## HAMPSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

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## **BOARD NEWSLETTER**

Board meeting held on 14 December 2016

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Workshops highlighting the learning from serious case reviews that are conducted when a child dies, or is seriously injured, and abuse or neglect are suspected. The workshops pull together key risk factors and practice recommendations to help practitioners understand and act upon the learning from serious case reviews.

Further details and dates can be found on the Learning Zone

- It was announced that Derek Benson is the new Independent Chair of the HSCB. Derek spent 30 years with the Metropolitan and Essex Police forces and was Deputy Chief Constable. Derek is also the Independent Chair of the Worcestershire and IOW LSCBs and will facilitate the continued close working relationship with the IOW Board.
- The National Joint Targeted Area Inspection of Hampshire in December concluded that; "The partnership has been particularly successful in ensuring that there is shared understanding of the impact of domestic abuse for all those affected by it children, victims and perpetrators". The full report can be accessed on the DfE website
- NHS England (Wessex) provided an update on the work being undertaken on their safeguarding priority areas, which includes transition, information sharing, FGM, PREVENT and others.
- HSCB and IOWSCB undertook a joint audit of MASH. The audit found clear evidence of timely multi-agency decision making in line with agreed thresholds. This ensured that risks were correctly recognised and assessed and led to safe and positive outcomes for children, including onward progression to district teams.
- The number of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) has continued to rise due to the redistribution of children under the National Resettlement Scheme. The most prevalent countries of origin include Afghanistan, Eritrea, the Middle East (including Syria) and Vietnam. A strategy is in place to manage this increase and HSCB will play its full part in ensuring positive outcomes for these children in Hampshire.

## **KEY DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES**

**HSCB** website

**4LSCB Procedures** 

HSCB multi-agency training programme

**HSCB and IOWSCB Neglect Strategy**