

Coronavirus COVID-19

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Safety Planning Support for Child Protection and Domestic Violence Cases

The Signs of Safety Learning and Implementation team are available to support Child Protection workers during this period of time particularly around Safety Planning with families where current safety plans may need to be revised as schools and services are closed and the likelihood that network members are unable to visit as much or at all. Support is also available for workers safety planning on Domestic and sexual violence cases complicated by the restriction of support and the challenge of undertaking home visits at this time.

In the past two weeks, Child Protection and Welfare Teams have had to reorganise and focus on how they will provide critical frontline services to families in the current climate. Areas have also had to focus on what services can be provided and prioritise cases for a response, bearing in mind the current guidelines on social distancing. It is likely that we will be working in this way for a number of weeks. The learning and implementation team have produced a practice guidance and safety planning template to support this work and are available to support workers or teams in:

- Mapping cases with SW and TL to help with analysis and decision in relation to prioritised cases
- Using scaling questions – context and safety scale – to help with identifying priority home visits
- Reviewing existing Safety Planning on open cases, in light of the current changing circumstances and the impact this has had on networks, home visiting and holding meetings
- Supporting SWs to develop / review timelines and trajectories in relation to prioritised cases
- Supporting SWs to develop draft Danger Statements, Safety Goals and Scaling Questions during the preparation phase for Child Protection Conferences
- Supporting CPC Chairpersons in preparing questions for the Mapping Process which takes place at conference
- Remotely supporting Group Supervision
- Remotely providing short workshops on Signs of Safety practice methods
- Remotely provide one to one support to newly appointed TLs and SWs who are awaiting training

Access: Should you or a member of your team wish to avail of case support, contact the L&D Practice Lead for your area. If they are on leave, an alternative contact point will be identified and another member of the team will be made available for support at the earliest opportunity. Contact details are attached.

The Governance of all case decisions remains with the Worker and Team Leader.

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