



## Learning & Improvement Briefing 10

### Important change to Shropshire's LSCB procedures

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With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017, Shropshire Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) will share our LSCB procedures with 9 other LSCBs\*.

The 'regional' procedures manual will be made up of 3 levels:

- Level A - Statutory Child Protection Procedures
- Level B - Regional Policy Guidance
- Level C - Local Area Specific Information and Procedures/Protocols

After a competitive quotation process, a company called Phew Design Ltd. have been awarded the contract to host the 'regional' procedures manual. Phew Design Ltd. already provide LSCB procedures in other areas including. [Milton Keynes](#) and [Pan Sussex](#).

The content of Level A procedures has already been approved by our LSCB in March 2016 and work is progressing at a fast pace to finalise Level B policy guidance. These will be endorsed on behalf of SSCB through the Regional Safeguarding Procedures Group which has representation from each of the participating LSCBs. Phew Design Ltd will upload a range of documentation that we provide to form our Level C content e.g. contact details and threshold document. In addition, we will have the flexibility to amend Level C content whenever we desire.

The SSCB website will continue to provide a link to the new procedures however if you have links on your internal websites to LSCB procedures these will need to be updated on the go live date. Further information will be sent in due course.

For those agencies who work across several LSCBs, it is hoped that this arrangement will support front line staff to work more effectively across Local Authority boundaries. Some of the LSCBs in the region have for various reasons chosen not to join with a 'regional' approach to hosting their LSCB procedures. There remains an option for them to join the project at a future date and this will be for the individual LSCB to determine if they wish to do so.

Cost and quality were key factors in the competitive quotation process and providing our LSCB procedures on a 'regional' basis has resulted in cash savings without compromising the quality of our approach to delivering this important aspect of our Board responsibilities.

\*Birmingham, Dudley, Herefordshire, Sandwell, Solihull, Telford and Wrekin, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Worcestershire