

**Welcome to the WSSCP**

**Email Bulletin**

**January 2021**

**Free training to help workers spot signs of child abuse**

West Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership has joined forces with the NSPCC to encourage workers who access people’s homes to take free, 15 minute online training to help them spot possible signs of child abuse and neglect.

Following another national lockdown, we have teamed up with safeguarding partnerships in East Sussex and Brighton to promote the NSPCC’s ‘It’s Your Call’ training by clicking on the link below. Delivery drivers, postal workers, gas engineers, housing and maintenance staff, taxi drivers, council staff and other workers who continue to visit people’s homes and are well placed to spot any concerns are asked to take the quick, interactive training to help keep children in West Sussex safe.

  The 15-minute interactive e-learning course is free until 31 March 2021 and will help workers to:

* Recognise the signs of possible child abuse and neglect
* Report concerns either through your work channels, the NSPCC helpline or, if the concern is urgent, the police
* Support those who may have already witnessed signs of child abuse and provide advice

To complete the training click here- [**It's Your Call training**](https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/training/safeguarding-awareness-course?utm_source=BrightonHoveCouncil&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=BC4390*&utm_content=IYC+IYC_Promo+Jan21&ac=)



A single front door for all Children, Families and Partners wishing to contact Children’s Services in West Sussex is being introduced on **29th January 2021**

Currently all telephone enquiries for social care are received through our customer service centre and then sent to our Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) for processing. For Early Help, enquiries are reviewed via locality teams. All referrals and general email enquiries are received directly into the MASH.

In the new way of working all enquiries/referrals for both Social Care and Early Help will come through our single front door referred to as the Integrated Front Door (IFD), this will be the only public contact point for Early Help and Children’s Social Care.  The IFD for West Sussex Children Services will ensure that all enquiries and referrals are triaged upon receipt and directed to the appropriate service to support with the query, providing a seamless process with children receiving a service proportionate to their needs in a timely way.

To read the full details click on the link below:

<https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/children-services-improvement-updates-integrated-front-door>



We are currently working to improve the WSSCP website to make it more user friendly and easier to find the information you are searching for. You can still access everything you need as normal, but we hope you will find the updated layout easier to manage and navigate your way round.



                     We have some new training sessions coming up in the next few

 months. These include

* Improving Outcomes for Looked After Children
* The Role of the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)
* Working with Young Women & Girls affected by Gangs and County Lines
* Serious Case Review Briefings
* Threshold Document Awareness sessions.

                    Click on the link below to view more details as they become available.

<https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/professionals/training/training-calendar>

                    If you are booked onto a WSSCP Training course and are then unable

 to attend, please cancel your place to allow others to use the space.

 This is just as important in virtual training, as places are still limited.

 Please be aware that if you do not turn up to training you have booked,

 or cancel within 10 days of the training date you will be charged a non

 attendance fee as set out in the

 [WSSCP Charging & Cancellation Policy](https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/professionals/training/training-booking). This is also available to read at

 the time of booking on the Learning & Development Gateway. Thank

 you for your understanding.



                   ICON is designed to prevent abusive head trauma. This is a brilliant

 resource for professionals to share key messages with parents to be /

parents and carers around how to cope if your baby cries. There is lots

of information on our website, including tools and resources to share

with families which explain the importance of having a better

understanding of why your baby may be crying and also asking for help

and support. Click on the link below to view these resources:

          [https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/professionals/working-with families/keeping-babies-safe-useful-information-and-icon](https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/professionals/working-with%20families/keeping-babies-safe-useful-information-and-icon)

                    Dadpad is now live across West Sussex and is an app aimed at Dads

 and male carers to support them in understanding and learning about

 caring for a baby. Topics included in the app:

* The Midwifery Service and Health Visiting team
* Feeding your baby
* Safer sleeping
* Holding your baby
* Cleaning your baby
* Getting to know your baby
* Home safety
* Support available
* Child development
* Parenting advice and support
* First Aid

All information is specific to West Sussex so Dads and male carers can

find information that applies to their local area and also can get in touch

 with services that can help and support them. To find out more about Dadpad click on the link below:

 [https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/professionals/working-with families/keeping-babies-safe-useful-information-and-icon](https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/professionals/working-with%20families/keeping-babies-safe-useful-information-and-icon)



The following video is being shared to inform professionals and is a short clip highlighting drug exploitation. This clip is best viewed in MS Chrome and around 8 mins long. View “What’s in Your Pocket?” by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k53BTi-X7lI>



We ask for feedback at the end of every training session and use this to change and/or enhance future training sessions. Here are some        comments we have received about training -

**“The content was excellent - being able to use an actual scenario to try out the Professional question / curiosity was useful. The honesty in recognising how difficult this may be at times was also refreshing.” - it gave useful examples instead of a 'statement' “– Professional Curiosity training**

**What did you learn? –**

**“Howes model of neglect as a tool for recognition, assessment and as a common language with other practitioners. The importance of capturing the voice of the child to understand their lived experience. Using this to inform planning and decision making. Knowing where to find tools to use for this. Some ideas for creative ways to capture the child's voice. To avoid drift and delay”.  – Neglect training**

**“Identifying the barriers to using your curiosity, what can cause them and how to overcome them”.**

**– Professional Curiosity training**



The local charity, Horsham Matters has been commissioned to provide fuel support to children and families across West Sussex.  Please see contact details below and share with your colleagues to make them aware of this service.





If you have any information that you would like to share in a future newsletters please email me directly using the email below.

Kind Regards,

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