

Schools Safeguarding Audit 2019

The audit said...



Mental Health concerns for children and young people are increasing



Parental understanding of risk and capacity is a concern



Domestic abuse is concern within family settings



Highest cases of referral are around neglect



Higher number of young carers



A lack of governor training



Criminal exploitation, gang affiliation and knife crime



Better communications and transitions between schools

We did...

- Developed an online health and wellbeing directory
- MHST (Mental Health Support Teams) will be live in 13 schools and 'Getting Help' mental health services in Early Help services from September 2020
- Health and Wellbeing Officer supporting schools with the upcoming PHSE agenda and promoting holistic health and wellbeing in schools

- A multi-agency strategic parenting strategy for Slough has been developed
- Reducing Parental Conflict training for multi-agency partners rolled out.
- A range of evidence based, nationally accredited and bespoke parenting programmes have been commissioned for 2020 which incorporate recognising 'risky behaviours, safeguarding and establishing boundaries'
- The strengthening families criteria within the MARF will support with the screening of parents/families support after which practitioners will be able to refer to the most appropriate support provision.
- A multi-agency risk indicator tool has been developed to assist practitioners to find solutions to families/parental issues where they do not traditionally meet statutory thresholds.

- The DA Delivery Group has mapped and commissioned a range of services
- Delivered 'Learning from domestic homicide cases' sessions
- Train the trainer complete; will be rolling out DA awareness training which includes coercive control.

- The Slough Safeguarding Partnership has produced a Neglect Screening tool and a strategy for practitioners

- New carers website launched sloughyoungcarers.org

- Governor network meetings to upskill governors to provide scrutiny and challenge.
- The Key resource to provide governors with up to date information and on line advice.

- The Safeguarding Partnership has produced a Child Exploitation (CE) Screening tool and a CE strategy
- Slough Violence Taskforce has been established to identify and develop critical work streams to address serious violence in Slough and provide coordination to a range of interventions.
- Thames Valley Police have formed a Violence Reduction Unit and will be supporting local areas with initiatives over the coming year.
- Thames Valley Police Crime Commissioner (TVPCC) has funded a range of interventions from early identification to targeted support.

- A school contract for secure email accounts through Egress is in place at a competitive price
- A review looking at exclusions and managed moves is currently underway. This review will also incorporate the links between Children Missing Children (CME) and criminal exploitation (CE).
- Further work exploring transitions will be looked at in 2020