

NSCB Procedures Manual - December 2016 Update

Summary of Changes

The following changes have been submitted for update to the NSCB Procedures Manual. These changes are effective immediately and will be live on the Procedures Manual on 6th February 2017.

The NSCB Procedures Manual can be accessed [here](#).

Domestic Violence and Abuse

This chapter has been updated to include the 'Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2016 to 2020 (Home Office, 2016), and the 'Information Guide: Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (APVA)'. Detailed information has also been added on assessment tools of the DASH and DARIM to be used in Northamptonshire.

Child Protection Enquiries - Section 47 Children Act 1989

This chapter has been updated to include the following text in relation to Strategy Discussions / Meeting.

Whenever there is reasonable cause to suspect that a child is suffering, or is likely to suffer, significant harm, there should be a strategy discussion/meeting. The strategy discussion/meeting should be coordinated and chaired by a Children's social care Team Manager. In any circumstance where a Team Manager is not available, to chair the Strategy Discussion, they will delegate this to a Practice Manager and this delegation will be recorded in the Strategy Discussion document.

New Chapters Added

Pre-Birth

This chapter provides detail of Pre-Birth assessments and links to local protocol for Northamptonshire which can be accessed on the NSCB website.

Concealed Pregnancies

This chapter provides detail on the response where a pregnancy is suspected to be concealed or denied and also provides links to the NSCB website for the local protocol.

Whistle Blowing or Raising Concerns At Work

This chapter provides details for practitioners who may wish to raise concerns about practice within their organisation.

Minor Updates

The following list of chapters have had minor updates made to them. These updates relate to wording and language, the core procedure and steps to follow within these chapters has not been changed.

- Children Visiting Prisons
- Child Protection Conferences
- Spiritual, Cultural and religious Beliefs
- Bullying
- Children Visiting Psychiatric Wards and Facilities
- E-Safety: Children Exposed to Abuse through the Digital Media
- Safeguarding Children and Young People against Radicalisation and Violent Extremism