

National Safeguarding News

The Protection of Children in England - A Progress Report

Lord Laming has called for a step change in leadership and practice to help protect children from harm. His far-reaching report, [The Protection of Children in England: A Progress Report](#), was commissioned by the Children's Secretary Ed Balls in November 2008 and looks at Children's Services across England. It was published on the 12th March 2009.

Are you Up to Speed on the New Vetting & Barring Scheme?

If you work with children or employ people to do so on a paid or voluntary basis, you will need to be aware of the new requirements being phased in from October 2009. You can find out all about the scheme on the Independent Safeguarding Authority's [website](#). You may also find their [Vetting & Barring Scheme Newsletter April 2009](#) helpful.



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New Procedures and Guidance

NEW! [Model Child Protection Policy for Community Organisations](#) March 2009

NEW! [No Access Guidance - Overarching Guidance for All Agencies](#) March 2009

NEW! [See the Adult, See the Child](#), *A Multi-Agency Service Protocol for the Assessment, Support and Case Management of Children and Families where the parent(s) have additional unmet needs*, March 2009. You may also be interested in the presentation from the [launch event](#). Additionally, the following guidance links directly to **See the Adult, See the Child**:

- [Unborn Baby Protocol](#) (see the [South West Child Protection Procedures](#) - Further Guidance)
- [Protocol for the Joint Assessment and Support for Young Carers and Their Families](#)

New Swindon LSCB Sexual Exploitation and Runaways Working Group



During 2008, Swindon LSCB disbanded its Forum (Children & Young People Exploited Through Prostitution) as no longer meeting current needs and priorities. The Forum was originally set up in 1995 to support practitioners who were working with children who were being abused or at risk of being abused through child exploitation. In its place, a new working group has been formed and an action plan developed, which also encompasses work around

Runaways. This Group will need to remain focused on strategy (rather than operational needs) and use Action Plans as the basis for monitoring performance and delivery. You will find more details of this and all aspects of the LSCB's agenda for 2009/10 in our Business Plan, available on the LSCB website very soon!

Multi-agency Training and Events

Now available on the LSCB website: the Swindon LSCB & Multi-agency Training Programme 2009/10. Don't miss out - courses are filling fast!

www.swindonlscb.org.uk

AIM Awareness Training – Children Who Display Sexually Harmful Behaviour

We still have places available for this 3 hour course on Tuesday 5 May which aims to develop your understanding of sexual behaviour in children and young people. The next course will be on Monday 21 September.

New LSCB Course on E-safety



Swindon LSCB is offering this brand new course to give professionals an understanding of E-safety and how to keep children and young people safe with new technologies.

Facilitator Karl Hopwood is involved in creating best practice and policy around E-safety guidance. He has given presentations at national and international events including the *Innovative Teacher's Forum* and more recently at the *Young People in the Internet and Mobile Age* conference in Cairo. Karl works for a number of different organisations including [Becta](#), [CEOP](#) and [The South West Grid for Learning](#).

Having attended the first course, in April, I would encourage anyone to attend – it is a real eye-opener that cuts through the media myths to the real risks, offering sensible safeguarding strategies.

Book now for 2 June - half day morning or afternoon sessions available! The following course will not be until 24 November.

For a wide range of E-safety resources and information, see the LSCB Website [e-safety resources page](#) – don't forget to check the [resources](#) pages when you need information on a specific topic – new links are being added all the time!

See the Training pages on the LSCB website for details of all the above courses:
www.swindonlscb.org.uk/lscb-index/lscb-workers-home/lscb-workers-training.htm

If you do not have access to the internet and want more information, you can contact our Training Administrator, Christine Mister, via cmister@swindon.gov.uk or call on 01793 463803.

Did you miss the launch of the new *See the Adult, See the Child* Protocol?

See the Adult, See the Child is a multi-agency service protocol for the assessment, support and case management of children and families where the parent(s) have additional unmet needs.

The additional need could be a mental health issue, substance misuse issue, a disability, learning difficulty or that the parent is in prison or is/has been involved in criminal activity. It may also relate to a child or young person taking on inappropriate levels of caring responsibility.

We are running 2 lunchtime seminars to keep you informed about this important protocol on **Tuesday 26 May & Wednesday 8 July 2009 – 12.00-2.00 p.m.** Refreshments will be provided but you will need to bring your own lunch. To apply for a place please email Cathey Stevens indicating which seminar you would like to attend (cstevens@swindon.gov.uk). Places are limited and we would like to have a good mix of staff working with adults and children and young people.



The **South West Child Protection Procedures** have just been updated (31 March) with improvements to the layout. They now include the **Unborn Baby Protocol** (see *Further*

Guidance on Child Protection) and a **Resolution Policy** (see *Useful Resources*) which replaces the Swindon Escalation Policy. See www.swcpp.org.uk

Desktop Shortcut

Did you know you can put a link direct to the Swindon LSCB website onto your desktop? For full instructions, go to: www.swindonlscb.org.uk/lscb-index/lscb-general-linking.htm.

If you have any feedback about the E-zine, the LSCB web site or any queries about Swindon LSCB, please contact:

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