



Sunderland Safeguarding  
Children Board

## NEWSLETTER April 2010

### E-Learning 'Awareness of Child Abuse and Neglect'.

The e-learning training package was successfully launched to a multi agency audience at the Stadium of Light on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010. This event promoted the message to agencies that the e-learning programme is aimed at **all staff within all agencies** who come into contact with children and young people either as part of their working life or on a volunteer basis. It is also **aimed at staff whose role is not specifically** with children but may come into contact with children during their working day.

The SSCB have purchased 6 versions of the Awareness of Child Abuse and Neglect Course to ensure the needs of all staff within all agencies are met within this training package.

For any further information, or to make a nomination to undertake the e-learning programme please contact Jennifer Clarke.

The Launch event also provided an opportunity for professional development. The day described how the Training and Workforce Development Group were established as part of the SSCB, not only to deliver and evaluate the effectiveness of evidence based training but explained how they play an important role in the quality assurance of both single and multi agency training. If you are a practitioner working in Sunderland and feel you have the experience, skills and passion to deliver safeguarding children training please contact: [deanna.lagun@sotw.nhs.uk](mailto:deanna.lagun@sotw.nhs.uk)

### Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy

The VAWGS was jointly launched with the Safer Sunderland Partnership in March 2010. The purpose of the event was for attendees to gain a greater understanding of the Together We Can End Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy that was launched by the Home Office in November 2009 ([www.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk)) The Sunderland Domestic Violence Partnership also fed into the consultation that led to the final development of the Strategy. The event provided an overview of the Strategy and provided the starting point for the development of a Sunderland Strategy to Tackle Violence against Women and Girls. One of the emerging themes from the consultation of services to effectively address VAWG was that there is a greater role for **Local Safeguarding Children Boards** as they are regarded as **a key driver at local level in** progressing the strategy. The SSCB will be continuing to work jointly with the Safer Sunderland Partnership in developing a local strategy and further information and events will be occurring throughout 2010 in relation to this. Information will be made available in future Newsletters.

**Working Together to Safeguard Children 2010 is now available.**  
**For more information please go to [www.dcsf.gov.uk](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk)**



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### **What is it like to work with children and families in Sunderland?**

Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board wants to meet with multi agency frontline staff in Sunderland. The Board has established some sessions where frontline staff are invited to meet the Independent Chair of the Board and other members to discuss key issues affecting your work with children and families. We want to know what are the successes in multi agency working, where can we improve and how can the Board support you in achieving good outcomes for children in Sunderland.

These sessions are from 12.30pm until 2.30pm at Leechmere Training Centre with lunch provided on:

**Monday 5 July 2010**  
**Monday 11 Oct 2010**  
**Wednesday 12 Jan 2011**  
**Thursday 24 March 2011**

Please contact Caroline Hall to book a place.

### **SSCB Training**

SSCB offers free multi agency safeguarding training to staff and volunteers working with children, young people and their parents/carers within the City of Sunderland. The Training Programme April 2010 to March 2011 is still under development and is due for release in the near future. Training fliers are available by contacting Carol Anderson at [carol.anderson@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:carol.anderson@sunderland.gov.uk) or by contacting the SSCB Business Unit.

***Look out for the new SSCB Website  
which will be going live in May 2010***

### **SSCB MEMBERS**

Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board is made up of representatives from numerous partner agencies. Throughout 2010 this Newsletter will introduce staff to members of the SSCB and this edition will take the opportunity to introduce staff to the Independent Chair of the board. Jan van Wagtendonk has chaired the SSCB since October 2008 and as Independent Chair, Jan is accountable to the Executive Director of Children's Services. Jan has 39 years experience of working in Children's Services in both the voluntary and statutory sector. The role of Independent Chair is to ensure the Board operates effectively and acts objectively and independently.

Since coming into post the Independent chair has contributed to the strengthening of links between Children's and Adult Services, in particular Safer Sunderland Partnership and Safeguarding Adults Partnership, as well as raising the profile of the SSCB at the Head Teachers forum and with front line multi agency staff. Jan is actively involved in developing and strengthening the governance arrangements between the SSCB and the Children's Trust.

**Tell Us.....**

**If you would like us to include more information about any area of work undertaken by the SSCB in future Newsletters, then please tell us. E-mail any suggestions to Lynne Thomas.**



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### Approving Other Organisations Procedures.

Thank you to all agencies who have submitted procedures for approval by the SSCB following the previous Newsletter. Can agencies please be aware there has been a delay in this process due to resource issues within the Business Unit. However, any procedure submitted will be ratified by the Approving Other Organisations working group and agencies will be contacted in due course.

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**NB: Please could you mark any post addressed to Jan van Wagtendonk care of: Caroline Hall at the above address as Jan is Independent and not office based.**