

Children and Young People's Forum



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What we plan to cover

- **Putting safeguarding children and young people into perspective**
- **A case study**
- **Why is safeguarding so important?**
- **What does the Bournemouth and Poole Local Safeguarding Children Board do?**
- **How can we best work together to safeguard children and young people across Bournemouth and Poole?**

Snapshot

Bournemouth

- 35000 children < 18
- 9241 contacts with social care
- 148 children subject to a child protection plan
- 258 children came into care
- 281 missing incidents involving 95 children in care

Poole

- 29800 children < 18
- 4288 contacts with social care
- 142 children subject to a child protection plan
- 180 children came into care
- 261 missing incidents involving 35 children in care

Case Study – Sarah

- Sarah, aged 16 - one of three female siblings sexually abused by an extended family member over a period of 10 years plus. Both Sarah's younger siblings were also sexually abused.
- Abuse was uncovered by a parent seeing something inappropriate on her unattended tablet and asking questions.
- Family member was convicted and is serving a custodial sentence.
- Sarah talked to the LSCB Board Meeting to share her reflections from the period of abuse and beyond. Her Mum told us about the impact of this on herself and her family.

Why is safeguarding children and young people so important?

The affects of child abuse:

- Physical, mental and emotional development
- Ability to learn and build relationships
- Difficulty in coping with life's stresses meaning it can be harder to get a job or be a good parent



Why is safeguarding children and young people so important?

- **Greater likelihood of developing mental illness, a substance dependency, criminal behaviour– or sadly become abusive themselves**



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What does the Local Safeguarding Children Board do?

- Ensures all organisations work together to safeguard children and young people:
- Policies and procedures
- Training
- Best practice
- Awareness raising
- Commissions serious case reviews
- Overview of all child deaths

Our priorities for 2017/18

- **Child Sexual Assault**
- **Child Sexual Exploitation**
- **Neglect**
- **Improving approaches to Child Protection**

What voluntary sector/community organisations say about how they see safeguarding *NSPCC Research*

- Often seen as someone else's responsibility
- Difficult to think the unthinkable
- Range of abuse not fully understood
- Don't feel equipped to deal with safeguarding



What voluntary sector/community organisations say about how they see safeguarding *NSPCC Research*

- Often a single lead rather than everyone's responsibility
- Difficult to balance working with parents vis a vis working with children and young people
- Lack of clarity around referral criteria/agency involvement



How can we support each other in our safeguarding roles?

- **View this as a shared responsibility**
- **Improve access to advice and support**
- **Training**
- **Public awareness campaigns**

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To access LSCB Policies and Guidance:

Pan-Dorset safeguarding policies: <http://pandorsetscb.proceduresonline.com/index.htm>

To access Multi-Agency Safeguarding Training Courses (Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole):

<https://www.pooleworkforcedevelopment.co.uk/portal/>.

Click on 'Search Events' and then type 'LSCB' into the search box. This will bring up a list of available safeguarding courses.

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