

<p>Protecting Children is your responsibility too... What can you do?</p> <p>Public information leaflet</p> <p>www.staffsscb.gov.uk</p>	<p>mšÍvb‡K iŷv Kiv Avcbvil `vwqZi... Ge`vcv‡i Avcwb Kx Ki‡Z cv‡ib?</p> <p>Rbmvavi‡Yi Z_` cyw` ÍKv</p> <p>www.staffsscb.gov.uk</p>
<p>Contact Numbers</p> <p>First Response Service (Local Authority) - 0800 13 13 126</p> <p>Police - 08453 30 20 10</p> <p>Emergency Duty Service (Local Authority Out of Hours) - 01785 354030</p>	<p>†hvMv‡hv‡Mi b‡^i</p> <p>dv÷© †imcÝ mvwf©m (´`vbxq KZ...©cŷ) - 0800 13 13 126</p> <p>cywjk - 08453 30 20 10</p> <p>Riæwi `vwq‡Zi cwi‡lev (Amg‡q †hvMv‡hv‡Mi ´`vbxq KZ...©cŷ) - 01785 354030</p>
<p>The Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board is a partnership between:</p> <p>Staffordshire County Council – Children and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Adult Social Care</p> <p>District Councils</p> <p>The Police Probation</p> <p>Youth Offending Services</p> <p>Health</p> <p>Connexions</p> <p>CAFCASS</p> <p>Young Offenders Institutes</p>	<p>`` ÷`v‡dvW©kvqvi †mdMvwW©s wP‡i`b †evW© GKwU Askx`vwi cÖwZôvbl Askx`vwiZ; i‡q‡Q :</p> <p>Staffordshire County Council – Children and Lifelong Learning (÷`v‡dvW©kvqvi KvDw>U KvDwÝj - wP‡i`b A`vĐ jvBdjs jvwb©s)</p> <p>Adult Social Care (A`vWvë †mvk`vj †Kqvi ev eq` < mvgvwRK cwiPhv©)</p> <p>District Councils (wWw÷ª± KvDwÝj)</p> <p>The Police Probation (cywjk †cÖv‡ekb ev cÖwZkÖæwZ gZ Acivax e`w³ mrc‡_ Av‡Qb wK bv †`Lvi AvBbvbyM e`e`´v)</p> <p>Youth Offending Services (BD_ A‡dwDs mvwf©‡mm ev hŷe Acivax‡`i Rb` cwi‡lev)</p> <p>Health (†nj&_ ev ´^v´´´)</p>

<p>The Voluntary Sector</p> <p>If you would like this document in another language or format, e.g. large text, please contact the Communications Team (Children and Lifelong Learning) on 01785 278666.</p> <p>www.staffordshire.gov.uk Safeguarding Children Board</p>	<p>Connexions (KvþbKkbm ev þhvMvþhvM)</p> <p>CAFCASS (wm G Gd G Gm Gm)</p> <p>Young Offenders Institutes (BD_ AþdÐvm© Bbw÷wUDUm ev hye Acivaxþi Rb¨ cÖwZövb)</p> <p>The Voluntary Sector (Voluntary Sector ev þ^¨Qvþmex þýÍ)</p> <p>GB bw_wU Avcwb Ab¨ fvlvq ev dig¨vþU, þhgb eo Aÿþi þjLv, PvBþj AbyMÖn Kþi þhvMvþhvM Kiæb KwgDwbþKkb wUg (wPþiªb A¨vÐ jvBdjs jvwb©s)-Gi mvþ_ GB bœªþi 01785 278666l</p> <p>www.staffordshire.gov.uk þmdMvwW©s wPþiªb þevW© (Safeguarding Children Board)</p>
<p>Background</p> <p>Most children enjoy generally happy childhood experiences within their own family.</p> <p>Unfortunately for some, this is not the case. During difficult family times everyone has a responsibility to protect children from future harm.</p> <p>Good child care begins before a child is born.</p>	<p>þcÖÿvcU</p> <p>AwaKvsk ev¨Pv mvaviYZ Zvþ¨i cwievþii mþ½B myLx ^kkþei w`b,wji AwfÁZv jvf Kþi _vþKl `yfv©M¨ekZ wKQz þýþÎ e¨vcviUv GiKg bql cwievþii KwVb mgþq ev¨Pvþi fwel¨r ýwZi nvZ þ_þK iýv Kivi `vwqZi cÖþZ¨þKi IcþiB eZv©ql</p> <p>GKwU wki Rbÿvevi AvþMB wkii mycwiPhv© iia nql</p>
<p>What is harm?</p> <p>One in ten adults will have experienced harm during their childhood.</p> <p>Harm is ill treatment or child abuse. Here are some examples:</p>	<p>ýwZ KvþK eþj?</p> <p>cÖwZ `kRþbi gþa¨ GKRB eq¨ < gvbyþli ^kkþe ýwZi AwfÁZv nql</p> <p>ýwZ nj Lvivc e¨envi A_ev wkii þnb¨ `vl Gi KþqKwU D¨vniY nj:</p>
<p>Physical abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This could be any physical injury like 	<p>kvixwiK þnb¨ `v</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> `yN©Ubv Qvov þhþKvbI

<p>cuts, bruises, burns, scalds or broken bones that have not happened by accident. Injuries may be caused as a result of shaking in the case of babies. It can also be when someone deliberately induces illness in a child.</p>	<p>kvixwiK AvNvZ, †hgb KvUv, †Quov, †cvov, dzUŠÍ Mig Mv‡q cov A_ev nvo fvOvl wki‡K †`vj LvIqv‡bvi mg‡q Gai‡bi AvNvZ jvMvi m‡qvebv _v‡Kl GQvov †KD B”Qv K‡i wki‡K Amy`’ Kivi gvbwmKZv †_‡KI Gai‡bi NUbv NUv‡Z cv‡il</p>
<p>Emotional abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This may involve making a child feel constantly worthless or unloved, frightened or in danger. It may involve seeing or hearing the ill-treatment of another. 	<p>Abyf~wZi †nb`’v</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GKwU wki‡K cÖwZwbqZ †evSv‡bv †h †m Ac`v_© A_ev fvjevmpi A‡hvm”, fxZz A_ev †m wec‡`i g‡a` i‡q‡Ql GQvov Ab` ev”Pvi cÖwZ Lvivc e`envi †`‡L ev i‡bi GKv‡bi Abyf~wZi †nb`’v n‡Z cv‡il
<p>Sexual abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is when a child is made to take part in or watch sexual activities: they may be around when someone is watching pornographic material. <p>In most cases sexual abuse is carried out by a person who is known to the child – even a member of their own family.</p>	<p>†hŠb †nb`’v</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GKwU ev”Pv‡K hLb †hŠb Kv‡R AskMÖnY Kiv‡bv nq ev †hŠbZv †`Lv‡bv nq, ZLb GB ai‡bi †nb`’v nql ev”PvwU Avkcv‡k _vKv m‡ËjI †hŠb wRwbmcl †`Lv †_‡K GNUbv NU‡Z cv‡il AwaKvsk †ÿ‡Î †hŠb †nb`’v K‡i _v‡K Ggb GKv e`w³ †h ev”PvwUi cwiwPZ - GgbKx Zvi wb‡Ri cwiev‡ii †Kvbl e`w³I n‡Z cv‡il
<p>Neglect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A child may be left alone or left with unsuitable caregivers. They may not be fed or clothed properly or not be taken to the doctors when they are unwell. Neglect also involves not protecting a child from danger. 	<p>Ae‡njv</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GKwU ev”Pv‡K GKv †d‡j ivLv n‡Z cv‡i A_ev Abychy³ cwiPhv©Kvixi Kv‡Q †i‡L hvIqv n‡Z cv‡il Zv‡`i fvj K‡i LvIqv‡bv nq bv A_ev RvgvKvco wVKVvK civ‡bv nq bv wKsev Zv‡`i AmyLwemyL n‡j Wv³vi †`Lv‡bv nq bvl †Kvbl wec` †_‡K ev”Pv‡K iyv bv-KivI Ae‡njvi

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<p>What should I do if I think that a child is being harmed?</p> <p>Telephone the First Response Team at Local Authority Social Care or the Police straight away – they will listen – local contact numbers are on the back of this leaflet.</p>	<p>Avgvi hw` gfb nq th GKwU ev”Pvi ywZ nqQ Zte Kx Kie?</p> <p>†mvk`vj †Kqv‡ii -`vbxq KZ...©c‡yi dv÷© †imcY wUg‡K †dvb Kiæb A_ev mivmwi cywjk‡K Rvbvb - Zviv ibte - †hvMv‡hv‡Mi -`vbxq bxi †`Iqv Av‡Q GB cyw` IKvi wcQ‡bi c,,ôvql</p>
<p>Do I have to give my name?</p> <p>No – it is your choice; if you decide that you want to remain anonymous that decision will be respected. (Professionals making a referral should be aware that they cannot be guaranteed anonymity.)</p>	<p>Avwg wK wb‡Ri bvg †`e?</p> <p>bv - †mUv Avcbvi B”Qvi Dci wbf©i K‡i; Avcbw hw` AÁvZbvgv _vK‡Z Pvb Zte †mB wmxvšI‡K Avgiv -^xKvi K‡i wbBl (Zte †ckv`v‡iiv Gai‡bi †Kvbl cÖm½ D‡jØL Ki‡j Zvu‡`i cwiPq †Mvcb ivLvi M`vivw>U †`Iqv mæe nte bvl)</p>
<p>What happens next?</p> <p>Social workers will follow up every report where they believe a child may be at risk of harm.</p> <p>They will talk to other people who know the child and may be able to provide a clearer picture. This includes teachers, health visitors and members of the child’s family.</p> <p>After this several things could happen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action will be taken. • Help and support will be offered to the family. • An investigation will take place. 	<p>Zvi cfi Kx nte?</p> <p>†Kvbl ev”Pvi ywZ nIqvi Avk¼v i‡q‡Q, mgvRKgx©iv Ggb weklvm Ki‡j †miKg cÖwZwU wi‡cv‡U©i †y‡I Dchy³ e`e`v †btebl</p> <p>IB ev”PvwU‡K †P‡bb Ggb Ab`vb` †jvKRb‡K Zvuiv wRÁvmv Ki‡eb hv‡Z GKUv - úó Qwe cvIqv hvql Gme †jvKR‡bi g‡a` _vK‡Z cv‡ib wkÿK, -^v`” cwi`k©K Ges ev”PvwUi cwiev‡ii †jvKRbl</p> <p>Gi ci A‡bK, wj NUbv NU‡Z cv‡i:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • †Kvbl e`e`v bvl †bIqv n‡Z cv‡il • cwieviwU‡K mvnvh` mnvqZvi cÖ` Íve †`Iqv n‡Z cv‡il

<p>Are children taken away from home?</p> <p>Very rarely - social workers cannot remove a child from their family without the permission of the court. This only happens when there are real concerns that the child will not be safe at home, and then consideration is always given to the child being looked after by a relative or a friend.</p> <p>Will I be told what has happened?</p> <p>You should receive written confirmation that your referral has been received and acted upon unless your report was anonymous.</p> <p>Published February 2008 Review Date February 2009 Designed and Printed by Staffordshire County Council Central Print & Design. Telephone: 01785 276051 Safeguarding Children Board</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GKwU Z`šÍ ïæ Kiv †h‡Z cv‡il <p>wki‡`i wK evwo †_‡K mwi‡q wb‡q hvIqv n‡e?</p> <p>GiKg Lye KgB N‡U - †KvbI wki‡K Zvi cwievi †_‡K mgvRKgx©iv Av`vj‡Zi AbygwZ Qvov mwi‡q Avb‡Z cv‡ib bvl GiKg NUbv ZLbB NU‡Z cv‡i hLb †`Lv hvq †h, GKwU wki‡ Zvi evwo‡ZI wbivc` bql Zvi c‡iI we‡ePbv Kiv nq, ev”PvwU‡K Zvi †KvbI AvZ‡xq ev cvwievwiK eÜz †`Lvibv Ki‡Z cvi‡eb wK bvl</p> <p>hv hv N‡U‡Q †mme wK Avgv‡K Rvbv‡bv n‡e?</p> <p>hw` bv Avcwb AÁvZbvgv _vK‡Z Pvb, Z‡e Avcwb †h wi‡cvU© Ki‡eb †m m‡ú‡K© GKwU wjwLZ - ^xK...wZ Avcbv‡K cvwV‡q ejv n‡e †h Avcbvi †`Iqv Lei Avgiv †c‡qwQ Ges Zvi Ici Avgiv KvR ïæ K‡i w`‡qwQI</p> <p>2008 †deªæqvwi‡Z cÖKvwkZ cybwe©Pv‡ii ZvwiL †deªæqvwi 2009 ÷`v‡dvW©kvqvi KvDw»U KvDwÝj †m»Uªvj wcÖ»U A`vÐ wWRvBb Øviv Aj¼4iY I gyw`Z (Staffordshire County Council Central Print & Design) †Uwj‡dvb: 01785 276051 †mdMvwW©s wP‡iªb †evW© (Safeguarding Children Board)</p>
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