



Welcome to the WSSCP Email Bulletin July 2019



Notice anything different?



From 25th June 2019 the West Sussex Safeguarding Children Board (WSSCB) was replaced by the West Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership (WSSCP).



As detailed in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, the new statutory requirements require three lead agencies: the health partnership, police and local authority to work together as joint and equal partners to shape bespoke arrangements which respond to local need. In West Sussex we are using the recently revised legislative provisions as an opportunity to reshape our multi-agency safeguarding arrangements. We recognise that our WSSCP needs to continue to improve our services to children, young people and their families. It is clear from recent local developments that a strong and purposeful multi-agency approach to child protection is essential to drive swift and sustainable improvements to practice in key areas of child abuse, such as neglect. We are having a few issues adding the new arrangements to the website so please bear with us and we will add them to the main home page as soon as possible.



Due to the above changes our website is under review so please bear with us whilst we make the necessary updates and ensure the information is correct and the links all work! It's a big job, so **thank you** in advance for your patience!



Female genital mutilation: guidance for schools

The National FGM Centre has published guidance for schools which aims to equip professionals to respond to concerns regarding girls at risk of female genital mutilation (FGM). The guidance covers: information on FGM and the law; FGM risk indicators; requirements of the relationships and sex education (RSE) guidance regarding FGM; and a resource on how to explore concerns and make referrals to children's social care.

To read this guidance click [here](#)

Read more about FGM on the NSPCC website by clicking [here](#)



18 months ago a survey was sent out on **Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)** for professionals across the children and young people's workforce to complete in order to try and get more of an understanding around current knowledge and confident levels, on this often challenging



safeguarding topic. Since then, a WSSCP CSA training course has been developed as well as other resources and materials to support workers identify and tackle CSA. In order to gauge how successful these resources have been, as well as the impact they have had on professionals, a follow up survey is now live and ready for you to complete. It will take no more than 10 minutes and will really help the WSSCP to review the resources available around CSA. Please encourage your teams and colleagues to complete this survey.

[Take me to the survey](#)



The DfE has released new "Teaching Online Safety in School" **guidance** which is designed to support those teaching pupils how to stay safe online. Click [here](#) to view this guidance.

NSPCC offer a "Keeping Children Safe Online" course. This is a media-rich, CPD-certified e-learning course that will **enhance your understanding** of how your pupils use the internet and will help you identify bullying and harmful content online. Click [here](#) to view the course. Please note this course costs £30.



The Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (**Mash**) operational group have been undertaking bi- monthly audits on the quality of the information received in referrals sent into MASH. To read some of the initial findings and themes from the audits click [here](#).

If you have anything you would like included in future bulletins please contact me on Lucy.Short@westsussex.gov.uk
(Unfortunately we cannot advertise job opportunities)

Kind Regards,

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