

Welcome to the WSSCB Email Bulletin February 2019

The **Gillick competency** and **Fraser**


guidelines help people who work with children to balance the need to listen to children's wishes with the responsibility to keep them safe. When workers are looking to decide whether a child is mature enough to make decisions, they often talk about whether the child is 'Gillick competent' or whether they meet the 'Fraser guidelines'. This includes discussions around gender identity. To read more about this click [here](#).




Did you know?

TRAINING INFO!

There are lots of WSSCB training sessions currently on offer. Here are just a few.....

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- Child Sexual Abuse – This is a 1 day course delivered by a professional who is a subject expert in this area.
 - Safer Sleeping Messages for Babies (under 6 months)
 - Children & Young People Who present with Harmful Sexual Behaviour
 - MORE DATES FOR WORKING TOGETHER TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN AND WORKING TOGETHER TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN REFRESHER COMING SOON
 - **For information on all WSSCB courses click [here](#)**

SAVE THE DATE! - TUESDAY APRIL 9TH



2019 The WSSCB is working in partnership with the **Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse** to deliver 2 workshops around Child Sexual Abuse (CSA). Each workshop will be 3 hours long and will explore different aspects of CSA. Practitioners can attend one or both of these interactive sessions, depending on learning needs. More information will be published shortly, including how to request a place.

Please be aware that WSSCB training is **not** included in the **Early Years subscription package** available to Early Years settings. It is the responsibility of the individual booking onto the course to ensure that they have read the full conditions of the training. Unfortunately you will be charged accordingly if you attend and expect WSSCB training to be included as part of your subscription. All Early years staff are most welcome to attend any WSSCB training as all of our training provides excellent opportunities to be part of a multi-agency environment and get involved in safeguarding discussions with a wide range of organisations. To view the WSSCB Charging Policy click [here](#).



The WSSCB carry out a number of **Serious Case Reviews** (SCRs) which each come with their own learning. Each SCR will have several learning points, designed to inform the practice of workers and to prevent a similar incident from happening again in the future. These learning points support practitioners in their knowledge, understanding and practice of safeguarding and provide opportunities for Managers and Team leaders to reflect on current practice and explore potential ways of improving the way systems work, how processes are carried out and also whether change needs to happen. The WSSCB website is regularly being updated with SCR Learning so please check back to see if new learning handouts have been added. Click [here](#) to view this page on our website.

**Serious
Case
Review
Learning**

Does your organisation have a room that the WSSCB could use for training? We are always on the lookout for training venues. If you have a room available for approximately 20-30 people and you are able to offer it to the WSSCB in return for some negotiable free training places please contact me at lucy.short@westsussex.gov.uk. I look forward to hearing from you!



Sussex Prisoners' Families have published their 1st newsletter, which has lots of interesting information on forums, Tampax tax community fund, training available as well as a range of contact details. Click [here](#) to view this newsletter.



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