

# SSSAB Newsletter

## Solihull Schools' Strategic Accountability Board

### Update from Sally Hodges - Director of Children's Services & Skills

- Work had begun on the bid for the autism centre.
- The number of Looked After Children had rocketed since February 2018 which had affected budget forecasts. A piece of work was under way to look at options available.
- Members of Solihull Childminding Association had raised several issues which Sally shared with SSSAB.

### Unity Update

A proposal to rename the Unity Collaborative as The North Solihull Collaborative had been circulated and no queries were raised.



### Local Authority Update

- Following issues around flooding during May half term the contact information for Headteachers and Deputy Heads will be updated to include SENCOs. This will ensure the LA has an emergency contact list for key holders and caretakers in the future.
- Clair McNeill circulated relevant parts of the draft School Improvement Strategy and asked colleagues to share with their collaboratives.
- There had been a rise in knife crime in the borough and there will be a range of activities taking place which police have asked for support with.

### Anaphylaxis/Epi-pen Awareness Training Sessions

SSSAB explained their concerns about changes to Anaphylaxis/Epi-pen Awareness Training to Ian Mather, Assistant Director to Public Health, and it was agreed that he would add this to the Health and Well-being in Schools Board agenda.



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<http://socialsolihull.org.uk/schools/sab>

### Operation Encompass

Tim Evans from West Midlands Police updated SSSAB on arrangements for Operation Encompass which it is hoped will start in September 2018. Tim would be contacting every Headteacher during the Summer Term to obtain a signed data protection form, a secure email address and the name of a responsible member of staff receiving data about domestic abuse.

### Update from Simon Rushall Service Director: Children, Young People & Families

- SSSAB agreed that it would be helpful to have more Signs of Safety briefings.
- The police had asked Simon to make staff aware of 'county lines' which he shared with SSSAB.
- The funding for Early Help is being reduced and significant reductions need to be made in Engage.
- Work is being done to improve the action plan around Troubled Families.

### Year Six Transition Day

Primary Heads had requested one uniform transition date across the borough and Phil Leivers agreed to raise this at the Secondary Heads' meeting.

### Life Ready

A draft transition guide for secondary transfer was circulated for feedback and sharing with collaboratives. A parent guide and 'I can' statements for children are also being developed.



### Monitoring Statement

- SSSAB agreed to fund a 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' session at the DSL day.
- It was agreed to increase the reimbursement to Headteachers carrying out peer reviews.
- SSSAB had previously agreed to pay to train Senior Leader Facilitators and it was suggested that SSSAB could reimburse them for time spent facilitating.