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**Welcome to the WSSCP**

**Email Bulletin**

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[CAPT - Button Batteries Information](https://www.capt.org.uk/button-battery-safety?utm_source=Child+Accident+Prevention+Trust&utm_campaign=932153c3fb-Button_batteries_MainDB_OPSS1&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_07d0f347c0-932153c3fb-162544541&mc_cid=932153c3fb&mc_eid=dc72585808)



**Children and families who move across Safeguarding Children Partnership Boundaries**

At any stage of working with a child and their family, the parents/carers and/or the child may move to a different Local Authority area. It is important that professionals from all agencies know what to do when families move. Time and time again Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (formally SCRs) have shown us the importance of effective case transfer when families move. Reviews too often highlight missed notifications of moves between authorities, confusion over ‘responsibility and ownership’ of such cases, as well as how key information can be ‘lost’ between transfers which can lead to a ‘start again’ approach.

Last month the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman published investigation findings from a cross border child protection case involving a teenager who, when living in Kent, reported serious sexual abuse that took place when living in Croydon. The Ombudsman’s investigation found neither council took responsibility, nor worked together to safeguard the child . **Read the news story and full report here:** [Councils urged to learn from Ombudsman investigation into child abuse complaint](http://email.nspcc.org.uk/c/15HlHlxKL2KbEB4uHiJgtIjvW)

The Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnerships have created a new [Children and families who move across Safeguarding Children Partnership Boundaries Procedure](https://sussexchildprotection.procedures.org.uk/ykyzph/working-with-children-and-families/children-and-families-who-move-across-safeguarding-children-partnership-boundaries#s5036) to clarify existing procedures and practice when families move to a different Local Authority area.

The new procedure addresses transfer of case responsibility for Children in need, Children on Child Protection Plans, Children in Care, Children subject to statutory orders, and a variety of other circumstances, such as children who move in the middle of s47 enquiries.

Please do familiarise yourself with the new procedure to support consistently effective case transfers across the region, and beyond.



**Are you a survivor or victim of church related abuse? Could you help the Diocese of Chichester to learn from the past and protect the future?**

In line with the national Past Case Review 2 (PCR2) project in the Church of England, the Diocese of Chichester is currently reviewing all its records, across all its parishes, to ensure that all safeguarding concerns and allegations have been identified, reported, and appropriately actioned. Critical to this, is the voice of survivors and victims. The Diocese of Chichester wants to listen to and to learn from your experiences and ensure that your voices are heard throughout this review process.

*Information about PCR2 can be found using the following link:* [***Past Case Review 2 (PCR2) - Diocese of Chichester Safeguarding (anglican.org)***](https://safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org/past-case-review-2/)

**Coming forward**

Anybody who would like to give information or make disclosures about church-related abuse is asked to contact Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Colin Perkins [Colin.perkins@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:Colin.perkins@chichester.anglican.org) or telephone 01273 421021

For anyone who would rather not contact the diocese directly, an independent helpline has also been opened for survivors of church-related abuse in the UK, which is operated by the **NSPCC: 0800 802020**. Anyone can use the helpline to provide information or to raise concerns regarding abuse within a Church of England context.

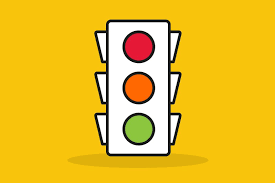
Both the diocese and the NSPCC will be able to assist people coming forward with where they can access appropriate advice and support.

**Building the safest community we can**

Bishop Martin, Diocesan Bishop for the Diocese of Chichester explains why we are doing this: “The main purpose of this review is to ensure that any allegation against current or former church officers has received a proper response. It is a project that requires and demands our diligent attention.

“We all recognise the importance of being as sure as possible that all known instances of concern have been properly addressed. Additionally, it is an opportunity to ensure that all safeguarding casework across the Diocese is being properly managed, and it is a crucial step in ensuring safety and building confidence.

“Survivors and victims’ voices are critical in this review. The care and support offered is of the high quality that people rightly deserve, so I urge you to please come forward. “

[](https://www.google.co.uk/imgres?imgurl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.brook.org.uk%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2020%2F12%2Fbrook-tlt-icon_crop.jpg&imgrefurl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.brook.org.uk%2Fproduct%2Ftraffic-light-tool%2F&tbnid=JV8QLC0YI046JM&vet=12ahUKEwiCkqXm7f_uAhUC8IUKHWGwCksQMygWegUIARDGAQ..i&docid=0YtH83eDqbNJSM&w=799&h=531&q=Brooke%20Traffic%20light%20tool&safe=strict&ved=2ahUKEwiCkqXm7f_uAhUC8IUKHWGwCksQMygWegUIARDGAQ)The Brooke Traffic Light tool is used by many professionals to understand and respond to sexual behaviours. There is training on this tool which is available by clicking on the link below. There is a cost implication and once practitioners have completed the training they can access a digital version of the tool for 2 years. The tool is only to be used by the individual who completed the training.

To find out more click on the link below:

[Find out more about the Brooke Traffic Light tool](https://www.brook.org.uk/product/traffic-light-tool/)

Safe in Sussex is a registered charity providing help and support for people affected by Domestic Abuse across West Sussex and they are hoping to reach as many adults in West Sussex as possible, who may be experiencing Domestic Abuse.  Many people will be struggling in their homes with the added pressure and challenges faced due to the Covid19 pandemic and Safe in Sussex want to ensure that professionals are aware of their Helpline and Webchat for support. Click on the link below to view the poster which details the support available and ways to contact them:

[Safe in Sussex Poster](https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Safe-In-Sussex-Help-POSTER.jpg)

Guy Pace, who is the Prevention and Intervention Lead Officer in the WSCC Community Safety & Wellbeing Team would like to draw your attention to the forthcoming sessions being provided by the Children’s Society on the back of another successful relaunch of their #LookCloser Campaign.

There are 2 workshops available specifically aimed at staff in Children’s Social Care around best practice for those completing the National Referral Mechanism (NRM).

The sessions will provide a detailed exploration of: how to complete the NRM to a high standard, submissions, and appeals (reconsideration process). The workshops are taking place on  the 2nd and 4th of March. Click below to view these:

[Book a place on 2nd March session](https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/NRM-Writing-Workshop-Best-Practice-for-Completing-the-NRM-and-Reconsideration-Requests.ics)

[Book a place on 4th March session](https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/NRM-Writing-Workshop-Best-Practice-for-Completing-the-NRM-and-Reconsideration-Requests-Choice-2.ics)

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Kind Regards,

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