

Signs of Safety

Newsflash

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Group Supervisions – Come and Join Us!

We are proud to announce that as a vital part of our Signs of Safety implementation **we have made great progress establishing Group Supervision sessions** across Cheshire East Children's Services.

These sessions are now **open to all agencies to attend** so that everyone can benefit from sharing multi-agency perspectives. Using the Signs of Safety approach is something **we are all working on together to benefit families**. We therefore want everyone to be able to **share good practice and learn together**.

Group supervisions look at individual cases to allow people to practice using Signs of Safety, reflect on practice, and share ideas and perspectives on cases. They can take a variety of formats according to case requirements and attendees' requests, including:

- **Practicing using the different parts of Signs of Safety**, e.g. writing Danger/Worry/Impact Statements, and Safety/ Wellbeing/Success Goals. Sharing perspectives by **scaling** the situation and then generating strength based questions to use with family members, aiming to **facilitate ways to make progress along the scale**.
- Considering '**stuck**' cases by fully assessing the issues using the 3 columns **mapping process to identify potential next steps**.
- Considering what specific aspect of practice has worked well to **gain a better understanding** of the things that can **help to change behaviours** and make a positive difference to a child's lived experience so we can do more of what works (**Appreciative Inquiry**).

Group Supervision generally takes about an hour. As a participant, it is important to **bring your best solutions focused thinking** that promotes ways to empower families to come up with their own plans on how to keep their child safe and well within their network.

Where and How to Join

Group Supervisions will be taking place at:

- The Integrated Front Door
- Cheshire East Family Service
- Safeguarding Unit
- SCIES (various school venues)

There are two options for attendees to get involved, you can:

- a) book on an existing session at any of the available venues or,
- b) request a case is practiced, explored or reviewed at a future date at a particular site

Please contact the relevant Team to book on an existing session so facilitators know who will be attending - **Early booking is advised** as there are only **limited places available** at each session.

If you want to request that a Group Supervision is held on a particular case or aspect of practice **please let the person know when you book**. The details of the sessions and who to contact are included below.

The Integrated Front Door

Delamere House, Crewe on 3 Wednesday mornings each month, at 10.45am

Please contact: Unit Coordinators Marie Cork or Mags Warham:

0300 123 5012 (option 3)

Family Service

Sessions happen weekly across the service at a range of venues.

Please contact: any of the Team Managers whose details are below:

Family Centre	Manager	Phone	Email
Oakenclough	Tina Geoghegan	01625 374015	Tina.Geoghegan@cheshireeast.gov.uk
Macclesfield	Jane Naden	01625 374079	Jane.Naden@cheshireeast.gov.uk
Macclesfield	Rachel Browett	01625 374079	Rachel.Browett@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Greenleaves (Sandbach)	Jim Ross	01270 371128	Jim.Ross@cheshireeast.gov.uk
Crewe Lifestyle Centre	Jo Boulton	01270 371241	Joanne.Boulton@cheshireeast.gov.uk
Crewe Lifestyle Centre	Jo Stubbs	01270 371301	Joanne.Stubbs@cheshireeast.gov.uk
Crewe Lifestyle Centre	Julie Horton	01270 371301	julie.horton@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Safeguarding Unit

Macclesfield Town Hall every 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm

Please contact: Safeguarding Manager Susanne Leece at:

susanne.leece@cheshireeast.gov.uk

SCiES Team

Part of the DSL Cluster meetings each term include a Group Supervision opportunity.

Group supervision is also available through attending the locality education/ social care liaison meetings. Please refer to your locality group for the upcoming dates and venues.

If you require a group supervision to be held at your setting please contact the team for details.

Contact: sciesteameast@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Other help and support

If you want any help, support or advice, we recommend you speak to your Signs of Safety **Practice Lead** in the first instance (the Practice Leads for schools are the SCIES Team SCIESTeamEast@cheshireeast.gov.uk).

There are **exercises you can do in your own group supervisions** to help you to reflect on what you need to see from the family, which will help you to prepare for meetings and think of what questions you need to ask the family. A guide for [safety planning in group supervision](#) is available on our website.

For **bespoke training, support and guidance** in relation to SOS, contact our

SOS Lead Practitioner Louise Wright at louise.wright@cheshireeast.gov.uk

For a briefing/ workshop in your team **on what to expect at CP Conferences** (which will now apply to other meetings) contact the Safeguarding team at safeguardingchildprotection@cheshireeast.gov.uk

For workshops and one to one **support with work at early help**, contact Early Help Brokerage EHB@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Signs of Safety Training

If you haven't had any Signs of Safety Training yet, please book yourself on. There are different options depending on your role, which are all included on [our website](#), along with how to book.

Contact us at:

SignsOfSafety@cheshireeast.gov.uk