

Welcome to the WSSCP Email Bulletin July 2020



For the latest COVID-19 advice click on the links below:
[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK](#)
[Guidance for Teachers, School Leaders, Carers, Parents and Students](#)
[Implementing Effective Measures in Education & Childcare Settings](#)



Many families are staying at home and spending more time in their own garden as well as public places such as the beach or visiting friends who may have paddling pools or hot tubs. Many parents and carers are unaware of the danger posed by even the shallowest of water. Please share these key messages with the families you are working with and alert them to the dangers of uncovered hot tubs, ponds, paddling pools and supervising children at the beach. Children love to explore and can wander out of sight in seconds. Click on the link below to view the Water Safety Poster that can be displayed or sent to parents electronically.

[Water Safety Advice Flyer](#)

The new WSSCP website is now live and adheres to Accessibility requirements due to come into force from September. This enables as many people as possible to access our website and its content. We have made our content and design clear and simple so that the vast majority of people can access it without having to adapt it. The layout is more user friendly and content is still grouped in a similar way. Take a look by clicking on the link below:

www.westsussexscp.org.uk



If you are involved in a multi-agency meeting and are concerned about decisions that are made in terms of safety for the child it is important to not only know about the WSSCP Escalation Policy but also be confident to challenge at the time. Challenging decisions is a healthy part of safeguarding practice and this should be encouraged by all, regardless of who is challenging who in terms of perceived level of authority/responsibility or whether you are the only person who feels the decision made is the wrong one. To find out more about the Escalation Process click on the links below:

[Escalation Process](#)

[Escalation Policy Slides](#) (to share in team meetings or during supervision)



In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Barnardo's, in partnership with The Department for Education (DfE), will be delivering a new and innovative programme across England that coordinates a dynamic sector response. For more information click on the link below;

[See Hear Respond - Supporting Information for Referral Partners](#)



Professional Curiosity is a skill that is key to good practice in safeguarding. The WSSCP will be delivering a new webinar designed to look at how to be professional curious within your practice. The session will look at the potential barriers to professional curiosity, how to overcome these, pathways to sharing your concerns and also how to support children and their families effectively whilst having the confidence to ask often difficult questions. Resources will also be available to support your professional curiosity including Practice Points, a set of slides to share in team meetings or supervision sessions and as part of your professional development. More information on how to book your place will be available shortly and will appear on the WSSCP Training Calendar page. Click on the link below to view the Training Calendar page;

[WSSCP Training Calendar](#)



If you have any information that you would like included in future email bulletins please do not hesitate to contact me directly at Lucy.Short@westsussex.gov.uk

Kind Regards,

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