



Spring Edition 2024

Introduction



Welcome to the most recent edition of the Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership newsletter.

We really appreciate the information continually shared with the HSCP which contributes to raising awareness about all the multi-agency safeguarding work which is taking place every day to improve the lives of children, young people and their families.

This newsletter details a host of activity taking place across the partnership to safeguard and support children and information to support practice.

The Hull Collaborative Partnership has brought together key partners from 3 multi-agency partnerships to maximise opportunities where our work can benefit from the input of others and to make use of our collective data to identify areas of improvement. We are pleased to announce that a Hull Collaborative Partnership Website has been developed and is now live. The Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership website is now hosted on this link: Hull Collaborative Partnership

The updated Working Together to Safeguard Children guidance was published in December 2023. HSCP have already been involved in engaging conversations with a range of safeguarding agencies in terms of the opportunities that this will bring across the partnership. We are looking forward to these continuing to further strengthen our approach to safeguarding children across Hull. Further information is detailed within this newsletter.

Any feedback in relation to newsletters is always welcome and any ideas you may have for topics to include in future newsletters are always appreciated!

If you would like to submit an article for a future edition, please email hscpadmin@hullcc.gov.uk Information is also regularly shared through the HSCP X account- @LSCPHull Previous newsletters can be accessed via the HSCP website.

Partnership Priorities



Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership's priorities for 2023 - 2025 are:

- 2025 ale
- Priority 1: Neglect
- Priority 2: Contextual Safeguarding
- Priority 3: Multi-Agency Arrangements
- Priority 4:
 Domestic Abuse

Working Together 2023

The new Working Together to Safeguard Children was published in December 2023, along with a summary of the changes made.



HSCP are looking forward to ongoing conversations and consultations with safeguarding agencies around how the guidance can strengthen our approach to supporting children, young people and their families. We will provide regular updates with future newsletters throughout 2024.

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023



Working Together 2023 Statutory Guidance

Introduction

- Statutory guidance on multiagency working to help, protect and promote the welfare of children
- The guidance applies to all organisations who have functions relating to children
- A child relates to anyone under the age of 18

Multi-agency working

New chapter - A shared responsibility.
Introduction of a set of multi-agency
expectations for all practitioners
involved in safeguarding and child
protection

Learning

Collaboration

Resourcing

Learn with /
from each other

Challenge each other

Parents/Carers

4 principles for working with parents / carers.

Build strong & trusting relationships

Communicate clearly adapted to needs

Empower through information

Involve in processes & decisions

Roles & Responsibilities - Local Authorities, Police & Health

Lead Safeguarding Partner The LSP is the head of each agency.

The LSP holds their agency to account, speaks and makes decisions on behalf of their agency. Delegated Safeguarding Partner The DSP is responsible for operational delivery
One DSP is appointed as the partnership chair replacing the independent chair



Education - A representative from the education sector should be present at strategic discussions

All safeguarding organisations, including the VSCE sector play a role in the HSCP local arrangements.

Early Help

Early help assessments should consider how the needs of different family members impact each other.

Child Protection

Introduction of new multiagency practice standards for all practitioners working in services and settings that

Safeguarding & Welfare

Assessments should consider the whole family network & harm outside the home.

A lead practitioner may be allocated by a

Hull Collaborative Partnership Website









The Hull Collaborative website is now live and can be accessed here: <u>Hull Collaborative Partnership – Hull</u> Collaborative Partnership

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Our partners include:

- Community Safety Partnership (Safer Hull)
- Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership
- Hull Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board

This new website is where professionals should be accessing information and resources that were previously hosted on the above partnerships' individual websites and using available learning from both local and national reviews.

Professionals will also be able to book onto relevant training through the site via our new online booking form.

We would greatly appreciate if this could be widely shared with colleagues for their information.

Hull & East Riding Neglect Conference 2023



The Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership had the privilege to co-host the neglect conference alongside The East Riding Safeguarding Children Partnership. The conference was held on the 6th December 2023 at The University of Hull. Over 200 colleagues attended from across the region and the day was filled with opportunities to network and reflect on local responses to neglect. The keynote speakers where influential in their delivery, which provided an overview of

governance structures across the partnerships and local strategies in identifying neglect and working in partnership with agencies to identify children and families in need of support at the earliest opportunity. Dr Lisa Revell spoke about the important work of capturing the voice of children in an authentic way to ensure that their narrative and experiences are understood. Annie Hudson, Chair of the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel, shared the national context of neglect including key learning emerged from child safeguarding practice reviews.

Workshops Included early identification and response to neglect, trauma informed practice, neglect in the home, neglect and the links to child exploitation, hidden harm, and the living experiences of children. Evaluation forms praised the success of the conference with feedback from attendees stating the conference was useful as it has provided an opportunity to enhance knowledge, share views and develop thinking and raise awareness of local services and resources.

Feedback from partners was really positive and further details are available within this report:

Neglect-Conference-Report-.pdf (hullscp.co.uk)



[&]quot;Excellent day attending by so many partners".

[&]quot;A very informative and career enhancing day".

[&]quot;Really useful for identifying neglect and family narrative impact".

We encourage all practitioners to familiarise themselves with the HSCP Neglect Toolkit and The HSCP Neglect Guidance Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership:

Hull Neglect Toolkit

Safer Sleep Week 2024



This week marks the start of Safer Sleep Week 2024. Each year the campaign raises awareness of safer sleep practices for babies and reducing risky environments.

Integrated Specialist Public Health Nursing Service (ISPHNS) has developed new, easy-read Welcome to the World and Planning for New Baby cards. The new, accessible resources, include everything you need to know about safer sleep, to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Safer Sleep Advice & Support | Humber ISPHN

There are ways you can reduce risk when placing your baby in a separate sleep space such as a cot or Moses basket? A clear, flat space is a safe space. Lie them on their back, towards the bottom of the sleep space.

It is common for babies to come into bed with their parents, but it must be as safe as possible before doing so. Breastfeeding your baby also helps to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

If your baby is unwell, you may not want to place them to sleep on their back on a flat surface. However, sleeping on their back on a flat surface is still the safest way, even when they're suffering with congestion. Also remember, babies who are unwell need fewer, not more layers.

For more info:

The Lullaby Trust - Safer sleep for babies, Support for families

Safeguarding Week 2024



This year Safeguarding Week is taking place week commencing 24th June 2024. The week will focus on the vulnerability of babies and include learning opportunities on the revised Bruising and Injuries to Non-mobile Infants' policy, including important messages around keeping babies safe, such as ICON, safe sleep, and infant feeding techniques. This is an opportunity to share local learning, good practice, and raise awareness of policies, procedures, and services across the partnership. Further details and booking

information will be shared from the HSCP. For now, save the date and start thinking about how your organisation can take part throughout Safeguarding Week.

Honour Based Abuse, Forced Marriage and FGM webinar



Karma Nirvana delivered a 2 hour virtual training event on 'Building Confidence in identifying and Challenging Honour based abuse and Forced Marriage'. The training was attended by over 135 colleagues across the partnership.

Key messages from the training included the importance of safety planning for the victim, including the use of independent interpreters and ensuring there is a coordinated multi-agency response.

"The training was informative and thought provoking about the different complexities/barriers practitioners are dealing with when trying to safeguard victims"

Karma Nirvana have shared useful resources for practitioners which can be accessed here: <u>KN-Useful-Resources-2023-1.pdf</u> (hullscp.co.uk)

Karma Nirvana are proud to announce the release of "The Push," a compelling documentary shedding light on the tragic case of Fawziyah Javed. This is a 2-part series which is available for streaming on Channel 4.

The 6th February marked the International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). The HSCP delivered a 1 hour briefing on the revised FGM policy. This was attended by over 75 colleagues across the partnership. The HSCP Female Genital Mutilation policy can be accessed here: Female Genital Mutilation (trixonline.co.uk)





Neurodiversity Celebration Week



March 18 - 24, 2024

Neurodiversity Celebration Week (18th - 24th of March 2023) is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by providing schools, universities, and organisations with the opportunity to recognise the many talents and advantages of being neurodivergent, while creating more inclusive and equitable cultures that celebrate differences and empower every individual. Throughout the week the partnership be sharing information and resources on our Twitter page - @LSCPHull, to explore different areas of neurodiversity, focusing on a different theme each day to help raise awareness and understanding. For more information, please see the timetable below:

Neurodiversity is an umbrella term to describe different ways of thinking, processing, and interacting with the world around you. Commonly people may think of things such as Autism, ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), or dyslexia. However, there are many over neurodivergence's including Tourette's, dyspraxia, and sensory processing disorder.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week will be delivering free bite-size webinars, that colleagues can sign up to as seen below -

Monday 18 March 2024

- 9.30am to 10.30am An Introduction to Neurodiversity
- 11.30am to 1pm Neuro-inclusive Language and Communications
- 1.30pm to 3pm Neurodiversity We Don't All Fit into One Box!
- 3.30pm to 5pm Neurodiversity in Higher and Further Education

Tuesday 19 March 2024

- 8am to 8.45pm Neurodiversity at Work Q&A: Ask the Experts
- 9.30am to 11am Culture, Community and Class in Neurodiversity: Who Gets Left Behind?
- 12 noon to 1.30pm The Benefits of Neurodiversity in the Workplace
- 2.30pm to 4pm Creating a Neuro-inclusive Classroom
- 4.30pm to 6pm Neurodiversity: Fuelling Creative Minds

Wednesday 20 March 2024

- 8am to 8.45am Neurodiversity at Work Q&A: Ask the Experts
- 9.30am to 11am Neurodivergent and LGBTGIA+: The 'Double Rainbow' Intersection
- 12 noon to 1.30pm Connecting Classrooms to Careers: Neuro-inclusive Tech for Future Leaders
- 2.30pm to 4pm Neurodivergence isn't a Mental Health Problem
- 4.30pm to 6pm Understanding Neurodiversity as a Family

Thursday 21 March 2024

- 8am to 8.45am Neurodiversity at Work Q&A: Ask the Experts
- 9.30am to 11am Neurodiversity for HR Professionals
- 12 noon to 1.30pm Late Discovered Autism and Menopause
- 2.30pm to 4pm Empowering Yourself as a Neurodivergent Woman in the Workplace
- 6.30pm to 8pm Neurodiversity for Parents and Carers

Friday 22 March 2024

- 8am to 8.45am Neurodiversity at Work Q&A: Ask the Experts
- 9.30am to 11am Neurodiversity: Understanding Alternative Education Provision
- 12 noon to 1.30pm <u>The Experiences of Neurodivergent Women and Girls</u>
- 2.30pm to 4pm Global Perspectives: Neurodiversity around the World

• 4.30pm to 6pm - Good Practice for Neurodiversity Professionals

Further information and resources relating to neurodiversity can be found by accessing Neurodiversity Celebration Week's website: Neurodiversity Celebration Week (neurodiversityweek.com)

Humber Youth Action Group

Improving services for young people

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The Humber Youth Action Group (HYAG) has been developed to bring those aged 11-25 in Hull and the East Riding together with the goal of helping our organisation improve its <u>services for children and young people</u>.

Their virtual sessions take place every three weeks and are laid-back, fun and friendly. Those who join the group can meet other like-minded young people and come together to share their thoughts, feelings and experiences to help improve healthcare services for others.

The group have worked on various projects and created some resources aimed at young people, including domestic abuse services and support info: Domestic Abuse Services/Support for Young People (<a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/joung-people-to-the-business

Follow for more information here: Humber Youth Action Group

Please click on the video below for additional information:



National Child Exploitation Awareness Day - 18th March 2024

Led by the National Working Group, National Child Exploitation Awareness Day aims to highlight the issues surrounding Child Exploitation (CE); encouraging everyone to **think**, **spot and speak out against abuse** and adopt a zero-tolerance to adults developing inappropriate relationships with children or children exploiting and abusing their peers.

See the NWG website for information on how you can support the day.

It is Child Exploitation Awareness day on 18/03/2024, partners will be at Hull Station on Monday morning with information regarding support for CSE & CCE in the city to keep our children safe.

Cornerhouse are also running some free online training next week for #CEAday24

Please see the link below for more information and to book.





Free Trusted Adult training and resource guide for staff working with CYP across the Humber Region

The Humber and North Yorkshire Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Autism collaborative (ICS), in partnership with the Humber Violence Prevention Partnership, has developed a campaign to raise awareness of Trusted Adults for Children and Young People.

The Trusted Adult campaign will encourage Children and Young people to speak to adults they trust about any worries or concerns which maybe impacting on their mental health and wellbeing. There will also be access to training and resources for those who are in a position to be a trusted adult or have been identified by a young person as their trusted adult.

A trusted adult is chosen by the young person as a safe figure that listens without judgement, agenda, or expectation, but with the sole purpose of supporting and encouraging positivity within a young person's life. Trusted adults are not adults who have been assigned to young people through a formal programme, but instead are adults who young people have independently chosen to trust. Young people found trusted

adults in a range of settings, including in their local youth clubs or sports clubs, in pastoral teams in schools, in their extended family or in places of worship.

This campaign has been informed by the emerging evidence base that shows that having a trusted adult during adolescence is positively associated with improved health and education outcomes and reduce risk taking behaviour. This campaign has also been informed and developed through consultation and engagement with young people across the Humber Region.

Some of you will be experienced in the role as a trusted adult while some may want extra support.

With that in mind, the attached guide for staff that includes information and links to resources which you/your staff can use in the trusted adult role.

The courses available are:

- Understanding CYP Mental Health Half Day (online and Face to Face)
- Practical Approaches to Supporting CYP Mental Health Full Day (Face to Face)
- The Role of a Trusted Adult One Hour (Online)
- Understanding Adolescent Mental Health Half Day (online)
- Involving CYP facing Marginalisation and Barriers Half Day (online)

Please see the attachment for more info on courses and Eventbrite booking links where you can book a place directly

Young Minds Training for Trusted-Adults

Trusted Adults Guide

Intelligence sharing is changing



Since the PIF was made electronic within Humberside Police in the Summer of 2019, it has been an invaluable tool for the sharing of information and intelligence between partners and Humberside Police, as an example in July 2023 alone, 435 submissions were made, that's more than 14 per day!

The flow of intelligence from professional agencies is really important, as partner agencies speak to the public and have access to information that policing would not routinely be aware of. This is really important from both a risk sharing perspective and to ensure there is a joined up approach to identifying and tackling criminality.

As of **Monday 2nd October 2023**, the Partnership Intelligence Form (PIF) has moved from its old site to be a part of the new Community Partnership Intelligence (CPI) platform, an integrated part of the National Police 'Single Online Home' – a change that ensures all Police Force's internet sites look the same and offer the same type of information. The form will be renamed and will be known as Community Partnership Intelligence **(CPI)** rather than PIF.

The location of the new CPI It is:-

https://www.humberside.police.uk/partners/partner-services/community-partner-intelligence/community-partnership-intelligence/community-partnership-intelligence-form/

<u>Partner services | Humberside Police</u> – the Partner Services site, where the CPI will be housed permanently.

Thank you for the work that you do in highlighting intelligence opportunities—as the information passed to Policing helps us to manage risk, and keep people safe. The CPI Form will continue to be received direct into the Force Intelligence Bureau.

Please remember the CPI Form only informs **Humberside Police** of the information, not other agencies or internal partners.

Any attempt to submit a PIF will send an automatic redirect to the new site – so partners will be able to submit to the new site and it will be signposted for them.

Humberside Police become a Fostering Friendly Employer

Humberside Police have partnered with Hull Fostering and The Fostering Network to become a Fostering Friendly Employer.

The UK is currently experiencing a foster care crisis. The demand for homes for children and young people who have been placed into care far outweighs the number of available fostering households and foster carers. Nationally there is a shortage of around 9000 foster families and in the Hull City Council area alone there are currently around 800 children who have been taken into care who need and do not have a foster home (Hull Fostering, 2023).

Choosing to become a foster carer can make such a vital difference to a child or young person in need of a home, alongside having a significant impact on their future. Therefore, we have pledged our commitment to being a Fostering Friendly Employer and are today introducing our **Foster Carer's Leave Policy** to assist anyone who applies to become, or who is already approved as a foster carer.

The policy outlines the support provided by the force for time away from work in order to meet your required responsibilities as a foster carer, including attendance at assessments, training and child review meetings. This support is available to anyone who is going through approval to become, or who is already a foster carer with any registered foster care service.

If you are interested in becoming a foster carer you can find out more by using the links below:

- <u>Hull Fostering</u> Hull City Council's local specialist fostering service for individuals living in or within 30 miles of Hull.
- The Fostering Network the UKs leading fostering charity and membership organisation, who
 provide support, guidance and promote excellence in fostering nationally. They provide a list of
 registered fostering services across the country, which can be accessed via this <u>link</u>.

CYP Emotional & Mental Health Webinars



Dear partner, the Hull Thrive Partnership invite you and your colleagues to attend an information webinar about children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health.

Content of these webinars will include:

- How to promote good emotional wellbeing and mental health for our CYP.
- Provide an overview of the services that are available to support our CYP emotional wellbeing and mental health when more support is needed.

- Thresholds of needs.
- What support there is available for parent/carers emotional wellbeing and mental health.
- Hull's Thrive Training offer.

A webinar are scheduled for:

Wednesday 22 May 2024, 9.30-10.30am

Please note content will be repeated for all sessions, you only need to attend one.

Target Audience: Colleagues from Education, Early Help, Social Care, VCSE sector, Primary Care, Health.

Please book on via this link: https://forms.office.com/e/4SJuKCTfwv a calendar invite will be sent back to you to confirm your attendance.

Community and Commissioning Data Hub App

Building on the work of Northumbria Police and their Signpost of Services App (SOS), the Humber VPP/OPCC are working alongside Nutshell Software Limited to further develop the app so that it will give police officers, partner agency staff and commissioning staff unified and locally specific information on support services, programmes, and diversionary activities to facilitate effective signposting and referrals and enable better-informed future commissioning decisions across the Humber.

During the initial roll out phase it will enable Officers, whilst out and about, to be able to make a referral on behalf of any member of the public, if a need is identified and they agree to support but for whatever reason are struggling to do it themselves, essentially an 'aided' self-referral. This will support self-referrals to relevant agencies, whilst enabling those that would ordinarily struggle to make contact, make contact, and obtain the support they require. The hope is that this will later be rolled out to partner agency staff.

The project objectives are to:

- consolidate local information on services into a single version of the truth
- make information available to police officers and partner agency staff through an app to improve public contact and reduce follow-up work

- make information available to the public via a web-based directory of services
- make information available to commissioning staff for analysis and planning
- reduce time spent in disseminating and updating information by providing one place to hold all service and intervention data that can then be maintained by one organisation

We are now at a point where we need to collate the initial database of information about our local support services and diversionary activities within the Humber, to help populate the first iteration of the app.

To allow us to do this we need to collect some information from yourselves and/or services that you work with, this will ensure that the information available to service users is accurate once the app goes live. Therefore, we encourage you to share the link with other services, delivery partners and colleagues as appropriate.

If you have your own direct provision that you wish to be included in the data base for the app, please complete the MS Form, linked below. Please complete the form below (1 submission per service/activity offered)



Hull 0-19 Public Health Service

The Hull 0-19 IPHN Service is delivered and lead through the Healthy Child Programme. It offers a comprehensive programme of screening, developmental reviews, information, early intervention/prevention and health promotion guidance to support parenting and healthy choices which enhance a child or young person's life chances.

From the start of pregnancy through to a child reaching 19 years (25 years if SEND) the team offers all families support and advice. The IPHN Service aims to empower families to make informed and positive decisions about health.

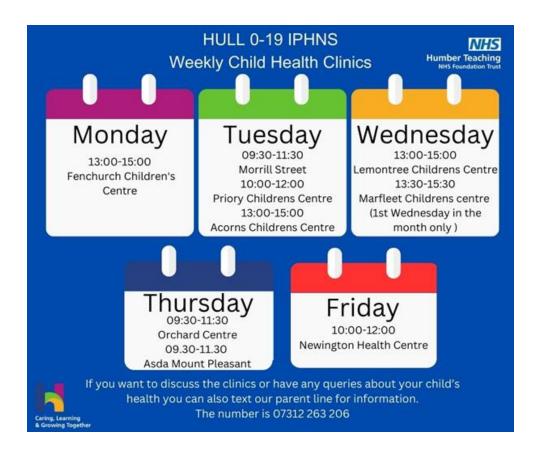
The Healthy Child Programme provides individual and tailored support to ensure that children receive appropriate referrals to specialist services and that families are signposted to wider support systems. The programme will ensure that each family receives support that is appropriate for their needs with the most vulnerable families receiving additional support in partnership with education and other agencies.

The Hull 0–19 service consists of specialist community public health nurses who are health visitors and school nurses who are supported by public health nurses, nursing associates, health and development practitioners, administration teams, specialist practitioners and infant feeding specialists.

The Hull 0–19 service work closely with other services and settings, including community midwives, GPs, children's centres, early years' settings, schools, and higher education settings. They also work closely with other agencies for children with complex health needs or special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to ensure they get the services and care they need.

They also run Universal Baby and 11-19 clinics across the city – please see the lists of the clinics included below

You can follow them on Facebook below:
Hull Health Visitors & School Nurses - IPHNS | Facebook



Securing the rights of our looked after children and care leavers



The Independent Monitoring Authority for the Citizens' Rights Agreements (IMA) has launched a review to find out what measures local government across the UK is taking to ensure eligible European Union (EU) and European Economic Area European Free Trade Association (EEA EFTA) looked after children and care leavers have their rights protected.

Following the UK's departure from the EU, all eligible citizens – including children – need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) to secure their rights in the UK.

The IMA, which monitors the rights of EU and EEA EFTA citizens is assessing whether local governments are upholding their statutory duties to support applications to the scheme for these children and care leavers.

Read more **here**

Family Hub Timetables

The **Family Hubs website** has lots of information to support families, along with staff and activities available at the 12 hubs in the city.

Please support the external launch of the website by visiting and sharing the website: **familyhubshull.org.uk**

For more information about activities taking place across Hull's Family Hubs please follow the link below:

Family Hubs – Family Hubs (familyhubshull.org.uk)

Easter Holidays 2024:

At Priory Family Hub, an Easter Family Fun Afternoon is taking place on Tuesday 26th March 2024 1-3.30pm at Purple Pig Farm. This will include activities such as:

Scrapstore

Hull City Council

- Easter Craft
- Planting Activity
- Baby Area in Sensory Room
- Bouncy Castle

Packed Lunches will be provided to children on arrival and parents are welcome to bring lunch with them.

For more information please see contact details for Priory Family Hub on the below link:

Family Hubs - Family Hubs (familyhubshull.org.uk)

HENRY programme supports Hull families with children aged from 0 to 11



Everyone wants the best for their children, but it can be hard to know what to do as a parent. That's where HENRY comes in. The HENRY programme is an 8-week programme for parents and carers with children aged 0-5 and 5-11 delivered across <u>Hull's Family Hubs</u>. The HENRY programme is free to join and helps you give your child the best possible start in life. Courses are delivered in person at local Family Hubs, local venues and online which can be accessed via phone, tablet, and laptop.

More information can be found here Read more

EHASH Numbers



The Early Help and Safeguarding Hub (EHASH) team are currently experiencing a high number of calls which are not EHASH related.

In order to help us answer calls in a timely manner, we are asking all staff and partners to please only call the EHASH line if it is in relation to a concern or worry for a child that does not have an allocated worker.

Also, where possible, please use the portal on the HCC website to make the relevant referral, if a discussion with a social worker is not required.

To access the portal please follow the link below: https://www.hull.gov.uk/children-and-families/safeguarding-and-welfare/worried-about-child

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Worried about a Child?

EHASH - 01482 448879 - Monday - Friday Emergency Duty Team (Out of Hours) - 01482 300304 In an emergency please ring 999





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