



Safer Newsletter

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Dudley Safeguarding People Partnership recruit independent scrutineer



A message from our new independent Scrutineer, Vicky Buchanan:

You may be aware that I recently took up the role of Dudley's, Independent Children's Safeguarding Scrutineer on behalf of the Dudley Safeguarding People Partnership.

I am delighted to be working with you and everyone I have met has been very welcoming. I have also been impressed by the dedication of the workforce and commitment to partnership working to safeguard Dudley's children in the most challenging of times.

I am sure over the coming months I will meet with many of you, I have a strong commitment to ensuring that we keep children are the heart of all that we do, and I am equally committed to hearing the voice of frontline workers who undertake the very important work of ensuring that the Children of Dudley are Safeguarded and Supported.

What is the role of a scrutineer?

The role of the Independent Scrutineer is to carry out the independent scrutiny function as set out in Working Together to Safeguarding Children 2018.

The Independent Scrutineer will provide the critical challenge and appraisal of the multi-agency safeguarding partnership arrangements in relation to children and young people.

The role forms part of these arrangements and focuses on providing assurance in judging the effectiveness of the arrangements to protect children and support a culture and environment conducive to robust scrutiny and constructive challenge.

Thematic SARs

During early September we undertook the first stage of a Thematic SAR around self-neglect, which will be led by an independent reviewer.

The focus will be to extract ideas, opinions and perspectives from practitioners involved. It's important to note that the review process is not about blame but open and transparent learning from practice in order to improve inter-agency working across Dudley.

Thresholds Taking Heads video blog

We have produced a video blog with colleagues from Dudley MASH and Dudley Council's housing team to help you learn more about thresholds and what makes a good referral into MASH, visit our video blog section on the Learning Zone.

Weblink - <https://safeguarding.dudley.gov.uk/safeguarding/learning-zone/>

Multi Agency Case File Audits – Exploitation

During Mid-September the DSPP undertook a thematic audit of four cases around Exploitation of young people. This was supported by colleagues from DMBC, West Midlands Police, and NHS Colleagues across the Dudley borough.

The report and any learning will be published later will be published later in the year.

For more information visit -

<https://safeguarding.dudley.gov.uk/safeguarding/learning-zone/>

Coming Soon...

Dudley Safeguarding People Partnership Annual Reports

The DSPP annual reports will be published during autumn 2021, for information on publication please keep your eye on the DSPP website and social media feeds.

Resolution and Escalation eLearning

Resolution and escalation protocol eLearning will be published during October 2021, full information this eLearning course will be available via the Learning Zone section of the website

Understanding Early Help Family plans eLearning

The Understanding Early Help Family plans eLearning will be published during October 2021, full information this eLearning course will be available via the Learning Zone section of the website

National Safeguarding Adults week

Safeguarding Adults Week 2021 will take place from 15- 21 November.

Safeguarding Adults Week is a time for organisations to come together to raise awareness of important safeguarding issues.

The aim is to highlight safeguarding key issues, facilitate conversations and to raise awareness of safeguarding best practice. So keep an eye on the DSPP website for events, which will be listed towards the end of October 2021.



If you have Safeguarding news or updates of your own that you would like to be considered for inclusion in the next Safer, then please email: **Mark Wilson**, DSPP Learning and Development Coordinator via **mark.wilson@dudley.gov.uk**