



WELCOME to the WSSCB Broadcast Email

1. New Independent Chair

WSSCB is delighted to welcome Elaine Coleridge Smith as Independent Chair of the LSCB. Elaine is a very experienced Chair; over a period of 6 years she has chaired Slough, Bracknell forest and Milton Keynes LCSB and has just been appointed as Chair of the Surrey LCSB. Elaine's professional background is within the Health Sector. She has a strong collaborative approach and an impressive record of improvement. We look forward to working with her from January 2016.

2. Review of LSCB's

The Prime Minister issued a press statement on improvements in children's services and outlined plans for a review of LSCB's on Monday 14th December 2015 which can be found [here](#).

3. CSE Screening Tool and Risk Assessment Guidance

If you are a professional making a referral for a child or young person who is at risk of CSE, you might find it helpful to use Part A of the CSE Screening Tool. This is not mandatory, so please do not delay in making a referral, however using Part A of the tool may assist you in being clear about the key areas of concern and the level of risk.

The full Risk Assessment (Part B) is completed by the child's social worker or lead professional and will inform the support the child receives. To ensure the assessment of the child's level of risk is robust the worker will need to

gather a full picture of their circumstances. Please help them in this by sharing any information you have that is required within the Risk Assessment with the CAP when making your referral.

- [CSE Screening Tool and Risk Assessment Guidance](#)

4. County Council unites on 'Zero Tolerance' against FGM

West Sussex County Councillors have united in speaking out against the crime of Female Genital Mutilation. A motion, proposed by Cllr Duncan Crow, was passed unanimously at a meeting of the full Council on 11th December.

The motion stated: "West Sussex County Council supports the campaign against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and in doing so, asks the Leader to ensure commitment to protecting all girls in West Sussex from all types of abuse by raising awareness of FGM through schools and public information; collaborating across agencies to ensure those affected are provided with the right support, and understanding that lasting change in relation to this issue needs to come from within our communities.

"We also call on the Cabinet to approve and adopt a Charter for zero tolerance of Female Genital Mutilation in West Sussex and support 'Unite to End Violence Against Women', the United Nation's General-Secretary's campaign which aims to raise public awareness and increase political will and resources for preventing all forms of violence against women and girls in all parts of the world."

More information about the proposal can be found [here](#).

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