

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Revised Multi-Agency Thresholds for Safeguarding Children 2013
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Accessing the right level of support to safeguard children and young people

A thorough review of guidance on safeguarding thresholds has been undertaken jointly by the Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board and the Wiltshire Children and Young People's Trust. Working in close collaboration with our partner agencies we have taken the opportunity to consider how we can make integrated working and early intervention even more effective to improve outcomes for children and young people.

To this end the 'Multi-agency Thresholds Document 2011' has been simplified and a collection of supporting tools has been designed to provide clear practical guidance and advice to all agencies. A 'golden thread' running through this is the critical importance of collaborative working between agencies to ensure there is a coordinated approach to supporting the child or young person. Creating a 'team around the child' allows professionals to make fully informed collective decisions and take coordinated action based on what is best for the child or young person.

The revised document and practitioners' toolkit can be found at www.wiltshirepathways.org and at www.wiltshirelscb.org. The Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board is overseeing the dissemination and education of this new guidance and implementation will be led by the multi-agency Early Intervention Group (which reports to both the Board and the Children's Trust).

We all want to ensure that children and young people get the right help at the right time, and I hope that the model outlined in this document will ensure that children and young people with additional needs are identified earlier and that help can be provided before any difficulties become more entrenched.

Your views are very welcome as ever and can be sent to Pathways@wiltshire.gov.uk.

With regards,

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