

# Safeguarding Matters

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**Welcome** to Safeguarding Matters, communicating the work of the Safeguarding Partnership Boards and partner agencies. To keep up to date please go to <a href="http://safeguarding.je">http://safeguarding.je</a>. On our website you can find the multi-agency child protection [recently updated] and adult safeguarding procedures, published serious case reviews, learning from those that aren't published and the multi-agency training programme. Save a link to the website and the procedures to your desktop. We have moved offices and are now located at 23 Hill St, St Helier, JE2 4UA. All other details remain the same.

## **Spotlight on Child Sexual Exploitation**

The Safeguarding Children Partnership Board will continue to focus on Child Sexual Exploitation in 2017. A very successful Study day was held for multi agency practitioners in March. A mix of local and UK speakers were well received. The new approach to managing concerns about Child Sexual Exploitation [CSE] was highlighted and can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here.</a>. Awareness raising in the community has also been a successful feature of the 2017 CSE National Awareness Raising day in Jersey.

### **Recent Learning in CSE**

We must be **professionally curious** in our work with young people. **Supervision** for colleagues is important in this and the SCPB will continue to develop work in this area building on the <u>Safeguarding Supervision Principles</u> <u>Statement</u>.

Remember to be tenacious, concerned and warm when working with young people who may be at risk of CSE

Understanding family history through the use of chronologies is important and research tells us bereavement and loss, domestic abuse, parental mental health, alcohol and substance misuse, family adversity, previous sexual abuse and sexualisation and neglect are all risk factors in relation to CSE

We are all reminded to consider the impact of **coercion and grooming by abusers** on young people's behaviours and **consider issues of coercive control and undue influence.** [See the <u>SPB Multi Agency Capacity Policy</u>]

The new approach to managing concerns about CSE ensures a <u>multi-agency response</u> which is important. The SCPB will audit the approach to consider what is working well and what may need improvement. This will include a focus on **information sharing** and associated outcomes. This process **does not replace Child Protection procedures** and there is clear guidance as to when a **MASH enquiry** is needed.

Part of the challenge for Jersey is ensuring the right services are in place to support children and young people who have experienced CSE and the NSPCC Jersey have launched a new service called "Letting the Future in" which provides therapeutic support for children and young people aged between 4 and 17 years who have been sexually abused.

Thinking about how we work with families is an important message from survivors of CSE. **CSE** affects everyone in the family and extended network. Parents have described feeling blamed and at a loss to know how to get support and help. Understanding the family history and involving parents appropriately helps. The NSPCC "Letting the Future in " service also works with parents and carers.

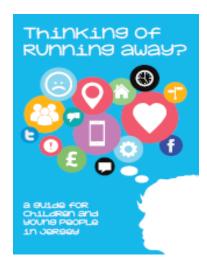
Gathering **local intelligence** is critical and in understanding the local picture of CSE we cannot rely on prosecution data alone. So if you see something, say something and email <a href="felsupervisors@jersey.pnn.police.uk">FIBSupervisors@jersey.pnn.police.uk</a>

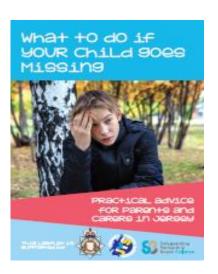
In thinking about the **online world** we must stop talking only of stranger danger and recognise **young people are often at risk of sexual exploitation by people they know or know of**. Find out more <u>here</u>

We know children who go "missing" from home or care are more vulnerable to CSE and so a new model for return interviews for those children who have gone missing has been developed. Jersey Youth Service will be providing this service and have developed resources for children, young people and families to explain what will happen and why. The SCPB will audit the effectiveness of this model

Look out for these leaflets available from the Jersey Youth Service, SCPB and the SoJ Police.







#### A Reminder

The SPBs are now partners with Research in Practice [children and families] and Research in Practice for Adults. This excellent resource will provide a range of accessible learning resources and training to support evidence-informed practice with adults, children, young people and families. To register please click on the links and follow the instructions. Please sign on using a work or your organisation email address. There is no cost to join.

If you would like more information please contact us on:

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research in practice



**NEWSFLASH**: The SPB's have produced and agreed Diversity Guidance to support practitioners, described as a really useful tool. It is available here.

### Safeguarding Partnership Board Training

Book your place online here

There is a Local Services Showcase Day on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, book on to find out more about what other agencies and services can offer

6<sup>th</sup> June – Safeguarding Adults Process and Investigations

Last places on the Child Protection Case Conference course being run on 28.04.17 or the 19.05.17

Remember to check with your manager before applying

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