



Welcome to the WSSCB Email Bulletin April 2019



"Spring is in the air.... and it heralds a change for the WSSCB".

What do you need to know? The WSSCB will cease to operate at the end of June 2019. A new Partnership comprised of multi-agencies in West Sussex and beyond will work together to safeguard children and promote their wellbeing.

Why is this happening? The Department for Education published revised guidance on 4th July 2018 which abolished the requirement to have a Local Safeguarding Children Board. Local authority areas are required to develop a new framework to safeguard children. Every area must publish their revised arrangements no later than 29th June 2019 and implement these arrangements within 3 months of their publication date.

What does this mean for my agency? We will keep you updated as the changes come into force over the summer period. In the interim please contact the team if you have any questions about the new arrangements.

There are **still places available** on the [Coping With a Crying Baby - A session for Foster Carers](#).

If you are a foster carer or your role involves supporting foster carers please forward the above link on. Please note you will need a Learning & Development Gateway User Account. Click [here](#) to find an easy step by step guide on how to do this.





With busy lives it can be easy for parents and carers to want to multi task in order to get things done. Feeding a baby encourages a positive attachment through the use of eye contact and communication and most importantly provides supervision to ensure the baby does not choke and stays safe throughout the feed. If a bottle is propped up by an object such as a rolled up blanket, this poses a potentially fatal

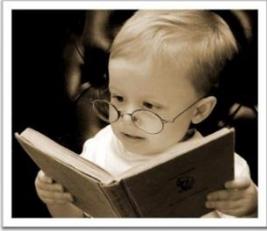
risk of choking. Please share this important message with parents and carers and challenge it promptly if you see this happening. Parents and carers may not realise this is an extremely dangerous practice, so use the conversation as an opportunity to promote safety and also encourage good practice around promoting a positive attachment between carer and child.



Identifying and acting on concerns around **neglect** is still something that many workers find a challenge. If you are referring in to the MASH involving neglect you will be prompted to complete an Neglect Identification Measurement Tool (NIMT). The WSSCB provide Neglect training for professionals to enhance knowledge around this often challenging aspect of safeguarding and the day provides opportunities to explore different situations, identify risk and the use of valuable resources to support your work including the NIMT. Click [here](#) to view the WSSCB training calendar. More dates for this training will be coming soon so watch this space! You can also click [here](#) to view the NIMT. There is a Word version of this document available, which can be completed electronically.



Just a reminder that the WSSCB **no longer provide refreshments** during training courses. Please make sure you bring your own or arrive at the venue early enough to visit the onsite café to purchase a drink before the course starts.



Please make sure you **read** the [WSSCB Charging & Cancellation Policy](#) before you book onto any WSSCB training course. If you are an early years setting please note that WSSCB training courses are NOT included as part of your Early Years subscription package. You are more than welcome to attend any of our training, however you will be charged accordingly.



If you work in a school and are looking for some specific training, particularly around the role of the **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** this can now be found on the West Sussex Service for Schools platform. Click [here](#) to view this.



If you are looking for **resources and toolkits** to use with children and young people aged 11 years and above as well as with parents, Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) have some great resources. Click [here](#) to view the range.

Kind Regards,

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