

Partnership Matters

Welcome to the Spring 2022 edition of the East Riding Safeguarding Children Partnership (ERSCP) Newsletter.

The following pages outline the work of the Partnership, business priorities 2020-25, recent changes to its governance arrangements and new multi-agency learning opportunities.



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Working Together



The East Riding Safeguarding Children Partnership consists of the Chief Officers of the three key agencies who hold collective statutory responsibilities for safeguarding children:

- Local Authority
- Health
- Humberside Police.

These three statutory partners are supported by other relevant agencies who work with children and young people.

Kay Durrant as the Independent Scrutineer provides an independent perspective on the work of the Partnership.

The ERSCP Business Unit supports the work of the Partnership and is hosted by the East Riding Local Authority.

As a local children's safeguarding partnership, we are committed to ensure that there are effective multi-agency arrangements in place across the East Riding which promote:

- Prevention
- Early Help
- Protect children from harm
- Support recovery
- Build resilience



The primary responsibility of the ERSCP is to bring together agencies in the East Riding of Yorkshire to help keep children, young people and their families safe in line with section 14(1) of the Children Act 2004, the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018.



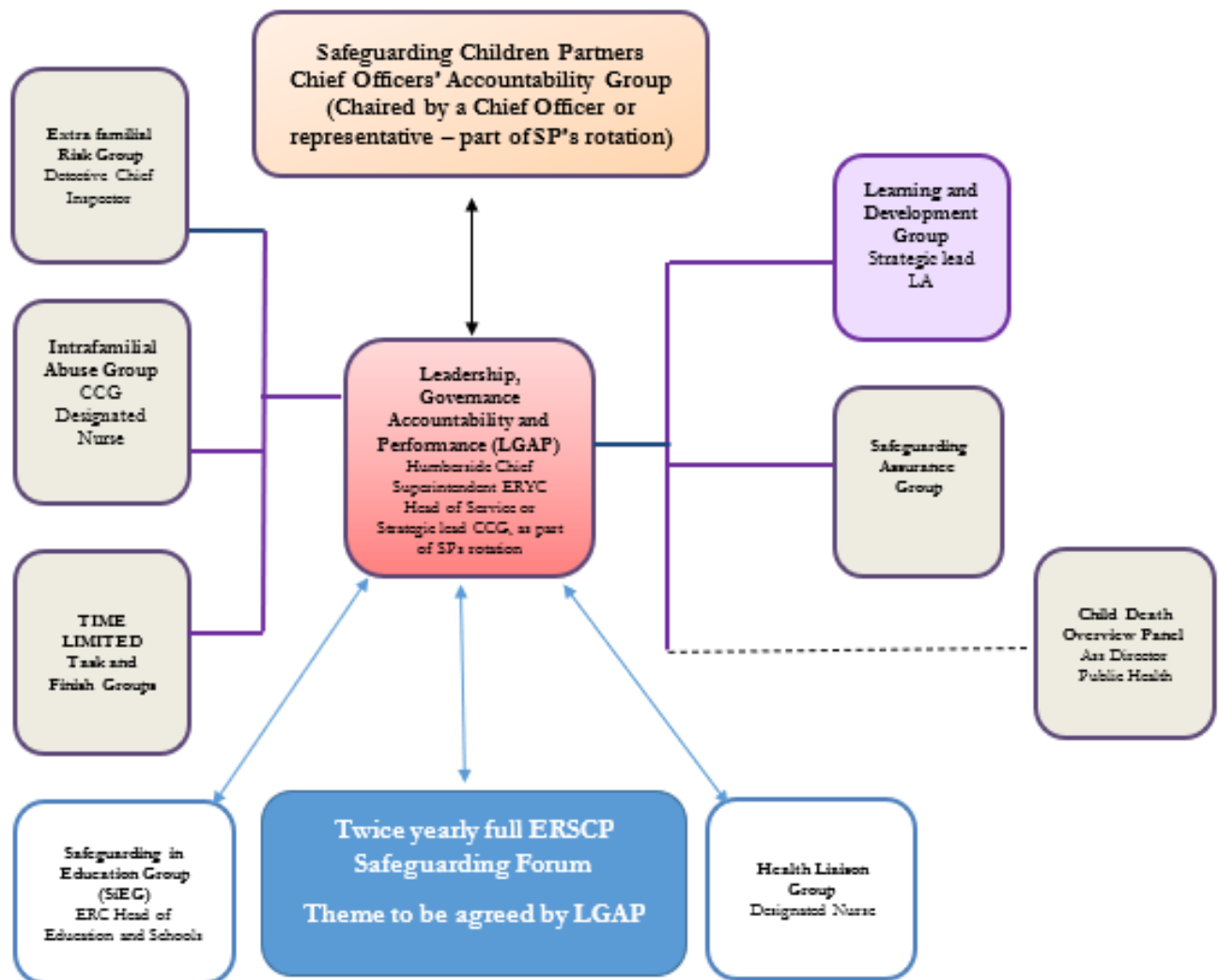
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East Riding of Yorkshire
Clinical Commissioning Group

Governance Structure

In January 2022 the ERSCP implemented a revised governance structure to strengthen and support the delivery of its Business Priorities:



An annual report is prepared by the ERSCP Business Unit on behalf of the Partnership. It details the progress the Partnership has made throughout the year against its core functions and business priorities and the challenges that remain which the ERSCP will continue to address in the following year. The current annual report can be downloaded from the ERSCP website: www.erscp.co.uk/more/about-erscp/

Business Priorities

Priorities are agreed by the Partnership's Chief Officers and derived from analysis of performance data, best practice evidence, learning from local and national safeguarding practice reviews and guidance. The ERSCP business priorities for 2020-2025 are:

- 1. Leadership, Governance and Assurance.**
- 2. Child Abuse (including Sexual Harm, Violence towards Children and Exploitation).**
- 3. Neglect and Hidden Harm (Emotional Harm, Domestic Violence & Abuse, Parental Mental Health & Substance Misuse).**
- 4. Early Help, Pathways, Thresholds and Assessments.**



Currently, multi-agency pathways of support to address both intrafamilial abuse and extrafamilial risk are well established across the ERSCP. However, further work is ongoing through the relevant subgroups to strengthen the local response. We want practitioners to be confident in their knowledge and skill to deliver interventions commensurate with their roles and responsibilities and will work with partners to ensure that they have the most effective evidenced based training and toolkits available to them to address these complex areas of work. All ERSCP activity is overseen by the LGAP subgroup.

Keeping children safe is everybody's responsibility

**Don't think 'What if I am wrong?'
Think 'What if I am right?'**

If you are worried about a child you can speak in confidence to the East Riding Children's Safeguarding Hub on 01482 395500 or call 01482 393939 out of hours.

If you believe a child is in immediate danger and at risk of harm call the police on 999

Practitioners please follow the ERSCP Effective Support Guidance which is available at www.erscp.co.uk

Learning and Development

The ERSCP learning and development offer had been reviewed to ensure that effective and accessible core child safeguarding training is available across the ERSCP and the Partnership is able to respond to national and regional research and learning from child safeguarding practice reviews. Workshops and practice reflection opportunities will be developed throughout the coming year. The ERSCP Learning and Development offer is accessed via the ERSCP website: www.erscp.co.uk

ERSCP Safeguarding Forum

Our first Safeguarding Forum will be held virtually on Tuesday 10th May 9am – 1pm. This forum will be an opportunity for representatives from across the ERSCP to explore how we respond to families' needs, improve outcomes and build resilience. Participants will be invited to share how their service is incorporating a "Think Family" approach into their practice and procedures.

ERSCP Safeguarding Forum

10 May 2022

THINK FAMILY

Presentations will include:

- *Hidden Harm – The interaction between child safeguarding and parental mental health / substance misuse.*
- *Working with fathers*
- *Trauma informed practice*
- *Adult safeguarding and the relationship between adults and children's services.*



Learning from Reflection and Assurance Activity

Partnership scrutiny and assurance activity identifies areas for improvement and also good practice in the East Riding. This year we have ensured there is the opportunity for multi-agency practice reflection in line with the ERSCP Scrutiny, Assurance, Learning and improvement Framework. Assurance activity will be undertaken by the Safeguarding Assurance Group and include: Contacts to the Front Door, Neglect including the use of GCP2 assessments and Pre-birth work.

E-learning courses

Following consultation with Partners, the ERSCP extended its contract with the Virtual College in December 2021 and increased the number and scope of available courses. As part of this new contract the ERSCP is transitioning to a new learner management system for E-learning which will provide significantly improved functionality and usability for learners, agencies and the ERSCP. The following new e-learning offer will be available from the 4th April 2022:

Safeguarding Everyone Level 1	Safeguarding Children Level 2	Safeguarding Children Level 3
Child Exploitation	Fabricated Illness	FGM (abuse linked to Faith or Belief)
Understanding Young Minds	Self-Harm	Suicidal Thoughts
Safer Sleeping for Babies	Safeguarding in Education	

Additional recognised expert e-learning courses will also be available including:

ICON (NHS)	Domestic Abuse Awareness (IDAS)	Sexual Violence Awareness (IDAS)
Forced Marriage and honour Based Abuse (GOV.UK)	Modern Day Slavery GOV.UK)	PREVENT (GOV.UK)

The ERSCP Learning and Development subgroup will coordinate and review learning and development activity across the ERSCP. It will evaluate the uptake and impact of the new e-learning contract and extended catalogue of courses.



Campaigns

A critical element of the ERSCP's work is the provision of safeguarding information to children, families, practitioners, and wider community. During the pandemic the key focus was to encourage vigilance with the message ***"keeping children safe is everybody's business"*** alongside more focused information on particular issues and in support of national, regional and local campaigns. Social media, newsletters and virtual events were adapted to communicate and engage with both practitioners and the public across the East Riding.

The recent local Safer Sleep campaign was developed with colleagues in the Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership, encouraging families and practitioners to maintain ***infant safer sleep practices*** no matter where they are. This is a critical message as families begin to spend more time with relatives, friends and holiday now pandemic restrictions are lifted. Currently the ERSCP is working with York and North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnerships to develop a programme of events for this year's Safeguarding Week campaign - June 20-24 2022.

Website

The ERSCP website has moved to a new platform and has been redeveloped to provide core safeguarding information and links to valuable sources of advice and support both locally and nationally including how to report a concern, information and guidance for parents, children and professionals on key safeguarding topics.



Save the Date

Its back. Safeguarding Week will take place between 20 – 24 June 2022.

Following the success of our on-line conference last year, we are pleased to confirm that we have gathered a line-up of relevant topics that will be of interest to both the public and professionals.

The conference brings inspirational expert speakers from the safeguarding community to support your professional development, stimulate discussion and provoke innovative thinking.

Registration will open in May and we wanted to be sure that you had the dates set aside in your diary.

We look forward to sharing the full programme with you when it is available.

Some of the feedback received last year:

- “Well delivered and relevant content.”
- “It was a useful introduction very clear and engaging and flagged up key documents to follow up on.”
- “Incredibly helpful. Thank you.”
- “A very helpful session and Q&A session was good.”
- “Session was packed full of info - very knowledgeable spokesperson who was clearly an expert”



**Safeguarding
Week 2022**
20-24 June

Community and Collaboration

Community

The ERSCP are working with ERVAS, community groups and the East Riding Safeguarding Adults Board (ERSAB) to ensure that within the VCSE and Faith sector, children, young people and adults are kept safe and free from harm. The recently convened VCSE Safeguarding Forum is supporting the development of a more confident and robust quality safeguarding culture in this thriving community. The forum provides a space for individuals, VCSE and Faith organisations including smaller and newly formed groups to contribute and have their say on safeguarding matters, share good practice and develop effective safeguarding policies, protocols, and practices in the sector across the East Riding.

Collaboration

Both the Health Liaison and Safeguarding in Education subgroups contribute effectively to ERSCP activity; disseminating learning, providing feedback on safeguarding practice and experiences of children and their families. The ERSCP also supports the wider collaborative work which is being led by the Children and Families Partnership Board to meet the emotional wellbeing and mental health needs of children and young people.



The ERSCP is member of the East Riding Collaborative Board which co-ordinates joint approaches to address common concerns including those of modern day slavery, domestic abuse, violence against women and girls, FGM, honour based abuse and transition from child to adult services. The ERSCP also maintains links with Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP), Health and Wellbeing Board, Safeguarding Adults Board and the Community Safety Partnership, sharing learning, good practice and innovation.





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Calling all Voluntary, Community and Faith sector groups in East Riding

Do you support children, young people or adults?

Do you want to find out more about local safeguarding issues and work being carried out locally and nationally?

Do you want to be able to influence safeguarding policy and practice in the East Riding of Yorkshire?

If the answer to these questions is **YES**, then **YOU** are invited to the next

East Riding Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Safeguarding Forum

on

Thursday 7th April 2022

1 – 3pm

The session will take place on Zoom, please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vduioqDoiGNFRJcpdDgWmJw75pOOIAq1H>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

If you would like further information please email: detty@ervas.org.uk or contact Detty Tyler 01482 871077

NATIONAL Contact Information

- Anti-Bullying Campaign
 - www.bullying.co.uk
 - Barnardos
 - www.barnardos.org.uk
 - Boloh: Barnardos BAME COVID-19 helpline
 - <https://helpline.barnardos.org.uk/boloh>
 - Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse
 - www.csacentre.org.uk
 - Child Exploitation & Online Protection (CEOP)
 - www.ceop.gov.uk
 - Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT)
 - www.capt.org.uk
 - Childline
 - www.childline.org.uk
 - Department of Education (DofE)
 - www.education.gov.uk
 - Gingerbread (practical support for single parents)
 - www.gingerbread.org.uk
 - Karma Nirvana (supporting victims of honour crimes and forced marriages)
 - www.karmanirvana.org.uk
 - National Centre for Eating Disorders
 - www.eating-disorders.org.uk
 - FRANK – The National Drugs Helpline
 - www.talktofrank.com
 - NICE – National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
 - www.nice.org.uk
 - NSPCC
 - www.nspcc.org.uk
 - Private Fostering Campaign
 - www.privatefostering.org.uk
 - Social Care Institute for Excellence
 - www.scie.org.uk
 - The Samaritans
 - www.samaritans.org.uk
 - Women's Aid (support for domestic violence victims)
 - www.womensaid.org.uk
 - Young Minds (children's mental health)
 - www.youngminds.org.uk
- Sign up to the *free* NSPCC Casper weekly safeguarding bulletin at**
- <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/newsletter/caspar/>
- Check out the *free* NSPCC Information Service at**
- <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/information-service/>