

Family Approach to Safeguarding



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Welcome Robert Templeton, Chair

Housekeeping

- Fire, toilets, phones
- Breaks: tea / coffee / biscuits at break
- Lunch: bring or buy your own
- Cherbourg room for eating, networking/
stalls



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Aims for today

- Hear from national and local experts
- Time for reflection, learning and networking
- Launch the joint Hampshire wide Family Approach toolkit



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Its your day!

- Engage with speakers and workshops – opportunity for questions at the end of the morning
- Think about what you can do in your role / organisation
- Complete a commitment card
- Stalls and networking time
- Selfie stall – twitter @sotonlsb #sotonfamily2019
- Give your ideas and feedback for future developments.



It is real life

- Topics will have an impact on us and may be hard to hear
- It is likely that you or others in the room will have experience of the issues we talk about
- If you need to speak to someone – ask us today and seek support through your organisation.

Local partnership changes...



New Independent Chair – Derek Benson

Making Safeguarding Personal

It means safeguarding work:

- is person / child-led
- is outcome-focused
- engages the person and enhances involvement,
- choice and control
- improves quality of life, wellbeing and safety



What is a Family Approach?



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...one that secures better outcomes for:

- Children (including unborn babies)
- Families
- Adults with care and support needs

by co-ordinating the support they receive from all services whether adult, child or family focussed.

Why do we need a family approach?

The likelihood of the risk and harm to children and an adult with care and support needs increases when they live with a family member with one of the following vulnerability factors:

- Domestic abuse
- Parental/familial mental ill-health
- Learning disabilities
- Substance misuse
- Sexual exploitation

Multiple Factors

- Families often experience more than one of these factors.
- Co-existence of any of the above factors will increase the overall risk for a child / adult / family
- Learning from our most serious case reviews tells us combination of these issues present in Southampton families
- Early identification and intervention reduces risks
- Risk escalates quickly – seen where combination of domestic abuse and adult mental health particularly
- Coercive control needs further understanding.

What can we all do?

Organisations:

Ensure practitioners are aware of family approach – and awareness of key issues

Raise importance of working with the whole family in agency training and procedures.

Provide supervision to reflect on the needs of the family.

Promote the importance of information sharing with partners in both the children and adults workforce.

Practitioners:

Make a commitment to take a 'family approach' in your work.

Be professionally curious when working with families. Find out who is living in a household, who cares for who.

Be curious and inquisitive about what you are seeing and assessing in terms of indicators of potential harm.

Where combined issues occur update assessments & plans regularly! Ensure there is an accurate understanding of risk factors and how they may impact on each other.

Ensure you are familiar with the referral pathways for both children and adults.

Toolkit & Evaluation

Southampton Family Approach Conference



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