

Welcome to the 2017 winter edition of our newsletter

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Top stories in this newsletter



Working Together Consultation



New! Core Working Together refresher training



Post learning event for SSCB's latest SCR



Children's Trust Chief Executive appointment

Consultation: Working Together to Safeguard Children



The Government is consulting on changes to the Working Together to Safeguarding Children guidance. The wide-ranging guidance sets out the requirements individual services have to promote the welfare of children, and how different agencies should work together to achieve that.

The consultation ends on 31 December and a new draft of the guidance will be finalised next year, replacing the 2015 edition.

Opened: 25.10.17
Closes: 31.12.17

Have your say: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/child-protection-safeguarding-and-family-law/working-together-to-safeguard-children-revisions-t/>

What's New?



CSE strategy & Action Plan - Multi-agency CSE 2017-18 strategy has been launched supplemented by an accompanying action plan. Available in the [exploitation](#) section of our [website](#).

Multi-Agency Threshold Document - Sandwell's 'thresholds/level of need document' was refreshed in November 2017, to access the updated document please use visit the [threshold section](#) of our [website](#).

SSCB training - Level 3 Core Working Together training has been updated with a new refresher course due to begin in 2018. All bookings for training are made online, please click [here](#).

Good to know...

Learning from audits

Multi-agency audits on neglect and children with disabilities were recently undertaken by the Board. Key findings of good practice and areas for development across the partnership are presented in a seven minute briefing, accessible under the [quality assurance](#) tab on our [website](#).

Learning from Serious Case Reviews

SSCB have recently completed a SCR (HS), have one nearing completion (JS) and have a further SCR about to commence (KS). A post event learning workshop for professionals to examine in detail the learning from the HS SCR recently took place, a report from this event will be available in the coming weeks. For a copy of local and national SCR learning notes please click [here](#).

Work has commenced to improve the Board's engagement with faith communities, a Safeguarding Network Launch took place earlier this month.

Faith & community engagement

In the News



Ofsted have completed their inspection of Local Authority services for Children and Families in Sandwell the outcome and inspection report will be available in early 2018. Thanks have been extended to all those who have contributed to preparation and engagement in this process.

Frances Craven has been appointed as Chief Executive of Sandwell's Children's Trust, it is expected that Frances will be in post from February 2018. As Strategic Director for Leicester's Children's Services for the past three years Frances has overseen their improvement from Ofsted rating 'inadequate' to 'requires improvement' with leadership and management being good.