Welcome to Portsmouth

A guide for schools and education professionals

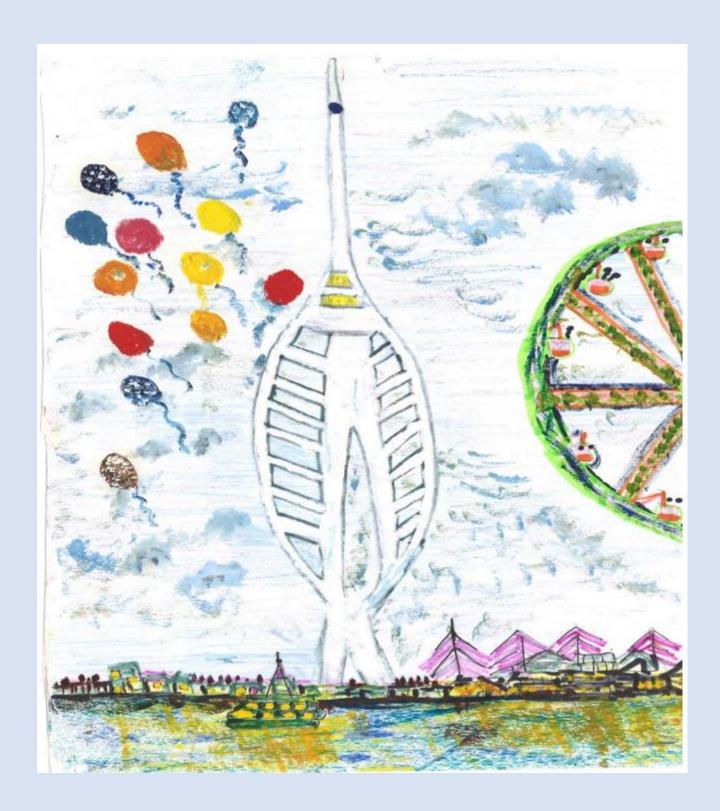


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1. Welcome

Firstly, we would like to welcome you to Portsmouth and to wish you every success in your role working with children and families in the city. We have developed this guidance as an induction for education colleagues who are new to Portsmouth and/or new to the sector of children, families and education.

We recognise that navigating everything there is to know about safeguarding and education can be challenging, especially in an ever evolving and changing workforce; therefore, we have developed this guide to help support you in your new or existing role.

Portsmouth is a restorative and relational city; we pride ourselves in putting children's best interests at the heart of everything we do, working alongside families to achieve the best outcomes. We hope that the 'Welcome to Portsmouth' guidance for professionals will help to point you in the right direction for all the information that will be useful to you within your new role. If you do have any questions or queries regarding any of the information in this document, then please do get in touch.

2. About Portsmouth



Portsmouth is a large port city in Hampshire on the south coast of England. With a population size of 208,100 it remains the local authority with the highest population density outside of London, with around 37 people living on each football pitch-sized area of land.

Portsmouth is proud of its naval history. The historical dockyard has the oldest dry dock and is home to some famous ships, including HMS Warrior, The Mary Rose and Lord Nelson's flagship HMS Victory.

The city of Portsmouth and Portsmouth Football Club are both affectionately nicknamed 'Pompey'.

Over 48,000 children and young people under the age of 19 years live in Portsmouth and approximately 40,000 are school age. There are 46 primary schools, 9 secondary schools, 1 all through school, 5 special schools, 1 University

Technical College and 1 GFE college and 4 independent schools.

It is estimated that 21.4% of the local authority's children are living in poverty (the England average is 18.5%). Portsmouth is ranked 59th of 326 local authorities for deprivation where 1 is the most deprived. 4.3% of school aged children have SEMH (the England average is 3%).

Children and young people from majority ethnic groups account for 27.4% of all children living in the area, compared with 35% in the country as a whole.



Restorative and Relational Practice

3. Restorative and Relational Practice

In 2016, Portsmouth chose Restorative Practice as 'the way we work with families'. The city continues to be committed to embedding the language, practice and principles within a restorative framework. Restorative practice also reflects and informs the way we work with families, providing high support alongside high challenge. It also informs how we work together as professionals within and across agencies.

Portsmouth Model of Family Practice

The vision for Portsmouth children and families services is the concept of family practice. This means:

- 1. **Working whole family:** Strong families are the bedrock of good outcomes for children. Being child-centred means understanding the whole family dynamics, in terms of risk and protective factors. We are there for all members of the family and need to address adults' issues to help them care for children.
- 2. **Restorative:** Working **with** the family and with each other to co-produce solutions for that family.
- 3. **Relational:** Developing and sustaining strong intra-familial relationships through strong relational practice with families, supporting families to stay together as a bonded unit.
- 4. **Trauma-informed:** Understanding the impact of past and current trauma on the capacity of families to make and sustain relationships, make changes and on child and adult behaviours.
- 5. **Strengths-based and compassionate:** We seek to understanding the need behind the behaviour. 'Flipping the Narrative' ... parents aren't 'lying' they may be fearful; parents aren't 'angry', they may be frightened.
- 6. Holistic: Understanding all aspects of a family lives using the Assessment Framework
- 7. **Hopeful:** We expect and enable change to keep children safely living at home wherever possible and remain ever-confident of the capacity of the family to make changes, while continually testing all possible narratives against the evidence to ensure we are sufficiently protecting children.
- 8. **Informed by difference:** We recognise the significance of difference and the role difference and language plays in structuring the meaning and experience of the world

The goal of all schools should be to establish the best possible climate for learning for students. Students learn best when they feel safe, not just physically but also emotionally. Feeling safe means feeling valued, respected and included in school life. [1]

Restorative practice provides a framework for creating and sustaining a school climate where teaching and learning can take place effectively and where students and adults can thrive as they learn from each other.

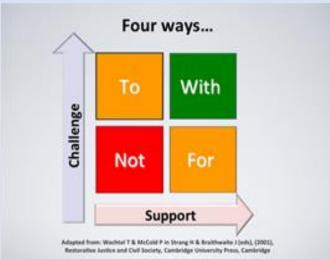
Creating a relational and restorative school is a deliberate act of design that flows through structure, policies, procedures, and everyday interactions.

Relational practice describes a way of being, an underpinning ethos, which enables us to build and maintain healthy relationships. It provides a strong framework within which we can promote a whole-school ethos founded on the importance of relationships. This includes a range of approaches to managing conflict and tensions in a way that repairs harm and mends relationships if and when these relationships do break down.

Although its roots are clearly in restorative justice – as a way of repairing harm – restorative practice has the bolder ambition of proactively developing the sense of community and seeking to increase the social capital between and across the school and, from there, into the wider community. [2]

- [1] https://www.euforumrj.org/en/restorative-schools
- [2] Restorative Practice, Mark Finnis, 2021, Independent Thinking Press

The underlying premise of restorative practices rests with the belief that people will make positive changes when those in positions of authority work with them, rather than doing things to them or for them. This is achieved by providing a combination of high challenge and high support.



'Challenge' does not mean confrontation, but setting, rules, limits, and expectations.

There are consequences to actions, concerns are outlined openly and honestly, and responsibility and accountability are encouraged. 'Support' includes ensuring people have the tools to meet the expectations and are shown empathy, encouragement, compassion, kindness and respect.

<u>Restorative and Relational Practice in Education - Portsmouth Education Partnership</u>

Restorative practice - Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Board (portsmouthscp.org.uk)

If your school would like to find out more about restorative and relational practice, please contact Bec Mason, RRP in Education Implementation Lead:

Rebecca.Mason@portsmouthcc.gov.uk



Family Support Plan and Early Help

4. Family Support Plan

For comprehensive information about the Family Support Plan, please always use this link to the PSCP website:

Family Support Plan - Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Board (portsmouthscp.org.uk)

In summary, here are some details about Family Support in Portsmouth:

What is Family Support in Portsmouth?

Family Support is our approach to delivering early help to families in Portsmouth. Its aim is to ensure that we are providing the right support to families, at the right time, to achieve positive and lasting change.

The main focus is to improve outcomes for children and prevent any situation from escalating or further problems arising.

What is a Family Support Plan?

A Family Support Plan (FSP) should be used when families have agreed to receiving early help. The FSP will help to identify the family's strengths and the challenges that they may be experiencing and agree a plan to support the identified needs.

A conversation takes place at a meeting with the family and professionals who will discuss the following 10 aspects of life:

- Getting a good education
- Pregnancy and early years
- Good physical and mental health
- Reducing the impact of substance misuse/addiction
- Good family relationships
- Keeping children safe from harm
- Keeping children safe from crime
- Healthy relationships
- Secure and suitable housing
- Financial stability

There is a short video to explain the FSP process to families <u>Family Support - Information for</u> families on Vimeo

Who co-ordinates a Family Support Plan?

The FSP is led by a Co-ordinator who is either:

- A Lead Professional from a school/health etc (Tier 2/low Tier 3 of need)
- A family support worker from the Early Help and Prevention Team (Tier 3 of need)

Identifying families who might benefit from Family Support

You should always refer to the <u>Thresholds Document</u> to consider where a family's needs fit on the continuum of need, to ensure that you are offering the right support at the right time



There are many reasons for which a family may benefit from Family Support:

Family Support Plan - Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Board (portsmouthscp.org.uk)

Families who would benefit from an FSP will typically have needs within either Tier 2 or 3 of the continuum of need, the FSP can also be used to help identify support needs alongside a Educational Health and Care needs assessment:

Tier 2 – Additional Offer: Child/young person has additional needs that can be met by support from one or two agencies working with the family. Family Support Plans are used by the Lead Professional (usually school/health/early years/voluntary org, etc.) to coordinate support.

Tier 3 – Targeted Offer: Children in families with increasing levels of multiple and complex problems. Families require a co-ordinated, whole family approach led by a lead worker or key worker, enabling the family to meet the children's needs.

In Portsmouth, it is our practice that an FSP be completed to support all applications for an <u>Education</u>, <u>Health & Care Plan</u> (EHCP)

Family Support Plan

FSP Portal

The FSP Portal is a digital solution to completing the Family Support Plan.

The **FSP Portal** allows you to complete the Family Support Plan directly onto the portal, work collaboratively with others, and have an overview for all the children that have an FSP.

Key benefits of the FSP Portal include:

• **Digital solution** – A digital version of the FSP form

- Case management overview Clear view for all children who have an FSP that you are either the lead or part of the team around the family
- **Include other professionals** You can add in other professionals who are part of the TAF, they will be able to view the FSP and Plan
- Review Reminders The portal will show at 6- and 12-week periods when a review is due
- **Review will pre-populate** When starting a review, this will pull through all previous information from the original FSP
- Actions will pre-populate Actions from the plan will pull through and allow for an update and to show progress and changes
- **Transfer cases** If stepping across to another lead professional, you can transfer the 'FSP Coordinator' role
- Download & Print You can download the FSP to enable it to be uploaded to your own system or print for the family

Example of a completed FSP

Examples of good practice and a completed FSP form can be found here - <u>Family Support Plan</u> - <u>Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Board (portsmouthscp.org.uk)</u>

Resources to help with FSP - support for families and professionals

For each of the 10 aspects of life, there is a comprehensive online directory of links to support and service called The Directory of Services:

<u>Directory of services - support for families and professionals - Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Board (portsmouthscp.org.uk)</u>

FSP training (Early Help)

Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership (PSCP) offers training in Early Help to support and equip key professionals with knowledge and skills to undertake 'early help' practice – using the Family Support Plan, Team Around the Child processes and the Lead Coordinator role. Details of dates and how to book onto this course can be found here:

<u>Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership - Learning Management System</u> (portsmouthscp.org.uk)



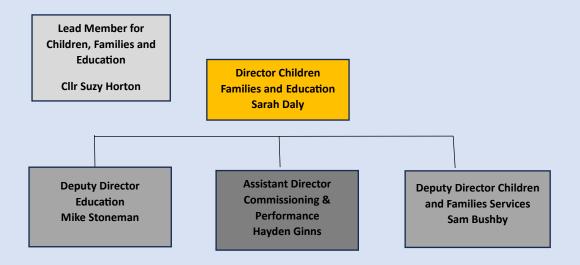
Safeguarding in Portsmouth

5. Safeguarding in Portsmouth

Children, Families and Education Services

The Director of Children, Families and Education Services (DCS) is a statutory role that has responsibility for Education Improvement, Special Educational Needs and Children and Families Services.

The diagram below shows the senior management structure within the Children, Families and Education directorate.



Portsmouth Children's Trust Plan

Portsmouth City Council Children, Families and Education Directorate delivers a range of services and functions to discharge the key responsibilities of top-tier local authority. In addition, close and mature partnership working with health commissioners and providers enables many of those functions to be integrated with the local NHS system.

The Children's Trust Plan sets out the six strategic priorities for improving the lives of children and families in the city and how partner agencies will work together to support families and children.



Key Teams within Safeguarding

MASH - Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

MASH is the single point of contact for any safeguarding concerns that you may have for a child in Portsmouth. Any concerns should be reported via an Inter-Agency Contact Form (IACF) or by phoning 02392 688793 or 0845 671 0271.

Report a safeguarding concern for a child - Portsmouth City Council - Introduction - My Portsmouth

The Portsmouth MASH was established in November 2015. It is the multi-agency front door that manages child safeguarding and welfare concerns and determines an appropriate response to support those children and families. It sits within the Family Support and Safeguarding sector in Children's Social Care. The services represented within MASH are Children's Social Care, Early Help and Prevention, Hampshire Constabulary, Solent NHS Trust (commissioned through ICB), Youth Offending Team, Youth Service and Education.

There are also clear links with Housing Department in PCC to share information and developments are in place to reintroduce Probation as a partner sat in MASH. The benefit is that they can quickly share information and make decisions as to the required level of intervention, offering a response across the tiers of need.

Please refer to the Portsmouth threshold document to help inform your decision making in regard to tiers of need and thresholds for contacting MASH.

Reporting a concern - Threshold Document - Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Board (portsmouthscp.org.uk)

Always follow your school policies and procedures and discuss any concerns with your Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

When working with children and families you will encounter a wide range of concerns in relation to their safety and wellbeing. The Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership (PSCP) provides information across a range of issues and guidance on how to respond to them.

<u>Home - Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership (portsmouthscp.org.uk)</u>

Family Support and Safeguarding - Tier 4

There are 4 Family Support and Safeguarding Teams, based on a locality model, Central 1, Central 2, North & South. Central 1 & 2 and South are based in Civic Offices, whilst the North Team are based at Medina House in Cosham. Alongside these 4 teams is a team of adult workers: Domestic Abuse Practitioners, Recovery Workers and Adult Mental Health Workers who are co-located in the childcare teams and have a graded offer. They will work directly with a parent/adult in the family on their adult need, they will support the Social Worker/Network to work with the parent and support connections with specialist services, or they may do a one-off piece of work.

Social workers in these teams will complete initial assessments for families who meet a tier 4 threshold. The assessment will determine whether they need ongoing social work support, usually either as Child In Need (S17) or Child Protection (S47). They will complete Child Protection enquiries where there are concerns a child is suffering, or at risk of suffering, significant harm and take the lead role with children subject to Child Protection Plans. If concerns escalate, the social workers in these teams will manage the Public Law Outline process, both pre-proceedings and work in the Court arena.

Children We Care For

Fostering

Fostering is giving a child a stable and caring home when their parents are unable to look after them for some reason. Portsmouth foster carers provide a safe place and the support that these children and young people need to thrive, whatever situation they have come from. A weekly allowance is paid to the foster carers to cover the costs of looking after the child.

A more recent innovation in fostering has been the use of the Mockingbird programme. For more information about this programme please contact the Mockingbird Liaison Offer at sharedmailbox.fostering@portsmouthcc.gov.uk or visit The Mockingbird Model of foster care - Foster Portsmouth

Building Your Future

The Building Your Future Team provides social work support to our children in long-term care placements and support reunifications back to their family or extended family.

Battenburg Family Centre

The Family Time team based at Battenburg Family Centre facilitate family time arrangements for families in court proceedings. This team is made up of several experienced family practitioners who are able to contribute to the final care plans for children. In addition to supporting family time arrangements, they are also able to provide specialist intensive family support to enable safe rehabilitation plans to be progressed within court proceedings.

Family time is arranged by the allocated social worker

The Adoption Team & Special Guardianship Order (SGO)

Adoption is the legal process by which a child or a group of siblings who cannot be brought up within their birth family become full, permanent and legal members of their new family. Adopters become the child's legal parents with the same rights and responsibilities as if the child was born to them.

A Special Guardianship Order secures a child's long-term home with someone who is not their parent. It lasts until the child turns 18. Special guardians gain an enhanced form of parental responsibility. This means they can use their parental responsibility to the exclusion of others.

Special guardians should still consult parents and others with parental responsibility about important decisions for the child. But they can make final decisions about most things if needed.

Adoption - Portsmouth City Council

Children's Homes

Currently in Portsmouth we have three Children's Homes managed by the City Council, consisting of Tangier Road and The White House. Beechside is expected to open in summer 2025.

<u>Children's Homes - Portsmouth City Council</u>

Adolescents and Young Adults

Supporting Your Future

The team are responsible for care-experienced young people and for unaccompanied children who come into the care of the Local Authority. Staff in these teams are responsible for ensuring that our statutory responsibilities for children we look after and care-experienced are properly met.

Staying Close Project

The Staying Close Aspiration project is designed to provide young people leaving residential settings with the additional support and nurture they need to help them develop the skills they need to live independently. Each young person who is referred to the project will meet with their designated Personal Advisor and the CAMHs practitioner to have an individual assessment of their needs.

Youth Justice Service

Portsmouth 'Youth Justice Service' undertake a range of work including:

- ensuring **Appropriate Adults (AAs)** are available to children in police custody
- Turnaround Youth Justice service to children on the cusp of youth crime
- providing a Court Duty service to Youth, Magistrates and Crown Courts- including assessments for bail and remand and Pre-Sentence Reports
- supervising **Youth Justice Disposals** (pre-Court, community and custodial) in collaboration with a range of partners
- supporting Parents and Carers of children who have offended or are at risk of doing so
- offering **Restorative Justice (RJ)** options to victims of youth crime
- delivering our **Junior Attendance Centre** on Saturdays

Referrals to the Youth Justice Service come directly from the Police or courts. The team can respond to queries on a more general basis and be contacted on 02392 688450 or at YOT@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Adolescent Service

Adolescent service is a multi-disciplinary team consisting of restorative practitioners, mental health practitioners, DASS (drug and alcohol support service), counsellors and a MET coordinator. The service offers four services, DASS, missing, supporting families and supporting safety. Supporting families is a 12 week intervention offer supporting children and young people at risk of entering local authority care to remain within their families, through a restorative approach and utilising DDP and PACE approaches. Supporting safety offers direct work to children and families focused on children and young people at risk of exploitation. Referrals for this service are completed by the allocated social worker.

The missing element of the service provide return discussions for children and young people after a period of missing, signposting to further support where required. DASS service offers confidential support to any child regarding substance and alcohol use in the city of Portsmouth.

Early Help and Prevention (EHP) - Tier 3

Targeted Early Help and Prevention engage with the whole family for up to 6 months. MASH identifies that they require Tier 3 support. Together, the family will complete a Family Support Plan and work to focus on the specific needs of the family to help them make positive changes. Families can also be stepped down to EHP from FSS or stepped up when the threshold requires it.

Within this service are the three locality-based Early Help and Prevention teams and community and public health services, including Health Visiting, School Nursing and the Family Nurse Partnership.

Portsmouth City Council's early help services (family hubs, youth work, etc) with community public health services has allowed a seamless offer for families with children aged 0-19.

Early Help and Prevention Locality Teams and Public services (schools, police and health) have been organised into three cluster areas in Portsmouth: the north of the city, the centre of the city and the south of the city.

The Early Help and Prevention teams provide the healthy child offer for 0-5s, parenting support and bespoke packages of support facilitated by a lead professional building on the idea of 'team around the worker', so that relationships are built with a key professional who can be supported by other professionals to provide direct work, rather than a referral on actions.

Family Hubs are for families with babies, children and young people from birth until they reach the age of 19 (or up to 25 for young people with special educational needs and disabilities).

Portsmouth's Family Hubs are delivered through a formal partnership between Portsmouth City Council and Solent NHS Trust. There are Family Hubs in Buckland, Somerstown, Milton, Hilsea and Paulsgrove.

Wellbeing In Education

For a child with below 30% attendance and anxiety the Early Help practitioner can refer internally to the Wellbeing in Education team. They can provide more intense support and are trained in engaging children and young people to improve their attendance. This is a decision made by the practitioner and their supervisor.

Early help and prevention service - Portsmouth City Council

Children with Disabilities

This is based within children's Social Care and Safeguarding service. This function is situated within the Locality and Children We Look After Social Work Teams and the South Locality Early Help Service. The service carries out the Local Authority's statutory duties in respect of disabled children as set out in the Children Act 1989. They aim to provide a high-quality service to children and young people with profound disabilities and complex needs between the ages of 0 - 18 years. If you are receiving support from the team post 18, they will ask permission to make a referral to adult social care.

https://portsmouthlocaloffer.org/services/childrens-disability-service/

Further safeguarding information and services

All information can be found in the separate section for resources

This is not an exhaustive list but an idea of other services available in Portsmouth for professionals, children & young people and parents:

- Asylum Seekers and Refugees where to get support and find what is available
- Counter Extremism Prevent for radicalisation, FGM etc information and support
- Crime Prevention Portsmouth how to report crime and receive support
- Domestic Abuse support Stop Domestic Abuse, Up2U support for victims and perpetrators
- Exploitation county lines criminal and sexual exploitation, knife crime and gangs
- Online safety lesson plans, information for children and parents
- Poverty where to get support and what is available
- Substance misuse for adults or young people and for impact of parental substance misuse
- Young Carers how to identify, what support is available

Additional information can be found in the Directory of Services:

<u>Directory of services - support for families and professionals - Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Board (portsmouthscp.org.uk)</u>

LADO

The Local Authority Designated Officer is responsible for overseeing the investigations of allegations made against volunteers or members of staff in 'positions of trust' and who work with children (up to 18 years).

Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) - Portsmouth City Council

LA Education Link Coordinators - see Education

The Link Coordinators provide an operational, supportive link between schools and the local authority, ensuring that schools and other education settings are aware of their vulnerable children and the key professional networks working with those families.

Police and PCSOs

Each school has an allocated PCSO (colleges have a PC) who will make regular contact with schools. They will also arrange to engage 3 times in a school year to deliver specific sessions on County Lines, hate crime, knife crime, internet safety and ASB. This is arranged by the school and their PSCO. Schools will have a copy of the Safe4me School Charter which outlines the main aims and objectives of the partnership. The main inbox for contact is: schoolyouthengagement@hampshire.police.uk

Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership (PSCP)

Under the Working Together guidance Local Authorities are required to have local multiagency arrangements to oversee safeguarding activities. Most local authorities have set up Local Safeguarding Children partnerships to manage these arrangements. The Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership has an independent chair and a business manager who co-ordinates the work of the Partnership and its various sub-groups. To find out more about the Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership visit:

<u>Home - Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership (portsmouthscp.org.uk)</u>

Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton (HIPS) Procedures

HIPS procedures provide overarching guidance and procedures on safeguarding issues which are agreed by all four authorities.

Joint Action Response (JAR)

The purpose of a Joint Agency Response meeting is to ensure that the appropriate agencies engage and work together to: Respond quickly to the unexpected death of a child. Make immediate enquiries into and evaluate the reasons for and circumstances of the death, in agreement with the coroner.

Re-Think

When working with professionals from other agencies there will at times be differences of opinion and exchanging ideas from different perspectives should not be under-estimated. Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership (PSCP) is committed to supporting the professional network when there has been and continues to be a difference of opinion, a feeling of 'stuckness' and / or limited progress. Resolving concerns should be seen as an integral part of how we advocate for children and their families in Portsmouth.

Re-think: an approach to resolving professional concerns - Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership (portsmouthscp.org.uk)



Education Services and Information

6. Education Services and Information

Portsmouth City Council website

Provides information and resources for teachers and other school professionals.

<u>School professionals - Portsmouth City Council</u>

Portsmouth Education Partnership (PEP)

The PEP brings together all Portsmouth schools and partners to improve attainment and opportunities for all children and young people across the city.

Home - Portsmouth Education Partnership (PEP)

Safeguarding in Education

Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play in safeguarding children. School and college staff have a particularly important role as they have regular contact with children, so are in a good position to be able to identify concerns early that a child may potentially be at risk of or experiencing abuse or neglect.

Safeguarding in education - Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership (portsmouthscp.org.uk)

School Attendance Team

The School Attendance Team is part of the Inclusion Service in Portsmouth City Council's Education Department. The team's role is to ensure that the Local Authority discharges it statutory duty in relation to school attendance, children's whereabouts, elective home education, children in employment and children in entertainment.

Admission, Exclusions, and Reintegration team

The Admissions, Exclusions and Reintegration Team aims to ensure that all those entitled are provided with full-time provision in a timely fashion and that placements are maintained wherever practicable, or solutions found where alternatives are required.

School Admissions

All the information needed to apply for a school place in Portsmouth.

School admissions - Portsmouth City Council

Education Improvement

Education Improvement work with primary, secondary and special schools implementing effective strategies to improve teaching and learning.

Education improvement - Portsmouth City Council

Priority Education Investment Area (PEIA) attendance team

Through close partnership, the PEIA team aims to increase the attendance of pupils who are struggling to overcome barriers. They will support with challenging conversations with hard-to-reach families and create data sets for schools using live data that can be used to support whole school improvement strategies.

The team will deliver training to school attendance teams on recording/using attendance codes correctly and anything else that individual schools will benefit from in improving attendance. Their key objectives are to:

- Put appropriate support in place at an earlier stage.
- Reduce the need for enforcement action.
- Promote prevention and earlier intervention for pupils and families.

School Attendance Panel (SAP)

School Attendance Panels are a time-focused process, which aims to ensure that intervention strategies are put into place and barriers are removed to support improving a pupil's attendance. The panels also aim for the early identification of parents who fail to cooperate with, or who are unwilling to work with the school. Appropriate action will then be taken to ensure that they take responsibility for their child's school attendance.

The SAP is most appropriate for those pupils' families with a history of irregular attendance, previous legal proceedings against the parents, other agency involvement, lack of parental engagement or cooperation, where intervention like PSP or FSP have failed to improve attendance, and where it appears parents are coding absences. This is not an exhaustive list and is for guidance only.

All referrals are submitted via the online link:

Request SAP1 - Portsmouth City Council - Introduction - My Portsmouth

Unauthorised absence

At the head teacher's discretion, absence may be authorised for genuine illness, or for reasons of religious belief or for family trauma. Any absence not approved by the headteacher is an unauthorised absence. The form below is to be used to request consideration of legal action for pupils who have taken unauthorised leave of absence:

Request leave of absence from school (LOAFS) - Portsmouth City Council - Introduction - My Portsmouth

Education - Pupil migration LA return

All schools must now inform their Local Authority when they are about to delete a pupil's name from the admission register, no later than the day of deletion.

<u>Education - Pupil migration LA return - Portsmouth City Council - Introduction - My</u> Portsmouth

Children Missing Education

Every year children move between Portsmouth schools or leave the area for a school in another authority. Additionally, children arrive in the city needing to access education and may require support and intervention to do so. The purpose of this guidance is to outline both the legislative requirements and operational details for managing this responsibility, so

that all parties understand their responsibilities and undertake them consistently and promptly.

Make a referral for children missing education (CME) - Portsmouth City Council - Introduction - My Portsmouth

Inclusion Support Panel (ISP)

Schools can request a change of provision for a pupil experiencing difficulties in education by referring to the Inclusion Support Panel. The Inclusion Support Panel (Fair access protocol and Dual Registration (FAP/DR)) was devised by Portsmouth Head Teachers as the process to arbitrate and make decisions (in line with the Fair Access Protocol) in an open and transparent way, involving representatives from all schools and other agencies.

<u>Inclusion Support Panel - Portsmouth City Council</u>

Special Provision and Alternative Provision (AP)

A specialist facility which accommodates pupils who cannot attend mainstream school for a variety of reasons including exclusion, or mental or physical health difficulties.

The Special Provision Place Strategy focuses on Portsmouth-resident pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

This document sets out Portsmouth City Council's strategy for special educational provision and alternative provision places.

cou-send-place-strategy.pdf (portsmouth.gov.uk)

Attendance guidance document - A Graduated Response

This guidance document has been produced to offer guidance on steps to take at each stage, including a graduated response, supporting documents and support available. A copy can be found on the PEP website.

Studybugs

The aim of Studybugs is to help the Local Authority and local schools tackle the issues underlying poor school attendance. With relevant, live data available to those who need it, the LA and schools will be in the best possible position to work closely together, intervene early and make a difference to the life prospects of children across the area. With their agreement and cooperation, Studybugs connects to the school's system and gathers pupil attendance data in real time.

Studybugs app

Parents can use the Studybugs app to report when their child is sick and off school and automatically updates the schools' electronic registers. The app also provides guidance about your child's illness and whether they should be kept off school and reminds them to keep the school posted.

Inclusion

Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

Information for parents, carers, young people and professionals about support and services for children and young people from 0-25 with SEND is available on the Portsmouth Local Offer website.

Children with special educational needs may need extra help because of:

- difficulties thinking and understanding
- physical or sensory difficulties
- emotional and behavioural difficulties
- difficulties with speech and language
- difficulties with mental health
- how they relate to and behave with other people
- The website has information on events, education, health and social care and support groups. There's a section for:
- children and young people with SEND
- their parents and carers
- professionals who work with children and young people with SEND

Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)

There is a clear-shared intention to adopt a whole system approach to developing and transforming the support for children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. Fundamental to this approach is the importance of partnership working and that social and emotional mental health becomes 'everyone's business' in the same way as safeguarding has become 'everyone's business' across Portsmouth.

Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) strategy - Portsmouth City Council

LGBTQ+ Inclusion Guidance

Information on support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Intersex young people.

LGBT Inclusion - Portsmouth Education Partnership

Anti Racism Toolkit

Anti Racism toolkit can be found here:

Anti-racism toolkit (portsmoutheducationpartnership.co.uk)

Virtual School and College

The Virtual School and College ensures that all children we care for have educational provision that meets their need, and they receive support to secure good academic progress and attainment. They also provide support for cyp with a social worker and those in kinship arrangements.

Portsmouth Virtual School and College - Portsmouth Education Partnership

Inclusion Outreach

The Inclusion Outreach Service promotes good outcomes for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities and aims to remove barriers to inclusion across the city, by providing a needs-led and flexible range of support to mainstream schools.

The Inclusion Outreach Service is available and free to all mainstream schools, delivered by a range of professionals from a partnership of services including: MABS, Solent Academies Trust, Children's Therapy Service, and experienced Outreach SENCOs from mainstream schools in the city. The service aims to link schools with the most helpful advice and specialist support available.

Inclusion Outreach Service > Portsmouth Local Offer

SENDIASS

SENDIASS provide impartial information and advice for children and young people with SEND and their parents on education, health, and social care. It is a free and impartial service and is a statutory requirement of the local authority to commission the service.

Portsmouth SENDIASS: www.portsmouthsendiass.info 0300 303 2000

Emotional Literacy Support Assistants

ELSAs are emotional literacy support assistants working in schools. They help children develop positive relationships, emotional literacy skills and helpful beliefs. They plan and deliver individual (and small group) support programs. ELSAs are trained and supervised by the Educational Psychology team.

<u>ELSA - Emotional Literacy Support Assistants - Meeting Children's Wellbeing Needs > Portsmouth Local Offer</u>

Educational Psychology Service

The Educational Psychology Service helps promote all aspects of a child or young person's development (aged 0-25), using Psychology to help children and young people reach their full potential.

Portsmouth educational psychology service - Portsmouth City Council

Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

MHST hopes to be able to help families by expanding capacity for early intervention whilst supporting schools and colleges to assist with ongoing support.

They aim to provide interventions to support those with mild to moderate needs whilst assisting with the promotion of good mental health and wellbeing together with education. They hope to support schools and colleges to build a collective understanding of local services to signpost and support families, as well as access to specialised help.

Mental Health Support Team (MHST) - Portsmouth Education Partnership

Neurodiversity (ND)

Portsmouth's ND Team (0-19) consists of family support workers, child and adolescent clinicians, an educational psychologist, speech and language therapists and occupational therapy and service leads.

The team has been developed to support the city's new ND pathway which aims to improve early identification of neurodiversity and offer increased support for families and professionals, meaning children and young people may not need to go through the lengthy assessment process to get their needs met.

Portsmouth Neurodiversity Team (custhelp.com)

CAMHS

Mental Health Support and Crisis helplines - <u>Find Answers and Discussions (custhelp.com)</u>
Portsmouth Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) provides a mental health service for 5 - 18 year olds suffering with acute, chronic or severe mental health problems.
They provide assessment, treatment and support to young people and their families.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) Portsmouth | Solent NHS

Inclusion Centres

An Inclusion Centre is a dedicated special needs centre attached to a mainstream school. It provides an inclusive education for children with specific needs who may find mainstream inaccessible at present but have the potential to be able to access mainstream classes over time. Our aim is to prepare children for working in mainstream, part-time initially, then slowly reintroducing them into mainstream education as and when they are ready. Inclusion Centres have fewer numbers of children and higher adult to child ratios of specialist staffing.

For more information and a list of Inclusion Centres in Portsmouth:

Inclusion Centres < Portsmouth Local Offer

Multi-Agency Behaviour Support (MABS)

MABS is a fully traded SEMH Outreach Service, consisting of a team of experienced Lead Teacher Advisors (working with school staff) and Pupil and Family Practitioners (working with pupils and families), supporting children, young people, families and schools with Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs.

MABS uses a trauma informed relationship-based approach to promote and develop SEMH so that all children and young people can flourish in our school communities. Relationships are at the heart of everything we do, and we see our purpose as supporting communities and individuals to understand behaviour as communication and build healthy approaches to meeting needs and solving problems. MABS offers a range of needs led and evidence based support, both with individual commissioning schools, and across the city through Local Authority and Virtual School commissions.

Traded Services

Portsmouth's 'Traded Services' are the set of services offered by PCC and our key partners to schools and other education settings (e.g. nurseries and childminders, colleges). Services are available to purchase through the Traded Services Website. See the link for more information:

https://tradedservices.portsmouth.gov.uk/

Included in traded services:

School Attendance Team

The School Attendance Team (SAT) can provide all schools with additional Attendance Officer Support, which would allow extra capacity to support attendance issues that schools may face. The additional support offered can range from intervention with individual pupils, to promoting whole-school approaches. Each school or cluster can tailor a package which meets its needs and requirements.

The Ethnic Minority Achievement Service (EMAS)

EMAS can provide schools with Adviser support, including pupil assessments and CPD, Bilingual Learning Assistants to support EAL pupils in their first language and resources for teachers and pupils.

Local Authority Education Link Coordinators

Link Coordinators provide an operational, supportive link between schools, colleges, early years and the Local Authority, ensuring that schools and other education settings are aware of their vulnerable children and the key professional networks working with those families. They provide advice, guidance, challenge and support to education services with a key focus on ensuring the right processes and practice are in place on a multi-agency basis to improve outcomes for children and their families.

Insight Hub

The Insight Hub is a database within the local authority that brings together multiple data sources to one central place and in turn will present a single view of the child. The hub offers a number of various portals which support the professional network in their work with children and families.

Vulnerable Tracking Portal: VPT portal is used by Head Teachers, Heads of Year, Designated Safeguarding Leads and Special Educational Needs Coordinators; it gives access to pupil data and a safeguarding dashboard for each setting which includes:

- Attendance year to date and term to date
- Vulnerable children
- SEND registration
- EHCP
- At risk of exploitation
- At risk of NEET
- Suspensions
- Youth Justice Team involvement
- Tier 4, Tier 3 and Family Support Plan involvement

As well as being able to access a summary of information on an individual school level, it also provides further detailed information at an individual pupil level, including chronologies and contact details for social workers and family support workers.

Family Support Plan (FSP) Portal: The FSP Portal is a digital solution to completing the Family Support Plan. The FSP Portal allows professionals to complete the Family Support Plan directly onto the portal, work collaboratively with others, and have an overview for all the children that have an FSP.

Neurodiversity (ND) Portal: The ND Portal is a digital solution to completing the neurodiversity profiling tool. The ND Portal allows professionals to complete the ND Profile directly onto the portal, work collaboratively with others, and have an overview for all the children that have an ND Profile.

Missing, Exploited, Trafficked (MET) and Gangs Portal: The MET and gangs portal holds all data relating to children at risk of exploitation. Key functionalities enable recording of key hot spots, police operations, known associates, risk levels and data relating to known gangs. This information is available to selected professionals within our children and families teams.

School Transport

Transport to mainstream or special schools for children and young people who meet specific criteria.

School transport and travel - Portsmouth City Council

School Uniform

The Uniform Share Store helps families across the city, providing good quality uniform items, both second-hand and new.

<u>Uniform Share Store | HIVE Portsmouth - </u>

School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools in England receive free school meals.

Existing entitlements to free school meals for disadvantaged pupils in nursery classes and at key stages 2-4 will continue as before.

Parent/carers of children who claim certain benefits are entitled to free school meals, see the website for more information.

School meals - Portsmouth City Council

Government guidance

The Department for Education's statutory guidance publications for schools and local authorities

Schools: statutory guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Guidance to help schools, academy trusts, governing bodies and local authorities maintain high levels of school attendance, including roles and responsibilities.

Working together to improve school attendance (applies from 19 August 2024) (publishing.service.gov.uk)



Resources and Information

7. Resources and Information

General Guides to City Services and Support

Portsmouth has a huge number of services to support in a variety of ways and areas to help children and families. To help identify these services there are a range of sites which group and categorise support, signposting children, families, and professionals. Some examples of these sites and directories are listed below.

Advice Portsmouth

Advice Portsmouth provides free, independent, impartial and confidential advice to people living in Portsmouth. A team of professionals can impart specialist advice around areas such as debt, employment, housing, family and consumer law. For contact numbers and further information please follow the link.

Home - Advice Portsmouth

Directory of Services

The Directory of Services can be found on the Portsmouth Safeguarding and Children Partnership (PSCP) website. It shares information on both local and national services, signposting by categories based on the 10 'aspects of life' found within the Family Support Plan (FSP). However, resources on the directory are often useful also for children and families where an FSP is not in place.

<u>Directory of services - support for families and professionals - Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Board (portsmouthscp.org.uk)</u>

Family Assist

Family Assist is an online platform for advice, guidance, and resources taking you through pregnancy, birth and beyond with an additional sign-up option for more targeted support. This site benefits from a translate drop down to change readable text to a variety of languages.

Family Assist Home (custhelp.com)

Hive

The Hive directory provides information and contact details for groups and organisations supporting across Portsmouth. It has a drop-down facility to assist searching by category.

<u>Hive Directory | Hive Portsmouth</u>

Portsmouth City Council

Portsmouth City Council's website includes information and advice around a variety of areas to support for children and families within the city, such as the Cost-of-living Hub, Housing, Report it, EAL Portsmouth, leisure and library services.

Home - Portsmouth City Council

Portsmouth Education Partnership (PEP)

This website gives all those working in education in Portsmouth useful information, support and resources related to all education organisations working in Portsmouth.

Home - Portsmouth Education Partnership

Portsmouth Local Offer

The Portsmouth Local Offer shares information, support and services that are expected to be available in the city for children and young people aged 0-25 with Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities. Offering advice for parents and carers, Young People and professionals.

Home > Portsmouth Local Offer

Portsmouth Parent Voice (PPV)

Portsmouth Parent Voice is under the umbrella of Hive Portsmouth. It is for the parent, carer of a child or young person with an additional special need and/or disability. Covering ages 0-25, Portsmouth Parent Voice can assist in directing and finding the correct support and services. **Support by appointment only.**

Home | Portsmouth Parent Voice

PSCP One-Minute Guide Library

Safeguarding children is a broad, varied, and complex area of work and it can be difficult to make sense of the support available and know who does what.

The Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership have a library of guides signposting to procedures and supporting documents.

One minute guide library - Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Board (portsmouthscp.org.uk)



Distribution Leaflets and Newsletters

8. Distribution Leaflets and Newsletters

To deliver information on city changes, share support availability and inform of upcoming events, there are a variety of regular leaflets or bulletins published by the Local Authority and other service providers. Some examples are listed below.

Portsmouth Education Partnership (PEP) Bulletin

This is the main method of communication with schools. It is published weekly during term time and contains information, events, links and resources aimed at staff in schools and colleges in Portsmouth. It can be accessed on <u>PEP Weekly Bulletins - Portsmouth Education Partnership</u> or to sign up please follow this link:

Portsmouth City Council (govdelivery.com)

Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership Training Team

The PSCP training newsletter is a three-monthly publication sharing upcoming training dates. For more information about training services and to subscribe please contact pscptraining@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Additional information can also be accessed through X (Twitter)

https://twitter.com/PortsmouthSCB

Safeguarding and Prevent - Portsmouth Education Partnership

A regular bulletin is published which reflects the local and national prevent updates. This can be requested from:

Prevent.SouthEast@service.education.gov.uk

Early Years Bulletin

To keep up to date with everything Early Years and Childcare, you can sign up to the Early Years bulletin here. You'll receive updates, information and links to help your setting be the best it can be, covering special physical development, communication, language and literacy and SEND bulletins too. Information is also available by following Portsmouth Early Years Professionals on social media - on Facebook and on Instagram.

LGBTQ+ Youth Services Newsletter

The LGBTQ+ and Youth Services Team have a regular newsletter featuring service updates. Local and national events and links to ideas and resources to improve knowledge and skills when working with LGBTQ+, young people and their families. To subscribe please contact:

lgbtyoungpeople@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Young Carers Newsletter

In addition to the young carer's website Young Carers in Schools, a regular monthly

newsletter is sent out to registered young carers and their families. The newsletter highlights new and relevant information, shares good practice and new resources. The newsletter can be viewed via the website or to subscribe please follow this link:

Sign up to receive the Young Carers in Schools Newsletter (carers-mail.org)

Kooth's Monthly Newsletter

Kooth is a free, safe, anonymous, digital mental health support service for CYP aged 11-25 in Portsmouth. The site offers 1:1 text- based counselling with qualified practitioners, 24/7 messaging and a range of self-directed support options including safe peer-led forums, magazine, journal, and goal setting spaces.

One of the most effective ways young people hear about Kooth is through signposting via yourselves and the people in their local support networks. The best way to keep up to date with everything that's happening at Kooth is by subscribing to the monthly newsletter where you can find out more information, get news on our campaigns and access free promotional items / further training / insights on how Kooth supports its users.

To sign up please contact awyatt@kooth.com or visit Home - Kooth for more information.



Single and Multi-Agency Meetings

9. Single and Multi-Agency Meetings

As part of the Portsmouth standards, it is recognised that it is important to work collaboratively with the other services and professionals working with children and families to develop a learning culture. To support this and have confident and informed professionals there are opportunities for multi-agency and single agency reflection and sharing of services and good practice. Below are some examples of meetings that take place within the city.

Locality Multi-Agency Team Network Meetings (MATs)

Locality MAT network meetings run on TEAMS once a month for each locality (North, Central and South). Many schools find these meetings really valuable; they provide an opportunity for Health, Early Help, Social Care, Police and MHST to update on services and include guest speakers/presentations to share information about the difference services available. These are followed up by regular distributed minutes. To register to join these meetings, please contact:

EarlySupportReferralPanel@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

School Attendance Network (SAN) Meeting

The purpose of the SAN is to work in partnership and provide a forum for members of staff involved with school attendance to make education outcomes for all pupils the best they can possibly be. Regular attendance is essential for this vision to be achieved. All schools are invited to attend the network meetings electronically which are held termly across the academic year. Other professionals are always welcome to attend or have an input into the SAN agenda.

If you would like to attend or want to contribute to the SAN please contact the schoolattendanceteam@portsmouthcc.gov.uk. This event is very well attended so spaces can become limited; therefore, it is advised early reservation of a place is essential for any other professional who wants to attend.

Mental Health Education Network

These are termly meetings bringing together school staff and partners, working to support Social Emotional and Mental Health. Everyone with an interest in mental health in education is welcome including pastoral leads, ELSAs, DSLs and SENCOs. Senior Mental Health Leads are strongly encouraged to attend. Education colleagues will be joined by staff from MHST, MABs, the EP Team, Early Help and other partners. Details of meetings are available from your MHST clinician in school, circulated via the PEP bulletin and are shared on the PEP Calendar.

Termly Provider Briefings for Early Years Practitioners, Childminders and Nursery Class Teachers

Portsmouth City Council's Early Years and Childcare Service host virtual Termly Provider Briefings for Early Years Practitioners, Childminders and Nursery Class Teachers. There are

updates from the Early Years and Childcare team members on local and national initiatives impacting the sector, and input from a range of guest speakers on related early years subjects. In addition, there are Ofsted updates and opportunities for you to spend time networking with your EY colleagues to find out what is happening across the city to support our young children's learning and development. To browse dates, visit Training & Events | Early Years and Childcare (portsmouth.gov.uk) To book your place, you will need an account and login details. To set up your account email eyworkforce@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Early Years SENCO Network Cluster meeting

These are termly online meeting through TEAMS aimed at Early Years setting SENCOs and Childminders. The sessions provide news and updates for SEND and inclusion within Portsmouth and can be accessed through the traded website or by emailing eyworkforce@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Focused Professional Meetings

Other professional meetings that take place which you may be called to attend due to your individual role.

Missing, Exploited and Trafficking (MET) Meeting - Weekly and monthly

Weekly and monthly Missing, Exploitation and Trafficking meetings brings together partners from Children's Prevention, Early Help and Social Care including Youth Justice, Hampshire Constabulary, Housing, Play Youth Community, Health Services, Placement Services, Education and Community and Voluntary Organisations, to strengthen the identification and response to extra-familial harm including exploitation, slavery, and trafficking.

These meetings are intended to ensure intervention is targeted and proportionate to need, risk and vulnerability. Weekly meetings are child focused with each having a 20 minute slot and involved workers are invited to attend, whilst the monthly meetings are for contextual safeguarding which schools can attend. For more information about these meetings please contact MET@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

SENCO Network

The SENCO network is for all SENCOs. It includes updates from the Inclusion Service, SEN Team and other partners. All SENCOs should receive an invitation directly. For further information contact SEND Strategy SharedMailbox.SENDStrategy@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Severely Absent Meetings

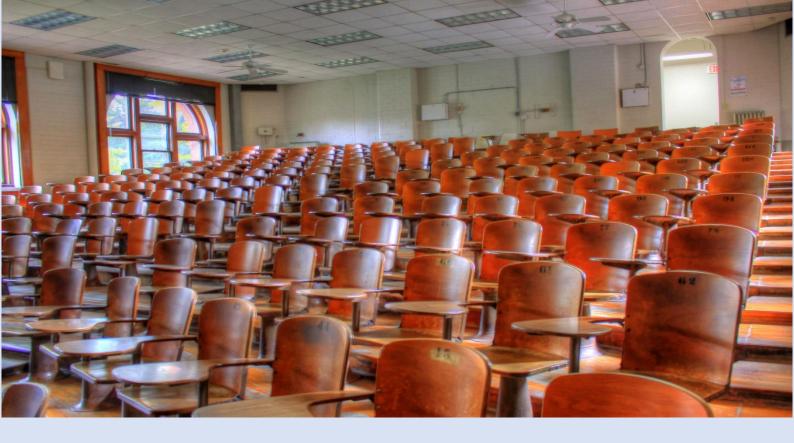
The purpose of Severely Absent Meetings is to have the opportunity to hold a multi-agency discussion regarding all children who are currently severely absent from school, taking a shared responsibility to support children to attend school regularly.

The 'DfE Working Together to Improve School Attendance' guidance document sets out the duties for local authorities to hold termly discussions with each school to discuss all children who have attendance below 50%. These meetings will support us in ensuring that we are

meeting our legal obligations as a local authority to ensure children attend school regularly. Schools are contacted directly to be invited. For further information contact: Fran.Shaul@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference MARAC

The MARAC is an information sharing and action planning meeting for victims of DA who have been assessed as being at high risk of serious harm or homicide. MARAC representatives include, Police, Probation Services, Health Services, Children's Social Care, Housing Providers, Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs), and other specialists from the statutory and voluntary sectors. The victim does not attend the MARAC but is represented by an IDVA who represents their views and wishes and ensures that victim's safety remains the focus of the meeting. For more information and link to referral visit Domestic abuse & sexual violence - Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership (portsmouthscp.org.uk)



Conferences

10. Conferences

Education professionals in Portsmouth have an opportunity to attend key conferences.

Portsmouth Inclusion Conference

The PIC is an annual conference for professionals to hear key speakers and attend workshops that showcase the excellent inclusive practice in the city. The event is booked via Eventbrite.

PEP Conference

The PEP conference is an annual event which includes keynote speakers, stalls, and a range of workshops. Dates of each event can been seen on the PEP calendar <u>PEP Calendar - Portsmouth Education Partnership</u> For further information visit <u>Home - Portsmouth Education Partnership</u> or sign up to the PEP Bulletin here <u>PEP Bulletin sign up link</u>

All Schools Contacts Tracker

This spreadsheet is used to target communications directly to the best people in each school. It also allows school to see named contacts for partners working with their school as well as their counterparts in other schools <u>All School Contacts 24-25 - Google Sheets</u>



Key Services

11. Key Services

Below are some of the key services supporting children and families across the city

Key Service	Category	Overview	Aimed at	Link
Early Years Support Services	Early Years Advisors		CYP, parent/ carers and Professionals	For advice about delivering the EYFS, Ofsted requirements and inspection, business planning and staff recruitment and management. eydelivery@portsmouthcc.gov.uk For guidance and funding information for children with SEND attending an Early Years setting or childminder. eyinclusion@portsmouthcc.gov.uk For information and advice about Early Years funding entitlements and terms and conditions, and to apply to become an Early Years funded provider. eyfunding@portsmouthcc.gov.uk For information about our training programme, useful resources, templates, guidance, termly briefings and e-bulletins eyworkforce@portsmouthcc.gov.uk For support for parents/carers applying for early education funding. 2yroldfunding@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Ethnic Minority Achievement Service (EMAS)		services when working with pupils who have English as an additional language (EAL) and/or who are black or minority ethnic (BME). They have a team of Bilingual Learning Assistants who support schools, working alongside pupils in their first language to support curriculum access. Support is through a school referral.	CYP, parent/ carers and Professionals	For more information and contact details visit EAL Portsmouth — The home of Portsmouth EMAS (this will be moving to the PEP website and the above link will be amended)
Health Visiting Service	Health	· ·		To seek support the contact number is 0300 123 6629 or Early Years providers can send in a Nursey request form to SNHS.portsmouthhealthvisitingservice@nhs.net
School Nursing Service	Health	The school nursing service offers support and advice to parents and young people from 5-19, meeting in schools, family hubs and when necessary, the family home. It provides interventions and support including the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) and School age immunisation.		To seek support please contact 0300 123 6629. Portsmouth School Nursing Service > Portsmouth Local Offer

The Children's Therapy Service	Health	The Childrens Therapy Service includes support with Physiotherapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Podiatry 0-19. This service is provided for children registered in Hampshire, Southampton, or Portsmouth.	CYP, parent/ carers and Professionals	For information including timescales for the service contact 0300 300 2019 Monday - Friday 8- 5 or visit Children's Therapy Service Solent NHS
Vision and Hearing Team	Health	part of the inclusion team and	CYP, parent/ carers and Professionals	For more information visit: Vision and Hearing Team > Portsmouth Local Offer
Portage and Portage Plus	Parental support / Home	visiting service for pre-school	CYP, parent/ carers and Professionals	For contact information and more details visit Portage and Portage Plus > Portsmouth Local Offer

	Visiting Service	delays, special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). A Portage Home Visitor works in partnership with parents and carers in their own home. The aim of the service is to empower parents and carers in developing their child's play and learning, development and promote positive outcomes. Portage Plus is a shorter service for children delayed in the areas of		
		social communication and interaction. Weekly home visits are made with regular liaison and support to the child's early years setting.		
Portsmouth Home Start	Parental support/ Home visiting service	, , , , ,	CYP, parent/ carers and Professionals	For contact details and further information visit Portsmouth Home Start > Portsmouth Local Offer Offer

Child andMentalPortsmouth Child and AdolescentCYP, parent/For contact details and further information visitAdolescentHealthMental Health Service providescarers andMental Healthsupportmental health support for 5–18- year-olds suffering from acute,ProfessionalsChild and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) PortServiceSolent NHS or CAMHS - Child Development Centre	smouth
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Service year-olds suffering from acute, Solent NHS or CAMHS - Child Development Centi	_
(CAMHS) chronic or severe mental health and Adolescent Mental Health Service > Portsmou	th Local
problems. They provide Offer	
assessment, treatment and support	
to young people and their families.	
Interventions include individual	
therapy, groups, family therapy,	
medication and referral to other	
services where applicable. The	
team is a specialist multi-	
disciplinary team including Clinical	
Psychologists, School Nurses and	
Occupational therapists.	
Family Hubs Family Hubs are for families with CYP, parent/ For more information call	
Support babies, children and young people carers and	
of 19 (or up to 25 for young people Portsmouth Family hubs - Portsmouth City Council	
with special educational needs and	
disabilities).	
Portsmouth's Family Hubs are	
delivered through a formal	
partnership between Portsmouth	
City Council and Solent NHS Trust.	
There are Family Hubs in Buckland,	

		Somerstown, Milton, Hilsea and Paulsgrove. The hubs are a 'one stop shop' to access a range of help including support for physical and mental health, housing and debt advice, youth services, domestic abuse support, as well as services run by charities. At the heart of Family Hubs are services to give babies a great start for life and help parents to build strong relationships with their babies by providing things like parenting classes, midwifery, health visiting, infant feeding advice and perinatal mental health support.		
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service-Learning Disabilities Team (CAMHS- LD)	Mental Health support		carers and Professionals	For contact details and further information visit Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Learning Disabilities Team (CAMHS-LD) > Portsmouth Local Offer

		Social Care, Respite Services and Voluntary Services such as Enable Ability.	
Mental Health Support Team (MHST)	Mental Health Support	MHST provide interventions to support children and young people with mild to moderate needs whilst assisting with the promotion of good mental health and wellbeing together with education, also offering training and workshops based on schools and college's needs.	For more information, please visit Mental Health Support Teams - Portsmouth Education Partnership or contact MHSTCamhsPortsmouth@solent.nhs.uk
Inclusion Outreach Service	Education	The outreach support is available to all mainstream schools, delivered by a range of professionals from a partnership of services including MABS, Solent Academies Trust, Children's Therapy Service, Loss and Bereavement Champions and experienced Outreach SENCOs from mainstream schools in the city. This service provides needs led and flexible support to promote good outcomes for children and young people with SEND, through the specialist advice, support and training opportunities.	For more information and contact details visit Inclusion Outreach Service > Portsmouth Local Offer

The Neurodiversity Team	Education and family support	specialist advice and support to	CYP, parent/ carers and Professionals	For more information visit Portsmouth Local Offer website or contact neurodiversity0-19enquiries@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
Young Carers	Young Carers Support	The Young Carers Service provides support, information and breaks for	Professionals	Referrals can be made by young people, parents, carers and professionals either by emailing youngcarers@portsmouthcc.gov.uk or calling the young carers service on 023 9282 1816. Alternatively, please visit Young carers - Portsmouth City Council for more information and a direct link to the referral form.



Training

12. Training

Training	Category	Overview	Aimed At	Link	Essential or Recommended
Child Protection	Safeguarding	This training is for designated safeguarding officers/professionals with responsibilities with regards to making inter-agency contacts to MASH, attending Child Protection Conferences, and working with children on Child Protection Plans	This course is for practitioners who will be expected to complete an Interagency Contact Form to MASH	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Essential
Basic Awareness Safeguarding Children	Safeguarding	To provide introductory training on how to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children who might be at risk of abuse and neglect.	DSLs and all staff working with children.	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Essential
Early Help Training - Using the Family Support Plan (FSP)	Family Support	To support and equip key professionals with knowledge and skills to undertake 'early help' practice and effectively use the Family Support Plan	Key professionals in organisations who work with children and parents who would benefit from a plan of coordinated additional support.	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Essential
Exploitation Training	Exploitation	 Describe contextual safeguarding. Recognise what exploitation looks like and associated risks (sexual exploitation, criminal exploitation and missing) Use assessment skills and local evidence-based tools to identify children at 	For professionals working with children and families with a focus on Portsmouth process and practice.	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Essential for any professionals who are working with children at risk of exploitation.

		risk and be able to follow HIPS/PSCP procedures Describe ways of supporting children at risk and local organisations who can help.			
CERAF -Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Framework - toolkit - multi-agency.	Exploitation	Introduction of the newly developed HIPS Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Framework (CERAF) Best practice guidance on completion of the CERAF Guidance on scoring and actions to take upon completion.	For professionals working with Portsmouth children at potential risk of exploitation	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Essential for any professionals who are working with children at risk of exploitation.
Safeguarding Supervision Training	Safeguarding	 Define what constitutes effective safeguarding supervision and its relationship to keeping children safe. Be aware of (Hampshire, IOW, Portsmouth & Southampton) HIPS Supervision Standards Be able to use the reflective Supervision cycle and understand how it can be used as a model to facilitate effective supervision in both individual and group sessions. Know how to use a tool to help staff evaluate and analyse information and use this analysis to inform decision making where there are concerns about a child. Understand the importance of relational practice and the impact this has on effective supervision. 	DSLs and Managers	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Essential for safeguarding supervisors

Masterclass On Consent	Safeguarding	 To explore barriers to gaining consent To address current challenges in practice and find solutions. To have the opportunity to gain knowledge and ask questions with help from a Senior Social Worker in the Portsmouth MASH 	DSLs/anyone working with families and children	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Recommended
Live Masterclasses for DSLs	Safeguarding	Live Masterclasses on various safeguarding subjects	DSLs	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Recommended
Resources for Effective Safeguarding Conversations	Safeguarding	Learning Outcomes: Equipped to appreciate the impact of language on outcomes. Resourced to have effective safeguarding conversations. Confident to apply this learning to your practice and organisation.	DSLs	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Recommended
Preventing Child Online Sexual Exploitation	Exploitation	To know what CEOP is, their role and how to report online sexual abuse. To identify potential online risk to children - Sexual Exploitation and Child on Child abuse To develop a better understanding of the online world that children access To understand the factors which impact on children sharing images of themselves. To know what resources are available to parents and carers.	All professionals working directly with children and young people where they have the opportunity to educate on online safety particularly around exploitation. Group / Education settings.	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Recommended

		To have access to 'Thinkuknow' resources to aid direct work with children, young people, parents, and carers.			
Stop Domestic Abuse - Training	Domestic Abuse	Training provision for professionals.	For professionals working with victims of domestic abuse and children who have witnessed domestic abuse.	Stop Domestic Abuse	Recommended
ND Profiling	Neuro- diversity Profile Training	Multi-agency training to learn about the new profiling tool so that you can complete this profile with parents.	Professionals working with children and parents. To increase understanding and support for children and young people with neuro-diverse profiles and build confidence and competence in your setting or team.	Neurodiversity0- 19Enquiries@portsmo uthcc.gov.uk	Recommended
Kooth Online Training	Online Mental Health Support.	Webinars for professionals	Any professionals working with children.	Any schools wanting to book onto webinars use link. https://linktr.ee/KoothengagementTeam	Recommended
Reducing Parental Conflict Training	Family Support	This is one day training where practitioners will be trained to understand, identify, assess,	For practitioners in Early Help, Health, Children's Social Care,	e-mail Kim.Smith@portsmou thcc.gov.uk with	Recommended

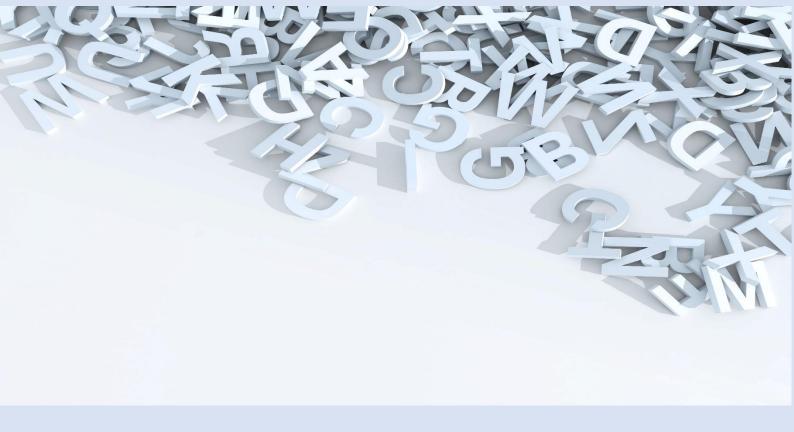
		and upskilled to support, challenge and change in families with parental conflict.	Education, and the Voluntary Sector.	details of the course you would like to attend.	
ACES (Adverse childhood experience) Training	Safeguarding	 To understand what ACEs are Begin to examine trauma informed practice. Explore triggers that can result in challenging behaviour. Think through strategies to engage with Children and young people. Look at strategies to support CYP developing resilience. To promote relational interactions and Kindness 	For any professionals working with children and families. Will focus on Portsmouth process and practice.	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Recommended
Portsmouth Services Network	Early Years training	The Services Network is the system used for Early Years providers to book training courses and workshops, request support visits, and access both free and package-only support services. All Portsmouth Providers are able to log into the system which also contains copies of the Early Years Bulletins, useful resources, templates and guidance.	Early Years professionals	If you are a Portsmouth provider and need support accessing the system or resources, please contact eyworkforce@portsm outhcc.gov.uk Log into the Portsmouth Services Network	Recommended for Early Years Professionals.

LIVE-Masterclass for DSLs and Managers on embedding the Family Support Plan (FSP) into Policy and Practice How we do Early Help in Portsmouth	Family Support	 To deepen knowledge and understanding of the context of Early Help in Portsmouth To explore how the FSP can be embedded into your setting to support families early. To look at what support and training is needed for staff to effectively use the FSP. 	For any professionals working with children and families. Will focus on Portsmouth process and practice.	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Recommended
Domestic Abuse Multi-Agency Combined Training for Professionals in Portsmouth	Domestic Abuse	Training to support adults and children affected by domestic abuse	For professionals working with adults and children affected by domestic abuse	For details of training dates please email -: portsmouthtraining@ stopdomesticabuse.uk pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Recommended
Trauma-informed training	Safeguarding	Training to support victims of trauma	Free for all schools	Sigma Training School - Turning Around Lives. Creating Opportunities. Building Futures. (sigmateachingschool. org.uk)	Recommended

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Harmful Cultural	Safeguarding	Increase your knowledge and	Available to all	pscptraining.portsmo	Recommended
Practices - An		understanding on FGM including the types of	Portsmouth colleagues	uthscp.org.uk/	
introduction to		FGM and why/how its performed			
Female Genital		 Improve your understanding of the 			
Mutilation		prevalence of FGM including locally within			
		Hampshire areas			
		Understand the legal frameworks on			
		FGM			
		Gain understanding into your roles			
		and responsibilities in relation to FGM			
		Identify who is 'at risk' of FGM			
		Understand the key health risks and			
		consequences of FGM			
		Reinforcing the local referral			
		procedure within Hampshire, Isle of Wight,			
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Harmful Cultural Practices- An	Safeguarding	To understand harmful practices	Available to all	pscptraining.portsmo	Recommended
introduction to Child		linked to witchcraft.	Portsmouth colleagues.	uthscp.org.uk/	
Abuse Linked to Faith		To identify signs and symptoms.			
and Beliefs (CALFB)		To identify your own responsibilities			
webinar		within your organisation.			
WCDIIIdi		To understand resources available.			
		To understand the role of police and			
		children's social care.			
Harmful Cultural	Safeguarding	 Develop understanding of issues 	Available to all	pscptraining.portsmo	Recommended
Practices- An		around Honour Based Abuse (HBA), Forced	Portsmouth colleagues.	uthscp.org.uk/	
Introduction to		Marriage (FM) and Dowry			
Honour Based Abuse		How to recognise signs of HBA and			
(HBA), Forced		FM			
Marriage (FM) and					
Dowry					

Harmful Cultural	Safaguarding	 To understand laws and reporting duties To recognise the importance of the "One Chance Rule" To know existing protections and where to get help Improve the awareness of breast 	Available to	nsentraining nortema	Recommended
Practices - An introduction to Breast Ironing	Safeguarding	 Improve the awareness of breast ironing among front-line professionals and managers. Enable front-line professionals to recognise the signs and symptoms of breast ironing and to refer their concerns in line with agreed local processes. Understand the impact on children of breast ironing. Explore pathways of support available to keep children safe in Hampshire 	Portsmouth colleagues	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Recommended
Exploitation Masterclass - Consider Your Language - Victim Blaming	Safeguarding	 To be able to identify what victim blaming language is To explain how language impacts children, young people, parents and carers who are at risk of or who are currently being exploited Describe what language is appropriate to use when communicating exploitation concerns either written or verbal 	Available to those working with children & families in Portsmouth	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Recommended
LIVE Masterclass for DSLs and Managers: Developing a safeguarding culture	Safeguarding	To understand the context and legislative framework which underpins the Portsmouth Compact	Available to all Portsmouth colleagues	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Recommended

		 To understand how this self-audit can drive improvement in safeguarding practice To identify key areas for change in developing a safeguarding culture in your school / organisation / setting 			
LIVE Masterclass for DSLs and Managers: Safeguarding Children - The National & Local Picture	Safeguarding	Understanding the safeguarding landscape, what is the new strategy for safeguarding children and how Covid -19 has impacted on practice.	DSLs and Managers	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Recommended
LIVE Masterclass for DSLs and Managers: Escalation - having the right conversation with the right person at the right time	Safeguarding	How does the escalation policy support you in your organisation or with external partners such as social care, health etc.to help children and families? What do you need to implement to ensure a culture where open and honest conversations can take place?	For both DSLs in schools and Managers	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Recommended
LIVE Masterclass for DSLs and Managers: Contacting MASH - getting the right help for children and families	Safeguarding	How to make an effective contact into the Portsmouth MASH using the Inter-agency Contact Form (IACF)	For those working with children and families in Portsmouth	pscptraining.portsmo uthscp.org.uk/	Recommended
Early Years <u>Training</u> Courses and Workshops	Early Years Practice	The Early Years and Childcare Training and Development Programme provides high quality training and continuous professional development opportunities for our outstanding workforce.	Early Years Practitioners	For more information, contact eyworkforce@p ortsmouthcc.gov.uk	Recommended.



Acronyms

13. Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning
AMH	Adult Mental Health
ASC	Adult Social Care
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASQ	Ages and Stages Questionnaire
ASYE	Assessed and supported Year in Employment (newly qualified SW)
BLA	Bilingual Learning Assistant
CAFCASS	Children and Family Court Advisory Support Service.
CAMHS	Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services
CAWN	Child Abduction Warning Notice
CCE	Child Criminal Exploitation
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CICC	Children in Care Council
CCIS	Client Caseload Information System
CEOP	Child Exploitation and Online Protection
CERAF	Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Framework
CEV	Clinically Extremely Vulnerable
CFE	Children, Families and Education
CHN	Community Health Nurse

CIN	Child in Need
CLA	Child Looked After Plan
CME	Child Missing in Education (Change of area)
COP	Change of Provision
CP CP	Child Protection
CPA	Community Practitioner Assessor
CPI	Community Partnership Information Form
CSE	Child Sexual Exploitation
CSPR	Child Safeguarding Practice Review
CYP	Children and Young People
DAF	Discretionary Assistance Fund
DPIA	Data Protection Impact Assessment
DSL	Designated Safeguarding Lead
EAL	English as an Additional Language
EHP	Early Help and Prevention
EHCNA	Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment
EHCP	Education, Health & Care Plan
EIA	Equality Impact Assessment
EIP	Early Intervention Practitioner
ELSA	Emotional Literacy Support Assistant
EMAS	Ethnic Minority Achievement Service
EMDR	Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing
EPO	Emergency Protection Officer
EYP	Early Years Panel
EYES	Early Years and Education System
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage
EYPP	Early Years Pupil Premium
FFF	Fast Feet Forward
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation / known as cutting
FNP	Family Nurse Practitioner
FPN	Fixed Penalty Notice (school absence)
FSP	Family Support Plan
FSS	Family Support & Safeguarding (social work team)
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
HSCP	Hampshire Social Care Providers
HV	Health Visitor
IACF	Inter-Agency Contact Form
ICPC	Initial Child Protection Conference
IDVA	Independent Domestic Violence Adviser
IRO	Independent Reviewing Officers
ISP	Inclusion Support Panel
JAR	Joint Agency Response (for child death)
LADO	Local Authority Designated Officer (Safeguarding)
LCPC	Learning from Children and Practice Committee
LD	Learning Disability
LOAF	Leave of Absence Form
LUAI	Leave of Absence Form

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LSCP	Local Safeguarding Children Partnership
MABS	Multi-Agency Behaviour Support
MAPPA	Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements
MARAC	Multi-Agency Risk Assessments Conference
MARM	Multi Agency Risk Management Framework
MASH	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub
MAT	Multi Agency Team (e.g., MATS locality network meetings)
ME	Minority Ethnic
MET	Missing, Exploited and Trafficked
MHST	Mental Health Support Team
MISPER	Missing Person
ND	Neurodevelopmental (e.g. ND pathway)
NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training
NFA	No Further Action
NRM	National Referral Mechanism (TRAFFICING)
ООН	Out of Hours
PA	Persistently Absence
PACE	Playfulness, Acceptance, Curiosity and Empathy
PAR	Persistent Absence Record
PARCS	Portsmouth Abuse and Rape Counselling Service
PEP	Personal Education Plan
PEP	Portsmouth Education Partnership
PEIA	Priority Education Investment Areas
PLO	Public Law Outline
PPN	Police Protection Notice
PSCP	Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership
PVI	Private, Voluntary and Independent
QSO	Quality and Sufficiency Officers (Early Years)
RCPC	Review Child Protection Conference
RONI	Risk of NEET Indicator
RMS	Resources Management and Safeguarding
RPA	Raising Participation Age
RP	Restorative Practice
RSO	Registered Sex Offender
RTT	Reduced Timetable
SA	Severely Absent
SAP	School Attendance Panel
SEMH	Social, Emotional and Mental Health
SEND	Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Coordinator
SPA	Single Point of Access (Mental Health)
SPOC	Single Point of Contact
SW	Social Worker
TAC	Team Around the Child
TAF	Team Around the Family
TASS	Temporary Accommodation Support Service
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TAW	Team Around the Worker
TEDS	Targeted Early Development Support
TIMOC	Trauma-Informed Model of Care
UASC	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children
UC	Universal Credit
YJS	Youth Justice Service