



WSCP Newsletter

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Learning Briefing: Application of the Levels of Need by Partners

This learning briefing has been produced following a multi-agency audit of referrals to the Worcestershire Family Front Door. The aim of the briefing is to help all professionals across the partnership to improve the way they use the Worcestershire Levels of Need Guidance document to decide whether a referral to the Family Front Door is the correct step at that point, or whether the child or young person could be better helped via another route.

The Worcestershire Levels of Need Guidance document can be found using the following link: [Levels-of-Need-Document-formerly-Thresholds-document-updated-May-2019-3.pdf](#) (safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk)

This audit was undertaken by Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust, GP Services, Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, Schools and West Mercia Police; across the audit, twenty children's experiences were considered.

The key learning points for all professionals are in the full document which can be found by following this link to our 'Learning and Development' section on the WSCP website:

[Learning and Improvement Briefings - Worcestershire Safeguarding Boards](#)

Multi-Agency Briefings

Multi-agency briefings have been created for practitioners to share throughout their agencies and to refer back to for support in practice, in team meetings and during supervisions.

They are an overview of what the different type of multi-agency meetings/plans and the roles in them, specific to **Child in Need, Child Protection and Child Looked After**.

This link will take you to the WSCP Website where the learning briefings are available to download—[Learning and Improvement Briefings - Worcestershire Safeguarding Boards](#)

The ASK Online Workshop – Assessing Suicide in Kids

The ASK Workshop is an accredited suicide prevention workshop that specifically addresses suicide risk in children.

It is designed for professionals working with children of ages 5-14 years and seeks to challenge commonly held notions about children's capacity to consider suicide and provide them with practical tools that support their understanding of what can best help a child contemplating suicide.

Please note that whilst the training makes regular reference to safety planning, it does not teach safety planning, instead recommending that you attend ASIST – Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.

Dates

- 21/22nd September 9-1.30pm GMT+1 both days
- 12/13th October 9-1.30pm GMT+1 both days
- 3/4th November 9-1.30pm GMT both days



Fee

£80 per person – this cost covers access to the self-paced reading material to be completed prior to attending two consecutive live streams delivered on Zoom. Participants will have use of a downloadable workbook and learning tools.

WSCP Training Page

The Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership will be updating their Training Page regularly for Partners, to find out what training is currently available. Please use the link below to keep up to date -

<https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/learning-development/training-c/wscb-events/>

Links to free online courses provided by other organisations are also available.

