Signposting for Children's Services Practitioners for CWSW Post-16

Safeguarding

Early Help and Family Help Services
Hampshire Early Help Services Family help services in Hampshire | Children and Families | Hampshire County Council provide support to families, children and young people facing various challenges. These services aim to intervene early to prevent issues from escalating. Key aspects include:

- **Family Support Service (FSS): O**ffers co-ordinated support for families with children up to 19 years old, and up to 25 years for those with learning difficulties or disabilities
- **Children's Centres:** Provide a range of services for families with children aged 0-5, including parenting support, health services and early education
- **Intervention Pathways:** Help professionals identify the correct level of support for families, addressing concerns such as child development, behaviour management, and mental health.

These services are designed to ensure families receive the right support at the right time from the right professionals.

Resources that may be of particular support are:
Threshold charts - Hampshire SCP
Children's Services Department
Family Help Team
NEW: Working Together to Resolve Professional Differences - Hampshire SCP

Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership
The Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) Homepage - Hampshire SCP is dedicated to keeping children safe and ensuring their wellbeing within Hampshire. It brings together local agencies to ensure effective child protection services. The partnership co-ordinates safeguarding services, identifies and responds to children's needs and conducts local child safeguarding practice reviews. The HSCP also provides training and resources for professionals working with children and families.

Resources that may be of particular interest are:
Toolkits - Hampshire SCP
HSCP Briefing - Thematic Review – Safeguarding Children and Reduced Educational Engagement
Valuable Children with Disrupted Education - Hampshire SCP
Educational Neglect Advice - Hampshire SCP
Multi-Agency Safeguarding Practice Development Brochure 2025-26 FINAL

Stop Domestic Abuse
STOP DOMESTIC ABUSE in Hampshire offers a range of services specifically designed to support children and young people affected by domestic abuse. These services include:

- one-to-one support: personalised support, advice and education for school-aged children (4-17 years) who have experienced or are currently experiencing domestic abuse
- group work: various group programmes aimed at improving confidence, self-esteem, understanding healthy relationships and ensuring personal safety. These groups are available for children aged 5-17

Advice Line: A confidential advice line (03300 165 112) for victims, survivors, family members and professionals seeking support or information

Trauma

Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families
Mental Health Charity | Anna Freud supports the mental health of children through research, training and treatment and offers free resources supporting children's mental health.

Beacon House
Home is a therapeutic service with a specialist interest in working with those who have experienced trauma and loss and offers information and resources around the impact and repair of trauma and adversity.

Centre of Excellence in Child Trauma
Trauma-Informed Support for Parents, Carers & Families | CoECT is an organisation combining resources, research and knowledge from experts across the sector.

Hampshire CAMHS
Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Home :: Hampshire CAMHS is an NHS specialist service that supports young people aged 5-18 years and their families who are experiencing difficulties with their mental and emotional health. Key services include:

- Assessment and Treatment: CAMHS provides comprehensive assessments and tailored treatment plans for a range of mental health issues, including anxiety, depression, and behavioural problems
- Crisis Support: Immediate support for young people in mental health crises, ensuring they receive timely and appropriate care
- Therapeutic Interventions: Various therapeutic approaches, such as cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT), family therapy, and group therapy.

Roles and Responsibilies

Participation, Engagement and Attendance

Social workers and other practitioners: attendance considerations - GOV.UK

Although attendance is no longer subject to statutory monitoring in post-16 education, patterns of absence, lateness, non-attendance or disengagement can provide important insight into a young person's experiences, wellbeing and support needs. When a young person with a social worker begins missing education, practitioners should be curious about what poor attendance is telling us rather than focusing solely on the attendance itself. The government's guidance highlights the importance of understanding the wider context around a child's life and recognising that absence is often linked to vulnerabilities and adverse experiences.

For post-16 learners, the focus should be on:

- Understanding the root causes of disengagement.
- Listening to the young person's views and experiences.
- Working collaboratively with the education provider, carers, family members and other professionals.
- Identifying and removing practical and emotional barriers to participation.
- Supporting a sense of belonging, safety and connection within the education setting.
- Maintaining aspirations and progression pathways into adulthood.

Participation and Engagement

Hampshire Education Participation Team

The Education Participation Team offers individual support for young people to help them access employment, education, and training opportunities. They specialise in supporting vulnerable young people in Year 12 and 13 (aged 16 to 18) across Hampshire.

Education Participation | Education and learning | Hampshire County Council

Hampshire Futures

Hampshire Futures help to support successful participation in education, employment and training and has a statutory role in tracking and supporting post-16 participation. Young people who are vulnerable, have a social worker, are care experienced or are at risk of becoming NEET may benefit from support

Services include:

Careers guidance

Transition support

Apprenticeship information

Support for vulnerable learners

Support where young people are NEET or at risk of NEET

Progression planning

Careers - information for young people | Education and learning | Hampshire County Council

Relevant Guidance for Education Settings

Keeping Children Safe in education

KCSiE Keeping children safe in education - GOV.UK outlines the statutory duty that applies to all learners who are still children in law, regardless of whether they attend school, college, an apprenticeship provider, or another post-16 education setting.

For learners aged 16-18 who have a social worker, KCSiE reinforces the expectation that education providers understand vulnerabilities and have appropriate safeguarding and support arrangements in place.

Working Together to Safeguard Children

The Working together to safeguard children - GOV.UK guidance is a statutory framework issued by the Department for Education (DfE) in England. It outlines the responsibilities of organisations and agencies to work collaboratively to protect and promote the welfare of children.

Attendance, Participation and Engagement

Although statutory school attendance requirements end at the end of compulsory school age, the principles outlined in the Government's guidance on improving the attendance of children with a social worker remain relevant for post-16 learners. Young people with a social worker are at greater risk of disrupted education and disengagement from learning. Post-16 providers should monitor attendance and participation carefully, understand the barriers affecting engagement, and work collaboratively with social workers, carers and other professionals to support positive educational outcomes, retention and progression into adulthood.

Improving the attendance of children with a social worker - GOV.UK

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)

Hampshire SENDIASS - Special Educational Needs Support provides impartial and confidential support to children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as well as their parents and carers.

Parent Guide to Special Educational Needs (SEN)

The Quick Guide - Parent Guide to SEN.pdf provides information on the support system for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), including the types of support they will receive at school and an overview of the application for an education, health and care plan (EHCP).

Hampshire Inspection and Advisory Service (HIAS)Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) site and helpline

Hampshire Inspection and Advisory Service (HIAS) HIAS SEN Moodle provides a range of resources to support children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in schools. Key resources include:

- **SEN support guidance:**

Offers strategies and approaches for addressing the needs of learners with SEND in the classroom

- **training programmes:**

Includes development programmes for SEN Co-ordinators (SENCOs) covering statutory understanding, co-development and best practices

- **online resources:**

Accessible via the HIAS SEN Moodle, providing guidance, webinars and updates on SEND support.

These resources aim to enhance the educational experience and outcomes for children with SEND in Hampshire.

Special Educational Needs (SEN) Service contacts | Education and learning | Hampshire County Council

Health and Wellbeing

NHS Healthier Together website

The NHS Healthier Together website is a comprehensive resource aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of children, young people and pregnant women. The website encourages collaboration between patients and healthcare professionals to enhance local healthcare delivery.

Anna Freud – School and College Resources

Anna Freud provides a range of free mental health resources for families, and education professionals working in primary, secondary and further education settings.

Free Mental Health Resources for Schools and Colleges | Anna Freud

Togetherness – The Solihull Approach

The Hampshire Solihull Approach is a partnership between Hampshire County Council and the Solihull Approach, offering free online courses for young people, parents, carers, grandparents, and professionals working with children. These courses are designed by psychologists and professionals to help understand children's feelings, development, and behaviour.

Togetherness NHS | Hampshire CTSH
Togetherness | Health and social care | Hampshire County Council
Learn - Togetherness