

Local Resources to Help you Safeguard Children – 2025

In 2024 the local Safeguarding Children Partnerships undertook a survey to find out from frontline staff and managers across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland how they use local resources available to them to help safeguard local children. What we found was that our local resources are not as well-known as we had hoped. This document provides you with an overview of and links to each resource asked about in the survey, so that they can be promoted across the partnerships. **Why is this important?** It is important because local rapid reviews, national and local child safeguarding practice reviews, and multi-agency audits have found that these resources are key to helping you to safeguard children and so it matters that you know about them. Please share this document widely so that these resources are known to practitioners across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Neglect Toolkit

63% of staff were aware of the Neglect Toolkit

Of those who had used it, 93% found it fairly useful or very useful

The local multi-agency Neglect Toolkit offers guidance to practitioners in supporting their work with parents and families enabling sound analysis and judgements in relation to professional concerns. You can find links to the Neglect Toolkit in the local Safeguarding Children Partnership Procedures Manual: [Neglect](#).

Resolving Practitioner Disagreements and Escalation of Concerns

64% of staff were aware of the procedure

Of those who had used it, 92% found it fairly useful or very useful

Practitioners working in the arena of safeguarding and child protection are likely to encounter practitioner disagreement from time to time and it is vital that such differences do not affect the outcomes for children and young people. Our local Resolving Practitioner Disagreements and Escalation of Concerns procedure provides a process for resolving practitioner disagreements. It can be found in the local Safeguarding Children Partnership Procedures Manual: [Resolving Practitioner Disagreements and Escalation of Concerns](#).

Child Exploitation Disruption Toolkit

28% of staff were aware of the Child Exploitation Disruption Toolkit

Of those who had used it, 100% found it fairly useful or very useful

Disruption tactics for those working to safeguard children and young people under the age of 18 from sexual and criminal exploitation. The Home Office has published guidance for safeguarding agencies in the [Child exploitation disruption toolkit](#) and a link to the disruption toolkit is provided in the local Safeguarding Children Partnership Procedures Manual under Safeguarding Children and Young People from Child Sexual Exploitation: [Safeguarding Children and Young People from Child Sexual Exploitation](#).

Practice Principles – engaging fathers and male carers in effective practice

39% of staff were aware of Practice Principles

Of those who had used it, 88% found it fairly useful or very useful

Most perpetrators causing harm to children, particularly children under 1 are men, they are the greatest source of risk, but we often know least about them. Multi-agency practice principles for engaging fathers and male carers in effective practice can be found in the local Safeguarding Children Partnership Procedures Manual: Practice Principles – [Engaging Fathers, and Male Carers in Effective Practice](#).

Professional Curiosity for Practitioners: Building Confidence in Practice

37% of staff were aware of these resource packs

Of those who had used it, 94% found it fairly useful or very useful

Local multi-agency resource packs developed by the Safeguarding Children Partnerships and Safeguarding Adults Boards aim to focus on often complex issues that arise for practitioners when they are working with people. They are to support building confidence in practice for individuals and in teams. Two resource packs on the importance of professional curiosity (one for managers and one for frontline staff) can be found in the local Safeguarding Children Partnership Procedures Manual: [LSCPB | Resource Packs](#)

Bruising, Marks or Injury of Concern in Pre-Mobile Babies and Non-Independently Mobile Children

58% of staff were aware of this procedure

Of those who had used it, 98% found it fairly useful or very useful

This local multi-agency procedure outlines an assessment process for practitioners to determine the requirement to inform children's social care when a pre-mobile baby (PMB) or a non-independently mobile child (NIMC) (which may be due to a disability cognitive or physical) is found to have bruising, marks, or injury. It can be found in the local Safeguarding Children Partnership Procedures Manual: [Bruising, Marks, or Injury of Concern in Pre-Mobile Babies and Non-Independently Mobile Children](#).

Information Sharing Agreement (ISA)

67% of staff were aware of the local ISA

Of those who had used it, 93% found it fairly useful or very useful

The local multi-agency overarching safeguarding information sharing agreement is intended to help with the sharing of information across agencies, especially in relation to safeguarding children and adults by:

- Making it easier and quicker for information to be shared securely between agencies
- Removing the uncertainty that often surrounds inter-agency information sharing
- Encouraging agencies to share information to assist with the safeguarding of children and adults.

It can be found on the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Partnership website: [Information Sharing Agreement - Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Partnerships Business Office](#).

Children of Parents with Mental Health Problems local procedure

27% of staff were aware of this procedure

Of those who had used it, 93% found it fairly useful or very useful

National reviews and local reviews have identified domestic abuse, parental mental ill health and drug and alcohol misuse as significant factors in families where children have died or been seriously harmed. Read more about the risks, indicators, protection and action to be taken in our local Children of Parents with Mental Health Problems procedure which you can find in the local Safeguarding Children Partnership Procedures Manual: [Children of Parents with Mental Health Problems](#).

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Safer Sleep Risk Assessment Tool

44% of staff were aware of this tool

Of those who had used it, 97% found it fairly useful or very useful

A [national safeguarding practice review](#) from 2020 concluded that embedding safer sleeping advice in wider multi-agency initiatives recognises that this is not just about preventing sudden unexpected deaths, but part of a broader approach to promoting infant safety, health and wellbeing. The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Safer Sleeping Risk Assessment Tool helps practitioners to work with families to identify those who are most at risk, identify support needs, and develop a plan to reduce risks. It is for everyone (not just health colleagues!) and can be found on the Leicester Safeguarding Children Partnership website: [LSCP | Safer Sleeping](#)

Coercive Reproduction

11% of staff were aware of the term coercive reproduction

Of those who had attended local training, 94% found it fairly useful or very useful

Our local reviews have identified the need for increased awareness of 'coercive reproduction'. Coercive reproduction is related to behaviour that interferes with contraception use and pregnancy with a view to maintaining power and control in a relationship. You can find out more about it and what to look out for here: [Reproductive and Sexual Coercion | ACOG](#) and look out for coercive control (which includes coercive reproduction) training via our FREE local training events: [LLR Safeguarding Children Partnerships Events - 16 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)