

Welcome to the WSSCB Email Bulletin May 2019



As some of you may be aware, the West Sussex Safeguarding Children Board will be publishing its new arrangements shortly. To provide you with a general understanding around why the changes are taking place, what they will look like and what this means for

you and your organisation, a **SPECIAL BULLETIN** will be sent out, which you will receive. Keep an eye on your inbox and also on the [WSSCB website](#).



The Department for Education (DfE) has launched a national programme to protect children at risk of exploitation in England. The programme will be led by a team of academics and experts and will bring together education, health, social care, the police and the voluntary sector. You can read more about this on the NSPCC website by clicking [here](#)

There is also a **child exploitation disruption toolkit** for professionals working with children in the UK. This resource sets out key legislation that can be used to disrupt the criminal and sexual exploitation of children and includes best practice guidance on information sharing and multi-agency working. Click [here](#) to view this toolkit and other resources you may find useful around child exploitation.



podcast



The NSPCC has published a new episode of its fortnightly child protection **podcast** series, looking at The Lighthouse, a multi-agency service for children and young people who have experienced any form of sexual abuse, including exploitation. The team discuss how The Lighthouse was established, the range of

multi-agency services available and how children are consulted to help develop the service. Click [here](#) to find out more. Podcasts can be a really time efficient way to improve your knowledge. You can download a podcast app to your phone and listen in the car, taking the dog for a walk or just at home!



If you are part of a **faith group** and are looking to access WSSCB training you may be having trouble booking a place on one of our courses. This is down to your organisation coming under “public” in the list of sectors and our training is not open to the public. We are still working with the Learning & Development Gateway to rectify this, so in the meantime please contact me directly at Lucy.Short@westsussex.gov.uk and I will support you in securing a place.

Would you be interested in coming along to a one or two hour surgery style session to **find out more** about a specific safeguarding topic? We are always looking for new ways to get information to workers in a way that fits with busy schedules and job roles. This could include a subject expert being available for questions or a short briefing session on a Serious Case Review (SCR) for example. If there is a specific safeguarding topic you want to find out more about please email me directly by simply replying to this email.



Working to keep children safe online is a responsibility we all have and it is always useful to have tools and resources that support you as workers as well as parents and carers in doing so.

Minecraft is a popular game amongst many children and the NSPCC have some information and advice on how to keep children safe with this game specifically. Click [here](#) to read more.





The challenges around having potential **difficult conversations** with children and young people about staying safe is often discussed by workers across the sectors. Many are worried about asking the wrong questions or “compromising potential evidence” with leading questions. Click [here](#) to read more.



The link below is to a short survey regarding **Contextual Safeguarding**. Completion of this survey will help inform the future roll out of Contextual Safeguarding learning and practice development.

[TAKE ME TO THE SURVEY](#)

Please also forward to colleagues and your wider networks to complete so that as many responses as possible can be gathered. If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to contact Claire.Clilverd@WestSussex.gov.uk



There is currently some work being carried out to identify who may be interested in becoming a Single Point of Contact (SPOC)

regarding **modern slavery**. To give you some idea of the responsibilities around this role here are some headlines -

The Role of the Modern Slavery Single Point of Contact

A Modern Slavery (SPOC) will be the allocated point of contact for cases of slavery and human trafficking within an organisation or department, where information is time-sensitive and accuracy is important.

Role and Responsibilities

- Completing a 2 hr training session on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking including how the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) process works.
- Disseminating and sharing briefing documents and resources to colleagues/staff teams.
- Helping colleagues who may not routinely come across modern slavery recognise the signs and respond so that more victims get help and perpetrators are brought to justice.
- Guiding staff on how to complete an NRM referral or MS1, if they do not give consent when appropriate, where 'First Responder' duty applies.

- Providing information and guidance to staff on local support services and agencies within West Sussex who are actively involved in supporting victims.

If you are interested in this voluntary role and would like to find out more please contact Guy.Pace@westsussex.gov.uk or Lucy.Short@westsussex.gov.uk



Is there any information from your organisation that you would like included in the next email bulletin?

Contact me directly by email – Lucy.Short@westsussex.gov.uk
(Unfortunately we are unable to advertise job vacancies)

Kind Regards,

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