

Welcome to the WSSCP Email Bulletin January 2020



Happy
New Year

Welcome to the 1st email bulletin of 2020 and as usual it is packed full of **safeguarding information** which I hope you find both informative and useful to your practice. If you have any information that you feel would be useful to share with others and include in future bulletins, please email me directly at Lucy.Short@westsussex.gov.uk



Safeguarding Month Feedback


Did you attend an event during **Safeguarding Month**? If so, we hope you found it full of useful information to enhance and improve your practice and had the opportunity to network with other professionals from a wide range of agencies across the County.

Over **260** people attended a event during the month of November and the feedback from the various events was really positive. Here are some of the comments –

- “I will spend more time considering how it is for the child – Is it good enough”?
- “The information provided on Domestic Abuse and MASH were relevant to me and have helped to embed this info in the new role I have just started”
- “Safe in Sussex and Substance Abuse presentations were both excellent”
- “This was the best Safeguarding event so far”
- “The information from today will help me to better support parents”

You can access the presentation slides from the Early Help Safeguarding Awareness Days by clicking on this link - [Presentations from Early Help Safeguarding Awareness Days](#)

TRAINING ALERT!!



With gang crime rarely out of the headlines, it is an issue that is concerning for both parents and professionals. The WSSCP are delighted to be able to offer 5 sessions of Gang Crime and Youth Violence training, that have been commissioned by our Health partners. Each session is 4 hours long and will provide workers with an awareness of push and pull factors of becoming a member of a gang, the range of resources available

to you as workers, as well as the opportunity to ask questions about this extremely challenging subject. To find a session nearest to you click on the link below;

[Gang Crime and Youth Violence Training](#)

LEARNING EVENT!

Tuesday 25 February 2020 – 9am – 3:30pm

At the Charmendean Centre, Worthing

This free learning event is for Professionals working directly with families in West Sussex.

This learning event is an opportunity to find out about the progress within the Reducing Parental Conflict and Alcohol Dependency Programmes of work.

The event will bring together speakers from a range of organisations to celebrate the work achieved so far and review progress.

In the afternoon there will be a variety of workshops for participants to attend.

Click on the link below for further information and to book your space.

[Growing Resilient Families – Improving outcomes for families in conflict training](#)



SAFER INTERNET DAY IS COMING ON THE 11TH FEBRUARY!

The theme of this year's Safer Internet Day is 'Together for a better internet'. It aims to encourage people to make the most of the positive opportunities offered online, whilst giving them the resilience, skills, knowledge and support they need to navigate any online risks they may come across.

West Sussex County Council has published some useful information about this day. Read more by clicking on this link -

[West Sussex Safer Internet Day Information](#)

There is now a **Young Carers** Bitesize Briefing available on the WSSCP website. There are a range of Bitesize Briefings which enable you to find out more about different safeguarding topics. Other Bitesize Briefings include Domestic Abuse, Information Sharing and Courageous Conversations with Parents & Carers. You will see this Library of resources expand over the next few months as we build more and more topics to support your practice and improve your knowledge.

To read the Young Carers Briefing click on this link -

[Young Carers Bitesize Briefing](#).

To see what else is in the Bitesize Briefing Library click on this link -

[Bitesize Briefings Library](#)

**new
arrivals**



Those professionals who attended an Early Help Safeguarding Awareness Day during Safeguarding Month will have heard of ICON. This is an evidence based programme consisting of a series of brief 'touchpoint' interventions that reinforce a simple message to prevent abusive head trauma (previously known as shaken baby). The acronym ICON's message is;

Infant crying is normal and it will stop
Comfort methods can sometimes soothe
It's OK to walk away
Never shake a baby



The WSSCP will be launching this preventative initiative to enable professionals to support parent and carers. **Launch sessions** will be available to provide professionals from a range of agencies with the knowledge to carry out work linked directly to ICON. If you would like to find out more about the success of ICON in other areas of the Country, the theory and background behind ICON and more general information click on the links below.

[ICON Website](#)

[ICON slides from Early Help Safeguarding Awareness Day](#)

Watch this space for more information for details on the WSSCP ICON Launch!

Kind Regards,

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