

Pan-Sussex Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy & Procedures Group - Briefing for staff

The Safeguarding Children Partnerships in Brighton & Hove, West Sussex, and East Sussex meet quarterly as the Pan-Sussex Procedures Group.

This group steers the development and publication of the [procedural guidance for safeguarding](#) in all areas. The Group last met on 16 September 2020.

Your views needed! We are interested in how you use the Pan-Sussex Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy & Procedures website. Particularly, how easy you find site to navigate and if there are any policies, procedures or guidance you would like to see added. The survey will only take up to 5 mins and will help us to make improvements. [Pan-Sussex Website Survey](#)

[Section 47](#)

When conducting a s47 enquiry, the social worker should seek the parents' permission to conduct s47 checks unless to do so would place the child at risk of significant harm.

Managers must record decisions about seeking permission.

Clarification and a brand new section on seeking parental permission to undertake multi-agency checks has been added.

[Strategy Discussions](#)

As a result of learning from a WSSCP child safeguarding practice review, clarification has been added to the Strategy Discussion procedure regarding the need to convene a further Strat (with the same attendance) if information on which the decision-making of a previous Strat is based changes significantly.

[Children and young people vulnerable to Extremism](#)

Prevent addresses all forms of terrorism. The procedure now lists examples. Referral information to reflect a single pathway to refer an individual who may be vulnerable to being radicalised or at risk of being drawn into **supporting terrorism** (as well as drawn into terrorist-related activity) has been updated.

[Recognising Child Sexual Abuse](#) A recommendation from a BHSCP Multi Agency Audit: *CSA in the Family Environment*, was for the SARC to be contacted **by telephone** and a discussion with the SARC Doctor to take place for all children where there is an allegation of sexual harm. **This applies to all children whether they are children in care; already on a plan or not known to services.** In response to this, the Sussex Child Sexual Abuse Pathway has been refreshed and to make it clearer about who to contact and how, a set of scenarios e.g. Forensic; Non Forensic; Out of hours etc has been produced.

[Chapter 5 - Child Protection Conferences](#) The entire chapter has been extensively reviewed and updated. Please familiarise yourselves with the contents of this essential Chapter.

The following have also been updated following review: [Children living away from home](#) , [Register of Sexual Offenders](#) and [Release of Prisoners Convicted of Offences Against Children](#)