

Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board

National Updates:

- New multi-agency partnership arrangements and SCR process (Wood Review) and revised Working Together
- County Lines

Local updates:

- SCR Family M and learning from other case reviews
- Child Sexual Abuse <http://www.wiltshirescb.org.uk/child-sexual-abuse/>
- Neglect
- Working with vulnerable adolescents at risk
- Children in Need
- Allegations Management and DOFA



Multi-agency findings:

1. Professionals can feel uncertain about how to understand, manage and respond to risk posed by men who view online child sexual abuse images online.
2. Children need professionals to provide the best opportunity for them to be able to talk to professionals about any abuse they have experienced, including in interviews outside of the established ABE process.
3. Appropriate routine professional challenge and the use of escalation processes is insufficiently embedded in the multi-agency network in Wiltshire.

Multi-agency findings

4. There is a tendency for professionals to uncritically accept what parents tell them about their children in the mistaken belief that this is “working in partnership”, resulting in an inaccurate description of children’s needs and circumstances which are left unaddressed as a result.
5. The lack of an effective practice framework for working with neglect in Wiltshire has left professionals deskilled in their response and inconsistent in how they explicitly name child and adolescent “neglect”.
6. Child in Need processes in Wiltshire can lack the rigour and focus seen in child protection processes with the result that there is insufficient analysis of children’s needs.

Quality Assurance Activity

- Quality Assurance Framework
 - Case Resolution Policy – developing a culture of challenge
- Workforce
- Walkabouts
- Child Protection Conferences
- Feedback from the frontline

Engagement

How are we doing?

Before I go...

South West Child Protection Procedures www.proceduresonline.com/swcpp

WSCB website www.wiltshirescb.org.uk

[Safeguarding and child protection resources for VCS groups and organisations](#)
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