

Portsmouth Safeguarding Child Board

Lunchtime Briefing

Restorative Child Protection Conferences

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the workshop, you will be able to:

- Describe the changes to Child Protection Conferences (ICPC and RCPC) in line with restorative practice
- Contribute to discussion and decision making at conferences
- Have an awareness of the practical arrangements for Conferences

Making Child Protection Conferences Restorative

Restorative Practice is a way of behaving which helps build and maintain healthy relationships, resolve differences and repair harm where there has been conflict.

We will use Child Protection Conferences to work 'with' families to support them to develop family capacity, resilience and independence by building on strengths at the same time as ensuring that children are kept safe.

Why and How

- Restorative City
- Focus on the family - Family and supportive people (neighbours, friends, wider family members) are the priority
- Right people (who know and can support the family) will attend
- New agenda for the conference – family first
- RCPC reports
- New expectations for professionals – no reading time at the conference – come prepared!
- Reports submitted 2 working days before conference

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What we have learnt

- * Too long
- * Reading time is uncomfortable
- * Focus is on the professionals not the family
- * CP plans are delivered to not developed with
- * They do not promote child attendance
- * Families like the table

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What we need to change;

- * New agenda
- * No reading time
- * Focus on hearing the family and child's story and views
- * Better use of Core Group updates for RCPC's
- * Timings of RCPC's
- * Help families to identify what needs to change

ICPCs

- Currently no changes to reports submitted
- Must respond to invites
- Timeliness of reports
- No need to print and bring
- Punctuality / inquorate
- Harm and impact
- Let's look at the agenda

RCPCs

- * No reports required
- * Core Group report / RAG rating
- * Attendance is vital
- * Individuals responsibility to ensure update available to conference
- No need to print and bring
- Punctuality / inquorate
- Let's look at the agenda

- * Due to be implemented on 2nd May 2017
- * There will be a transition period
- * ICPC reports will be changed in line with Restorative Practice
- * We will review the progress of Restorative Conferencing after three months
- * Punctuality and attendance at Conference and Core Groups will be audited