



## Pan Berkshire Online Child Protection Procedures Updates – April 2021

### The Pan Berkshire Policy and Procedures Sub Group ensure that:

- The Berkshire Statutory Safeguarding Partners develop and maintain high quality safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures.
- Safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures remain in line with key national policy and legislative changes.
- The procedures can be found at: <https://proceduresonline.com/berks/>

### Updated Core Procedures

**Child Protection Conferences** - this chapter was reviewed and updated and should be re-read.

### Updated Safeguarding Practice Guidance

**Bruising / Suspicious Marks on Children Not Independently Mobile** - This chapter was updated in March 2021 to reflect local practice in Berkshire.

**Bullying** - this chapter was updated throughout including new links added to resources for addressing bullying linked to race/faith, and resources to help make schools, colleges or another settings LGBT inclusive. See Section 4, Further Information.

**Criminal and Sexual Exploitation of Children and Gangs** - Children Affected by Gang Activity, Criminal Exploitation and Youth Violence Procedures have been grouped for easier access.

**Children from Abroad, including Victims of Modern Slavery, Trafficking and Exploitation** - a link was added in the Further Information section, to the statutory guidance Modern Slavery: how to identify and support victims 2020.

This guidance replaces:

- Duty to Notify the Home Office of potential victims of modern slavery;
- Victims of modern slavery: frontline staff guidance;
- Victims of modern slavery: competent authority guidance.

**Children Living Away from Home** - The Children in Custody section was updated.

**Children Visiting Prisons** - this chapter was completely re-written and should be re-read.

**Children Visiting Psychiatric Wards and Facilities** – this chapter has been refreshed throughout and terminology updated, and additional information was added in to Section 3, Visiting Patients in the Special Hospitals: Ashworth, Broadmoor and Rampton, in line with the High Security Psychiatric Services (Arrangements for Safety and Security) Directions 2019 and associated Guidance.



### Updated Safeguarding Practice Guidance continued

**Dogs and Safeguarding Children** - this chapter was reviewed and updated. The language has been broadened to explain that any dog can be aggressive when antagonised, and risk assessments should take account of any pets in the household and their potential risk.

**Female Genital Mutilation** - this chapter was substantially reviewed and updated and should be re-read. Local links to resources, risk assessments and support remain.

**Pre-Birth** - this chapter was substantially updated and should be re-read.

**Whistleblowing or Raising Concerns at Work** - Section 5, Further Information, was updated to include useful websites and guidance.

### Additional Information

#### **Forward Plan:**

The group review the current list of procedures every meeting and agree those that are due for review – we aim to ensure all chapters are reviewed at least every two years. Alongside any amendments suggested by Tri.x, the sub group allocates chapters for review locally to ensure all remain current and reflective of local practice.

#### **Communications:**

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#### **Safeguarding Children Partnership Websites:**

- [Berkshire West Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)
- [Bracknell Forest Safeguarding Board](#)
- [Slough Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- [Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Safeguarding Partnership](#)