

E-Briefing February 2012



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Welcome to February's Devon Safeguarding Children Board (DSCB) e-bulletin: helping the workforce keep abreast of local and national safeguarding children articles of interest and developments in practice. One of the key responsibilities for the DSCB is to ensure impact on practice and policy to safeguard all Devon's children and the quality and effectiveness of all work undertaken directly with children, families and adults who may endanger children is known.

This e-bulletin will develop into a key source of information for front line practitioners and managers about policy developments, significant messages from research such as from Serious Case Reviews that should impact on practice in Devon, and from local initiatives such as Multi Agency Case Audits (MACA) and the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). Please find links below to a selection of recent local and national reports, and to the DSCB website, for information of interest to anyone involved with safeguarding Devon's children.

National Reports of Interest

Recommended reading

- Children's Home: National Minimum Standards: the report outlines the standards applicable to providers of homes.
<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationDetail/Page1/DFE-00030-2011>
- Children on Independent Reviewing Officers: the children's views and experiences were sought on Independent Reviewing Officers.
<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/childrens-views-independent-reviewing-officers>
- Social care inspection: the children's audit: children were asked for their views following their home or school going through an Ofsted inspection.
<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/social-care-inspection-childrens-audit>
- Family Justice Review: Trix Report proposals outlined in the report are designed to be inline with reforms in child protection practice and there has been significant collaboration with the Munro Review team.
http://www.trixonline.co.uk/website/news/pdf/policy_briefing_No-47.pdf
- Munro Review: Recommendation 8: Safeguarding children in the reformed NHS Co-produced work programme: Department of Health, Department for Education and stakeholders. <http://www.education.gov.uk/munroreview/>
- Consultation on the National Munro PI: asks for views on the proposed national performance dataset. Consultation closes April 2012.
<http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?CFID=3569503&CFTOKEN=22231737>
- Framework for the inspection of local authority arrangements for the protection of children: Details the new inspection regime to be in place between May 2012 and April 2013 when it is envisaged a joint inspection regime of Ofsted, HMIP, HMIC and CQC will be in place to carry out integrated safeguarding and child protection inspections into the effectiveness of the total safeguarding system in an area. There will be consequent changes in the inspection arrangements for fostering, adoption and LAC also to be in place from April 2013. <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/framework-for-inspection-of-local-authority-arrangements-for-protection-of-children>

DSCB Highlights

The DSCB December minutes are now available on the DSCB website – www.dscb.info to view the full minutes and/or the below items.

Items of interest to all children's workforce practitioners and operational managers are outlined below:

- Children's Workforce Development Council Grant
- Update on "be on the safe side" campaign
- Internal DSCB Audit Report
- DSCB Restructure (<http://www.dscb.info/the-board/>) to access the correspondence from the Independent Chair)
- Engaging with children and young people

Additional Items of Interest

- Private Fostering: what is it and how does it affect your work?
<http://www.devon.gov.uk/cyps-privatefostering>
Private Fostering Leaflet click here this link (<http://www.dscb.info/publications/>) to view and further information is available on the DSCB website: <http://www.dscb.info/children-and-young-people/>
- Safer Internet Day: 8th February
- The DSCB offer a range of safeguarding training to all practitioners who work with children and young people in Devon. <http://www.dscb.info/learning-and-development/>