Voices Report](#)
5. **Kidscape – free anti bullying resources** (October 2014) [Kidscape - Being Me](#)
6. **National Autistic Society, booklet for professionals on safeguarding children with autism** (October 2014) [National Autistic Society Press Release](#)
[Safeguarding Children with Autism](#)
7. **Independent report into Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham between 1997 and 2013** (August 2014) [Jay Report - Independent inquiry into CSE in Rotherham](#)
8. **Disclosure & Barring Service**
 - **DBS News – August Newsletter** [August newsletter](#)
 - **DBC News – September Newsletter** [September newsletter](#)
 - **DBS News – October Newsletter** [October newsletter](#)
9. **SCIE Useful Links page** [Useful Links](#)

Any Other Business

AOB

- Secure emails
- Local Authority Ofsted Inspection update