

Isle of Wight ContactPoint News January 09

National News – ContactPoint Launched

Ministers have announced the first delivery phase of ContactPoint. A written Ministerial Statement that was laid in Parliament on Monday 26th January, along with a question and answer briefing. Both of these documents are published on the Every Child Matters website www.ecm.gov.uk/contactpoint

The first stage of delivery of ContactPoint will enable 19 Early Adopter organisations – 17 local authorities in the North West of England and two national voluntary sector partners, Barnardo's and KIDS – to train their ContactPoint management teams. It also allows all local authorities to start to shield a small proportion of records on ContactPoint.

Project Management

Project management on the Isle of Wight has had a particular focus on preparations for shielding records where there is an identified risk that knowledge of a child's whereabouts would put them or their family at risk of significant harm. Follow this link for more information: [Shielding](#)

We continue to be on track in our local preparations for shielding records. Two appropriately security checked staff have received training to be able to access ContactPoint to shield child records. This process will begin from February 2009.

We continue to submit 'shielding assessments' so that the national ContactPoint team are aware of our progress in this area of work.

Finance

The DCFS have confirmed that there will only be a 5% carry forward of the 2008-09 ContactPoint grant.

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