



Bexley S.H.I.E.L.D. e-Bulletin

December 2020

NEXT STEPS:

Bexley S.H.I.E.L.D. business continuity plans in response to COVID-19

Bexley S.H.I.E.L.D. Executive has been focused on plans for 2021 – the work of the Learning Hub, the role of independent scrutiny, and the partnership operational team resources. A number of practice issues have also been spotlighted – young people in custody suites, suicide prevention, working with young people during hospital admissions. The Executive will have its final meeting of 2020 on 15 December and continue to meet fortnightly in 2021.



COVID-19 resources for children, professionals and families

The [latest COVID-19 resources](#) are now available on the S.H.I.E.L.D. website. Thank you to everyone who has passed on resources we can share. If there are any resources which you think would be helpful to share across the partnership, please email shield@bexley.gov.uk.

Please note from January 2021, the COVID-19 Resources e-Bulletin will be sent out on a monthly basis.

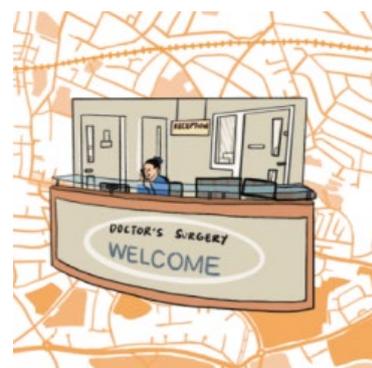


Priority 6 update

The Learning Hub group for Priority 6 – *Getting basic child protection right* – has met for sessions on case closure, substance misuse, and neglect and has also carried out a multi-agency audit on domestic abuse. One final session is due to take place on guidance for professionals working with pre-mobile babies. 23 practitioners completed the survey on Priority 6 to help us develop our baseline on current practice – thanks to those of you who responded! The Hub work will conclude its work on auditing domestic abuse and then meet in January to make recommendations for the Partnership Board to consider on 25 January 2021.

Adversity and trauma-informed practice: a short guide

We would like to highlight [Adversity and Trauma-Informed Practice: A short guide for professionals working on the frontline](#), published by Young Minds and the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families. We originally included this in the [June 2020 S.H.I.E.L.D. e-Bulletin](#) and in light of the recommendations from the Joint Targeted Area Inspection on children's mental health, we wish to develop our knowledge base on trauma informed practice across the partnership. *Trauma informed practice is important due to its relevance in understanding the complex needs of young people and their families and how best to work with them and support them, so please do read the short guide and watch this space for future events!*



Healthwatch Bexley - Flu vaccine for children aged 2-3 years

Our local NHS are keen to increase the number of 2-3 year olds in the Bexley having the flu vaccine. Healthwatch Bexley wants to understand what the barriers may be for parents around their child receiving the vaccination.

Please share and promote their survey with any families you work with who have children aged 2-3 years and who live in the London Borough of Bexley.

Flu survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LSS9RVJ>



Healthwatch Bexley - Children and Young People Survey

Healthwatch Bexley is keen to ask young people aged 11-25 years about the impact that Covid-19 has had on their wellbeing with the aim of increasing awareness of support services that are available to them. Please share and promote their survey with any young people you know who live in the London Borough of Bexley.

Children and Young People survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YPV9DYF>

Children and Young People Signposting Directory: <https://www.healthwatchbexley.co.uk/advice-and-information/2020-12-02/young-persons-signposting-directory>

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Calendar 2020/21

We all recognise the importance of equality, diversity and inclusion in our work with children and young people. As part of our commitment, Bexley S.H.I.E.L.D. would like to highlight the following [Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Calendar 2020/21](#). The calendar includes a mixture of religious festivals as well as equality, diversity & inclusion related events and is a useful aid to marking important dates during 2020/21.



National guidance and useful resources

National guidance and reports:

- [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#), Statutory guidance, Department for Education, Updated 9 December 2020
- [Supporting good parental mental health](#), Guide, Public Health England, 9 December 2020
- ['Feeling heard': partner agencies working together to make a difference for children with mental ill health](#), Report, Ofsted, Care Quality Commission, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services, and HM Inspectorate of Probation, 9 December 2020

News articles and blogs:

- [Keeping children safe in education - schools and colleges - proposed revisions 2021](#), News story, Department for Education, 10 December 2020
- [Helping professionals measure care and get the right support in place for parents-to-be](#), Blog article, Research in Practice, 8 December 2020

Resources:

- [Learn to navigate difficult conversations with children about abuse with 'Talk to Me'](#), Resource, NSPCC Learning, 07 December 2020

Podcasts:

- [Safeguarding children in \(or on the edge of\) care](#), Podcast, Association of Child Protection Professionals, 11 November 2020
- [Anne Longfield presents her vision for a better care system](#), Online speech, Children's Commissioner for England, 24 November 2020

Useful links

Previous S.H.I.E.L.D. e-bulletins are available [here](#).
The Bexley Safeguarding Adults Board latest newsletter is available [here](#).
The latest S.H.I.E.L.D. Training and Events e-bulletin is available [here](#).

