



Welcome to the WSSCB Email Bulletin March 2019

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Multi-agency working

The NSPCC has pulled together best practice about multi-agency working highlighted in analyses of case reviews across the UK and Ofsted's analysis of joint targeted area inspection (JTAI) reports in England. Key points include: everyone who works with children has a responsibility to share any information that has a bearing on a child's welfare as early as possible; put processes in place to make it as easy as possible for frontline practitioners to work together and build trusting relationships; establish a clear language around risk and vulnerability factors. Click on the link below:

Source: [NSPCC Learning: multi-agency working](#) **Date:** 19 February 2019

Keeping up to date with safeguarding information can be tricky and with our lives becoming increasingly busy it is often hard to fit reading and online training into our daily schedules. Podcasts can be a really time efficient way to find out new information, explore different topics and generally keep up to date with new ideas and conversations. There are some really good podcasts available around safeguarding which can be played whilst travelling, walking or at home. Click [here](#) to find out more about various podcasts by Jim Gamble, the former chief executive of the Child Exploitation Online Protection (CEOP) Centre. The Contextual Safeguarding Network also has some really interesting podcasts, so click [here](#) for more information on these. Please feel free to get in touch with information on any others you find useful!



Healthy sleep is as important as healthy eating and regular exercise and sleep is vital for growth, development, learning and health.

Learn more about sleep by playing The Sleep Game, now with supporting training materials by clicking [here](#) - this is an interactive board game that helps people working with children understand sleep and its importance to children's development. Further information about the Sleep Game and Sleep Well free online Sleep training modules that will be available soon for professionals and parents via the West Sussex Learning Gateway is available on the Local Offer. Click [here](#) to find out more.

2019 EPIC Awards for Exceptional People in Care

West Sussex Children in Care Council and Care Leavers Forum are hosting the eighth EPIC Award Ceremony to celebrate the achievements of West Sussex Children Looked After and Care Leavers. Last year, over 400 young people and their guests attended the EPIC Awards and we hope to see even more great people later this year. The benefit of your involvement is to champion Children Looked After, as part of our work to raise aspiration and achievement. There is also an opportunity to have a display at this high profile event, to promote opportunities for young people's engagement and employment. If you are able to make a contribution or have any suggestions for the young people who are planning the event, please email

epic.awards@westsussex.gov.uk. We are also looking for major sponsors who would be willing to sponsor one of our categories for the awards – **Big Hearts, Big Talents, Big Thinkers** and **Big Strength**. We would include your organisation and logo in our publicity and programme.

Here's to making the EPIC Awards even better in 2019!

The last **Stay Safe** awareness raising / information session for 2019/20 is taking place next Tuesday (26th March) at Maybridge Keystone Community Centre, Raleigh Way, Worthing BN12 6JD.



The session has been set up primarily for youth and community groups, however as it is our last session and we have greater capacity at the venue, I can offer **12 free places** to practitioners who may benefit from an introductory overview on the following agendas: Preventing Radicalisation, Online Safety and Child Sexual Exploitation.

If you have, or know staff who would benefit from this opportunity, they can book a space online via the Eventbrite link below:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stay-safe-workshop-for-youth-community-groups-tickets-52082416911?janus_fv=exp_eb_86972_related_events_v2%3DA



Vulnerable Young People

Croydon Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) has published a thematic review based on the experiences of 60 vulnerable young people identified by local agencies. Findings include: early help and prevention is critical; greater recognition and response to children's emotional health and wellbeing is needed; an integrated, whole system approach is needed across agencies, communities and families; and schools need to be equipped to respond to the challenges presented by children with high risk behaviour and central to multi-agency service provision. Click on the links below.

Source: [Croydon LSCB](#) **Date:** 01 March 2019

Further information: [Vulnerable adolescents thematic review \(PDF\)](#)

Schools and Knife Crime

Ofsted has published findings from a research project into knife crime and safeguarding children and young people in education in London. Recommendations from the research in 29 schools, colleges and pupil referral units (PRUs) include: local community safety partnerships should involve schools in developing and implementing strategies to address serious youth violence; the Department for Education (DfE) should collect data about the managed moves of children between schools; safeguarding partners should involve schools in assessing and responding to local needs; schools should share full information with one another when children move between education settings; and schools should consider how their personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE) curriculum reflects local issues, including knife crime. Click on the links below to find out more.

Source: [Ofsted](#) **Date:** 12 March 2019



Further information: [Safeguarding children and young people in education from knife crime: lessons from London \(PDF\)](#)

Calling all foster carers! There is 2 hour training on 14th May in Horsham which will support you in developing a better understanding around the effects of abusive head trauma on the child and the impact on the family. Please also share this training information if you are a professional who works with or supports foster carers. Click [here](#) for more information, or log onto the [Learning & Development Gateway](#). If you do not yet have an account click [here](#) to find out how to request one.



Think U Know have produced some **new materials** to support children aged 4-7 years.

Jessie & Friends is a three-episode animated series which aims to equip 4-7 year olds with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to help them stay safe from sexual abuse and other risks they may encounter online. Click [here](#) to read more.



Take a look at the WSSCB **Training Calendar**. All sessions are multi-agency (unless otherwise stated) and provide you with a multi-agency learning environment where you can find out how other agencies safeguard the children and young people they work with and also how safeguarding roles can differ across agencies. They are also excellent opportunities to network with other professionals! Click [here](#) to view the WSSCB training calendar.

Please be aware that from April, WSSCB courses that take place in West Sussex County Council buildings may not be able to include refreshments during breaks. We always try to book training in venues where refreshments are able to be purchased from an onsite café or close by. Please bear with us whilst we consider how this can be resolved in future WSSCB training.





Do you have anything that you feel would be good to share in the next WSSCB email bulletin? Please let me know by emailing me directly on Lucy.Short@westsussex.gov.uk

Kind Regards,

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