



Working Together to Safeguard Children in BaNES

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6th Edition: David A SCR & Self Harm Guidelines

**In September 2012 Bath teenager David A died by his own hands.
This was his first serious attempt to take his own life.**

A serious case review in September 2013 looked at the life of David A compiling individual management reviews from all the agencies involved his care between 2007 and 2012.

There are multiple recordings of David talking about suicide and self-harm to his family and professionals including his GP. He was known to CAMHS (2007) and Children's Social Care (2008).

The report found evidence of good practice of a number of individual professionals. In summary it made 6 recommendations and the report can be read in full following the link:

http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/siteimages/Children-and-Young-People/ChildProtection/bnes_scr_overview_report_child_a_september_2013.pdf

A key recommendation was the provision of an updated multiagency care pathway for those who work with children and young people who self harm.

The LSCB were asked by the SCR panel to assure dissemination of this pathway to its provider agencies and evidence good awareness of the guidance within.

A recent survey monkey questionnaire was responded to by 27 GPs and showed variable and limited knowledge of this guidance, despite being disseminated via several routes.

The full document can be found following the link:

http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/banes_self_harm_including_suicide_guidelines.pdf

Within the guidance you will find referral pathways, useful contacts, advice on assessing risk in and how to talk to children and young people. There is also guidance for teachers, parents and support group websites.

This document should be uploaded to/printed off for your child safeguarding folders. All LSCB protocols can be accessed directly via the BaNES LSCB website along with many other resources including posters for your surgeries.

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/children-young-people-and-families/child-protection/local-safeguarding-children-board>

or via a link on the Map Of Medicine Child Safeguarding page.

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Date for the diary:

Next Leads meeting:
Tuesday 19th July 12.30- 2
St Chads Surgery
Representatives from Children's
Social Care attending for
interactive session and
CPD: learning from Miles
Bradbury SCR.