

# Signs of Safety Bulletin

This is a weekly update on anything relevant that will help you with your preparation for the go live date on 20th April 2021.



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TO OUR SofS GO  
LIVE DATE: 4  
weeks!**

## New SofS form guidance

The guidance documents for the [forms](#) that are changing in EHM and LCS can be found [HERE](#) under "Signs of Safety-good practice". They are in pathway groups, for example Early Help, Child in Need, Child Protection, CLA.

**We would encourage you to look at the forms now, discuss them as a team and start to think about how you will be recording your practice from 20th April, or how you will use the forms to support the work you complete if you are accessing them for information.**

## System demonstrations

Would your team benefit from a demonstration of the forms that you will be using/accessing?

We would encourage you to look at the form guidance first, and then, please send your requests to the SoS mailbox.

## Test System

Practitioners will have access to the test system from next week. This needs to be co-ordinated and should only be used for practicing recording work, rather than viewing forms. Please send your requests to the SofS mailbox by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**.

## Remember there is always support available. Help with practice:

- Our Signs of Safety guide for families and professionals can be downloaded and shared [HERE](#).
- Have you spoken to your Practice Champion? They should be the first point of contact.
- Is it something that you can take into your next group supervision session to explore?
- Have you checked the [Knowledge Bank](#)? There is lots of free information, resources and tools to access.
- Is there anything on the Northumberland [SofS resource bank](#) that you can use?
- Have you checked the Signs of Safety [question-and-answer](#) document?
- The Practice Leads are happy to help with your questions and queries or to offer support and guidance, contact them through the SofS mailbox.
- Look at our new phase 1 practice framework and expectations handbook [HERE](#).

## Help with the new system:

- Have you checked the form guidance documents that help you think about your recording. System crib sheets will be available soon.


## Question about the implementation plan:

- Send your questions or queries to the SofS mailbox-  
[signsofsafety@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:signsofsafety@northumberland.gov.uk)



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