




Medway Safeguarding Children Board



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Welcome to the first MSCB newsletter. We intend to collate all the relevant new Safeguarding information, news and events from a variety of sources and produce a monthly digest for members to disseminate to their agency. Board staff would actively welcome comments and suggestions for articles from members. If there is something that you would wish to be in this newsletter please contact us at the address below.



News



The first Annual Conference of the Board is to be held on 24th April 2007 at Medway police station with preparations underway. Invitations have been sent to members and replies have been requested by 9th March. If you have not received your invitation please contact me as soon as possible.



A number of Working Together 2006 guidance are still available for those who require them. The board is unable to incur the cost for postage but is happy for members to arrange to pick them up at meetings or at our offices at the Compass Centre.

Medway Child Protection policies are now available on The Positive Parenting Network website, the link is below. Policies are no longer available on the joint Kent and Medway ACPC Website.
http://medwayppn.org/agencies/agency_resource_all.asp?f=7&agency_id=384

Events

A Serious Case Review Seminar was held on 8th February 2007 with good attendance and positive feedback being received despite the snow! Presentations focused on the process and implications of Serious Case Reviews, PowerPoint's are available to those who would wish to have them just contact me in the usual way.

Vetting and Barring and Safer Recruitment workshops have been held in the past month. Board members and Manager Sally Mortimore attended, feedback is being brought to the various groups and future work will be undertaken in due course.

Board Membership

School representatives from both primary and secondary sectors have joined across all tiers of the Board. Welcome to Richard Hart, Paul Bell, Julia Bell, Sue Rogers, Pauline Milton David Bignell, Sandra Jones, Gwen Thomas, Pat Fisher, Cathy Sexton, Liz Caldwell and Kate Dadd.

Additionally Alex Kersting-Woods from Kent Fire and Rescue Service has joined the Management Group.

Jan Baker previously member of the policy and procedures subgroup has left the Board and is replaced by Education Welfare Officer David Finch. A warm welcome to all new members.

Policy

Medway Model Child Protection Policy and Camera Use in Schools have both been agreed and ratified by the Board. Both policies can be viewed on the website or alternatively I can send a copy to members via email.

National guidance: "What to do if you are worried a child is being abused" has been updated and published; a link to where this document can be found on the Every Child Matters website site is below:
<http://publications.everychildmatters.gov.uk/default.aspx?PageFunction=productdetails&PageMode=publications&ProductId=DFES-04320-2006&>

Links

Better Safe than Sorry: Preventing unintentional injury to children:
<http://www.info4local.gov.uk/documents/publications/87813>

Medway Safeguarding Children Board website:
http://medwayppn.org/agencies/agency_intro.asp?agency_id=384

If there is something you would wish to place in this newsletter, please contact me by email before the 24th March. The next edition of this newsletter will be circulated on 2nd April.

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