

Association of Child Protection Professionals
Digital Safeguarding Special Interest Group (DS SIG)
Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

- To inform the Association and members of research, national trends, learning from practice developments, the implementation and impact of Digital Safeguarding Initiatives
- Develop links with the Child Abuse Review to share research and practice and encourage dissemination of information across groups of researchers, practitioner and practitioner researchers
- Work with other organisations/interest groups operating within child safeguarding to promote digital safeguarding initiatives and learn from best practice and disseminate findings as appropriate.

2. Responsibilities and remit of group

2.1 Consider the impact of learning and reflection to influence organisational and practice system change, led by the membership.

2.2 Actively promote children and young people as equal partners in digital co-design to ensure their voice and views are embedded in the conversations and the development of digital safeguarding initiatives

2.3 Influence organisational and practice system change, particularly with reference to using research to inform practice.

2.4 Receive updates from group members in relation to digital safeguarding regarding:

- Emerging learning themes
- Identification of good practice
- National and International Research
- Opportunities to influence policy and practice
- Supervision and Support for members

2.5 Link with other associated groups for example, Children's Computer Interaction Group (ChiCI)

2.6 Generate inter-university networks for digital safeguarding research that is informed through the AoCP

3. Outputs of Group

3.1 Review and debate practice, policy, research and areas of challenge in meeting the needs of public sector organisations to influence change in the evolution of processes and good practice.

3.2 Identify and enhance the existing pool of resources within the Association to inform improvements in practice.

3.3 Provide contribution to AoCPP Newsletter / Journal.

3.4 Identify and develop training resources for dissemination via AoCPP forums e.g. via AoCPP training events

3.5 The Chair of the SIS SIG to provide updates to AoCPP Chair and contribute to the annual report regarding the work of the group and the development of priorities for future business plan.

4. Frequency of meetings

4.1 The group consists of AoCPP members meeting quarterly to debate, identify and develop learning and training opportunities. Extraordinary meetings can be called if required by the Chair of their own volition or at the request of any member of the group.

Minutes and actions will be noted and circulated to all members of the group.

5. Reporting arrangements

5.1 The group will report to the Board of Trustees (BoT) providing relevant updates.

6. Variation

6.1 The Terms of Reference for the SIS SIG may be amended by the Group and be subject to approval of the AoCPP Chair.

6.2 The Terms of Reference are to be reviewed annually every April