

Key Messages from Executive 2022-2023

March 2023

Online harm - Young people do not differentiate between the real and virtual world in the way that adults/professionals do. As such, the partnership must look at the way online safety and preventing online harms is approached. Young people must be educated and supported but must not feel the responsibility to stay safe is solely on them.

Children's social care review - On 2 February 2023 the government published its strategy and consultation on children's social care, [Stable Homes, Built on Love](#).

Adultification podcast - The ESCB launched an [adultification podcast](#) linked to the Child Q review in Hackney in 2022. This podcast was led by the Anti-Racist Practice Manager in Essex County Council and had representation from across the partnership on the panel. Education are now working to produce information for schools over the coming months.

Reviews and Learning – Working Together Better - A number of themes have been identified from reviews – recently published on the ESCB website are resources around the themes of [Neurodiversity](#) and [Disguised Compliance](#).

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Effective Support Guidance - the most recent version of the [Effective Support Guidance](#) that practitioners should be using was published in October 2021.

This can be found on the [Concerns about the welfare of a child](#) page, alongside information about Early Help Services which aim to give children, young people and families the right support at the right time, to reduce the need for higher level interventions.

There are also [Team Around the Family Support Officers \(TAFSO\)](#). TAFSOs can support practitioners to feel confident holding Team Around the Family Meetings and completing Early Help Plans.

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Integrated Care Boards – recent changes within the health system have seen the introduction of Integrated Care Boards of which there are three covering Essex. Mid and South Essex, Suffolk and North-East Essex and Herts and West Essex. The new ICBs have taken on the legal responsibility for NHS resources and services within their geographical areas. The new Integrated Care Board and Integrated Care Partnership make up a new Integrated Care System (ICS).

[Integrated Care System – Herts and West Essex](#)

[Integrated Care System – Mid and South Essex](#)

[Integrated Care System – Suffolk and North-East Essex](#)

Sudden, Unexplained Death of an Infant (SUDI) – A SET (Southend, Essex and Thurrock) thematic review was undertaken in 2021 which looked at all SUDIs between 2017-2020 across the three authorities. The review looked in-depth at factors specific to the child, the family, and the environment. Recommendations resulting from the review have been fed

back to the Child Death Overview Committee. A task and finish group will be set up to progress recommendations. [The Lullaby Trust](#) is also doing a lot of work in this area.

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Recent national reviews – These include [Star, Arthur, and the Care review](#). The ESCB are considering these reviews and their recommendations.

Transitional safeguarding – [Protocol](#) has been developed to identify young people who are aged 17½ years who are at risk of, or are victims of, exploitation. The aim of the protocol is to ensure these people are assessed as they move into adulthood so that appropriate support can be provided.

Updated SET Procedures – The [SET Procedures](#) were updated and published on the ESCB website and shared with partners in May 2022.

Management of Suspicious Unexplained Injuries & Bruising in Children – This protocol was also published on the [ESCB website](#) in May 2022.