

# 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)

## MSCB Annual Report

The annual report of the Medway Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB) for 2017-18 has now been published. It brings together in one place reports on all the main work carried out in Medway in the last year that have been designed to keep children in Medway safe from harm, abuse or neglect. You can read more about the MSCB in Section 2 of the report.

The report is written for all people in the community so that they can judge for themselves whether the MSCB is doing a good enough job. It will also be presented to a number of different groups who have particular responsibility to keep the work of the MSCB under scrutiny.

In the opening section of the report, John Drew, The Independent Chair of the Medway Safeguarding Children Board answers the main question 'How Safe from Harm, abuse or neglect are children in Medway today'? To view the full report, please follow the attached link: [\(View Webpage\)](#).

## Prevent

The Prevent strategy is focused on safeguarding people from radicalisation or extremism. This includes work to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Medway Council have the lead role in delivering the Prevent strategy in Medway in accordance with the Prevent duty guidance and they are working with partners such as the Police, health and the district councils.

We all have a responsibility to keep Medway and the people in it safe. Extremism and radicalisation in our community are very real threats to our society and being aware is the first step. You can help to reduce the threat from terrorism, radicalisation and extremism by being vigilant, knowing what to report and reporting it.

## Channel

Channel is part of the Prevent strategy. The process is a multi-agency approach to identify and provide support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorism. Channel is a programme which focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. The programme uses a multi-agency approach to protect vulnerable people by:

- Identifying individuals at risk
- Assessing the nature and extent of that risk
- Developing the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned.

Sections 36 to 41 of the [Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 \(Link\)](#) set out the duty on local authorities and partners of local panels to provide support for people vulnerable to being drawn into any form of terrorism.

This guidance has been issued under sections 36(7) and 38(6) of the act to support panel members and partners of local panels.

The document:

- Provides guidance for Channel panels.
- Provides guidance for panel partners on Channel delivery (that is, those authorities listed in Schedule 7 to the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 who are required to co-operate with Channel panels and the police in carrying out their functions in Chapter 2 of Part 5 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015).
- Explains why people may be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism and describes signs to look for.

[Prevent Channel Referral Form \(Link\)](#).

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Safeguarding Medway's  
children together

## Child Protection Advocacy

The Young Lives Foundation (YLF) advocates support young people by enabling them to have their voices heard in **looked-after child reviews**, care proceedings and **Family Group Conferences** and on issues such as education, **placements**, leaving care and family contact.

A young person can contact YLF if they feel they need an advocate, or someone can do it on their behalf. This could be a family member, a friend, a teacher or a social worker.



Do you work with a child who is subject to a Child Protection Plan?  
Are they over 8 years old?

Do you feel their voice should be heard by other professionals to help them be safe?  
Medway Council are working with Young Lives Foundation and now offer an Advocacy Service for all children aged over 8 years who are subject to a child protection plan.

Please call: **01622 683815** if you are a professional  
**0808 1640096** if you are a young person  
To refer a young person: ([View Webpage](#)).

## MSCB learning and development opportunities

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

**Basic Awareness in Child Protection (Level 2)** ([View Webpage](#)).

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Room 1, Gun Wharf, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) Awareness Training Session** ([View Webpage](#)).

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Room 1, Gun Wharf, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Intermediate Child Protection Training (Level 3)**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Room 1, Gun Wharf, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ([View Webpage](#)).

**Domestic Abuse Training**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Room 1, Gun Wharf, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ([View Webpage](#)).

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Civic Suite, Gun Wharf, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Domestic Abuse Stalking and Harassment and Honour Based Violence (DASH) Training**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Civic Suite, Gun Wharf, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ([View Webpage](#)).

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019, Civic Suite, Gun Wharf, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



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## Worried about a child in Medway?

Phone: **01634 334466** Out-of-hours: **03000 41 91 91**  
Police emergency: **999** Police non-emergency: **101**

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