

Spotlight on...

Safeguarding Children Procedures



Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton (HIPS) Safeguarding Children Partnerships work together to produce an online Procedures Manual. The website has been changed to a new provider and all existing procedures have been updated.

The HIPS Procedures can be accessed through your Local Safeguarding Children Partnership website or directly at:

<http://hipsprocedures.org.uk/>

The publication of the new manual presents an opportunity to re-visit the key policies and protocols that should be used to inform your work with children and their families. All procedures have been updated and all will have new weblinks. Please ensure that you review any links to the old procedures manual that may appear in current single agency policies, documents and on your websites.

Conflict Resolution/Escalation Policy

At no time must professional dissent detract from ensuring that the child is safeguarded. This procedure provides information on how to resolve professional disagreements that may occur when:

- A referral is not considered to meet eligibility criteria for assessment or service provision.
- There is disagreement as to whether child protection procedures should be initiated.
- Professionals have different interpretations on the response required to keep a child safe.

Child Death Reviews

When a child dies, in any circumstances, it is important for parents and families to understand what has happened and whether there are any lessons to be learned.

The purpose of a review and/or analysis is to identify any matters relating to the death, or deaths, that are relevant to the welfare of children in the area or to public health and safety, and to consider whether action should be taken in relation to any matters identified. If child death review partners find action should be taken by a person or organisation, they must inform them.

The HIPS Procedures are updated regularly. To be notified of updates you can [sign up here](#).