



WSCP Newsletter

June 2020

CLIMB is now receiving referrals

CLIMB (previously referred to as West Mercia Diversionary Network) has been receiving referrals since Monday 11th May 2020

What is CLIMB?

CLIMB has been chosen to partner with the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner to stop children from being drawn into 'county lines' and other forms of exploitation.

Using diversionary activities, CLIMB will improve the lives of the most vulnerable children and young people in society. The service will incorporate sports, dance, arts and music, and work with young people who are missing school or college, starting to be reported as missing, or at risk of being drawn into criminal activity. This transformative service is the first of its kind and will help children to find new passions, form healthy friendships and learn how to recognise people and situations that might put them at risk.

Working with schools, police, social care, activity providers and many other groups across the region, together CLIMB will build safer communities for children and young people

Why CLIMB?

CLIMB is not an acronym. Throughout the selection process which saw The Children Society chosen to deliver this service, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for West Mercia has made sure children and young people were heavily involved. These young people formed a stand alone 'Interview Panel' that all applicants in the bid had to present to as part of the selection process. In keeping with the importance of involving the service user demographic, The Childrens Society asked children and young people to come up with the name for the service. These youngsters, some of them historically service users themselves, felt that they had been in a hole and that they needed the support of services to enable them to 'climb' out. The name was also felt to reflect the importance placed on being physically active, a key feature of the diversionary activity.

The OPCC would like to give acknowledgement and thanks to Worcestershire Children First in providing and facilitating the involvement of those children and young people in the process.

CLIMB now has experienced practitioners and managers in post that will be able to provide more information and be can contacted through the climb@childrenssociety.org.uk

At the foot of the 'landing page' is a link directly to the referral form and the email address to send the completed form to www.childrenssociety.org.uk/climb

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Children's
Society**

**No child
should feel
alone**

Professional Curiosity Learning Briefing

A recent rapid review within Worcestershire highlighted the importance of professional curiosity when working with families. Some of you may recall this subject being covered some time ago by the Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board, however as a result of what we learned from the recent rapid review process we thought it timely that we recirculate the WSCB Learning and Improvement briefing first produced in October 2017. The content is just as relevant now, so please could we ask that you take a few minutes to refresh your memory, or if you are seeing this for the first time, make yourself familiar with the [guidance](#).



REMINDER—Single View of the Child

The Single View of the Child is a secure web-based system which provides a summary of the information Worcestershire Children First hold on a child—this helps practitioners identify the plan for that child and who the lead professional is.

Information provided includes:

- ♦ Name
- ♦ Address
- ♦ School details
- ♦ Name and contact details of allocated Social Worker
- ♦ Any other key indicators

You can search using name, address, date of birth and some reference numbers (e.g., NHS number)

You can read the full summary of the Single View of the Child by following this link—<https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Single-View-of-the-Child-Summary.pdf>

Multi Agency Pre-birth Intervention and Post-Birth Planning Guidance

Following the learning from a Case Review in Worcestershire, the following action:

“The WSCP to consider how they can ensure improvements in the making of a referral to children’s social care and in responses to non-urgent safeguarding referrals about an unborn baby”

led to a review of the Pre-Birth Pathway.

This has now been updated and is now available on the West Midlands Procedures webpage

<http://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/assets/clients/6/Multi%20Agency%20Pre-birth%20Intervention%20and%20Post-Birth%20Planning%20Guidance.pdf>

We advise all practitioners to read and familiarise themselves with the guidance.

COVID-19 Phase 2—Road to Recovery Service Delivery Protocol—Social Care and Safeguarding Services

This Second “Phase 2” protocol has been developed to enable Social Care and Safeguarding services to;

- Resume key safeguarding service activities regarding the assessment, planning and decision making for children subject to plans and ensure we have timely and effective assessment and interventions for those identified as in need of support or protection.
- Adapt and respond to the “Recovery and Re-set” agenda of the Government in the context of minimising the spread of infection and protecting the workforce
- Respond to the views and wishes of Staff and Managers in how Worcestershire Children First can effectively deliver services in the medium term and prepare for long term delivery learning from the Covid19 initial periods.

You can read the full document here—<https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-06-01-WCF-Safeguarding-Covid19-Phase-2-Exec-Summary-V1.pdf>