

# MSCB Bulletin



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The MSCB monthly bulletin is for all professionals working in Medway and for anyone who has a role in the welfare and safeguarding of children. From the bulletin you can expect news on new policies and procedures, details of MSCB events and training, and what's going on in Medway in all our partner agencies. Join the MSCB mailing list by emailing [mscb@medway.gov.uk](mailto:mscb@medway.gov.uk) to ensure you don't miss it, or access back issues at [www.mscb.org.uk](http://www.mscb.org.uk)

## NSPCC Gillingham Service Centre

The Gillingham NSPCC Team offer a number of therapeutic services and programmes for a wide range of needs and age ranges.

### NEW SERVICE - Positive Pathway

Positive Pathways is a service for children and young people aged 7yrs - 18yrs and offers 6-8 sessions of direct work using a brief solution focused approach. These sessions are child/young person led and they will offer help in finding solutions to problems affecting their safety and wellbeing, through exploring positive experiences in the child or young person's lives. Within these sessions there is an opportunity for joint sessions if agreed by the child between them and their parent/carer, in order to support the work and to build on the relationships they have developed. For a full update on this service, please see the NSPCC's latest Newsletter.

[\(View Newsletter\)](#).

### Domestic Abuse Recovery Together (DART)

DART is a 10 week group work programme (1 day a week for 2 hours) for children and mothers who have experienced domestic abuse, with a focus on enhancing the mother/child relationship and helping them overcome the adverse effects of abuse. The perpetrator of the domestic abuse must not be living in the family home as it is important that mothers and children feel safe enough to take part in the programme. Together women and children will share their experiences, talk about their feelings, learn more about domestic abuse and keeping safe.

### Letting the Future in (LTFI):

Letting the Future In is a therapeutic 1:1 service for children and young people affected by sexual abuse. It is suitable for

children and young people aged 4-17 where there has been a joint or single agency investigation. The child should be living in a stable situation with a safe carer, and not with the alleged perpetrator.

### Letting the Future in - Learning Disabilities (LTFI/LD):

Letting the Future In - LD is a therapeutic 1:1 service for children aged between 5 years and up to 19 years who have been affected by sexual abuse. LTFI - LD is suitable for children and young people where there has been a joint investigation which has concluded sexual abuse has occurred or where professionals have concluded there is a strong likelihood that sexual abuse has occurred but the child has been considered not to have a sufficient cognitive ability to sustain an investigation.

### HEAR & NOW:

Hear & Now is a therapeutic service for children and young people between the ages of 4yrs -17yrs where it is thought that sexual abuse may have occurred. As a result of either of the following:

- The child or young person has been in contact with a known/alleged person who poses sexual harm
- Past history of disclosure and retraction
- History of sexual abuse in own/extend family

To download referral forms for all services, follow the link to the webpage: [\(View Webpage\)](#).

For a full explanation and list of services delivered by the NSPCC can be found in the NSPCC Service Information Booklet on the webpage: [\(View Webpage\)](#).

If you wish to make a referral you can also contact the NSPCC on 01634 564 744 or submit the relevant referral via their e-mail on [Gillingham.dutyinbox@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:Gillingham.dutyinbox@nspcc.org.uk).

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## Support2Court

SATEDA can support domestic abuse victims to apply for a protective order through the civil courts. One of their trained Mackenzie friends can write a statement, help to submit this to court, and attend hearings. SATEDA can also support people through child arrangement proceedings. To contact SATEDA call 01795 417251 or ([Visit website](#)).to request advice and support.

## Positive Behaviour Support Foundation Course

Medway College of Social Care is running a series of 20 fully funded, Positive Behaviour Support training courses between October 2018 and March 2019. These are available to anyone who provides direct support to individuals with challenging behaviours i.e. parents, carers and professionals. These will be held in venues across the Medway area with dates/venues to be confirmed. This one day course may be particularly suitable for parents and carers, and people working in social care, family support, education, early help, youth work, health and voluntary sectors.

### What is Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)?

PBS is an evidence based approach to people who may be displaying challenging behaviours. It seeks to understand the reasons for the behaviour so that unmet needs can be met. It's proactive and preventative, focusing on the teaching of new skills to replace behaviours that challenge.

### Course Outline:

The one day Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Foundation course provides an overview of, and introduction to, PBS; it covers the core components and principles of PBS and the minimum knowledge that direct contact carers, professionals and parents need in order to implement PBS. It also gives participants an understanding of the underpinning values, theory and processes that are part of the PBS approach.

### Learning Outcomes:

Completion of this course should give participants a basic understanding of the following:

- The key elements (values, theory and processes) of PBS
- What is meant by 'behaviour' and the phrase 'challenging behaviour' or 'behaviours of concern'
- What are 'restrictive practices' and what is meant by the 'least restrictive approach' and their links with the Human Rights Act
- The importance of knowing the individual, understanding their needs
- The factors that make people with learning disabilities and ASC vulnerable to showing behaviours of concern, why behaviour occurs and what functions behaviours serve
- Why team working is important and the different roles of people that are involved with the person's life and when they would need to seek personal and/or professional support

To register your interest please email [mcsb@medway.gov.uk](mailto:mcsb@medway.gov.uk) or ring 01634 338 480

## MSCB learning and development opportunities

To apply to attend MSCB courses please complete an application form and return it to [mcsbtraining@medway.gov.uk](mailto:mcsbtraining@medway.gov.uk) For training queries, please contact the MSCB administrator on 01634 332256.

### [Learning Lessons from multi agency reviews and Serious Case Reviews](#) ([View Webpage](#)).

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 - 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Gun Wharf

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Gun Wharf

### [Making referrals, understanding and applying thresholds in Medway](#) ([View Webpage](#)).

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 - 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Gun Wharf

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 - 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Gun Wharf

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 - 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Gun Wharf

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