

Welcome to the WSSCP Email Bulletin August 2019



Let a child know you're listening: NSPCC

Learning has released a new animation to help adults ensure children and young people always feel they are listened to when they disclose abuse. Techniques outlined include giving the children and young people your full attention and keeping body language open and encouraging; slowing down – let them go at their own pace; and showing you understand, by reflecting back what they have said to check your understanding. Posters to help professionals remember these skills and embed them in their practice are available to download.

Source: [NSPCC Learning: Let children know you're listening](#)

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Recognising and responding to abuse](#)

Are you due to attend a child protection conference and feel a bit anxious about what will be expected of you? Request a place on our

Child Protection Conferences and Core Group training. This course is co-delivered by a Child Protection Advisor who will walk you through the process and provide opportunities throughout the day for you to ask questions, find out different safeguarding perspectives from a variety of agencies and organisations and gain a



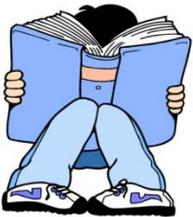
deeper understanding of how a conference works and what happens next in this process. Click [here](#) to read more and request your place.



There is a new advice briefing on the WSSCP website about **feeding babies and young children**. This provides information relating to child development and weaning and can be found [here](#). Please forward to parents, carers and staff and colleagues in your teams.



DICE is a supportive, non-judgemental programme for parents and carers who are concerned their child might be vulnerable to exploitation and who want to learn more about recognising the signs and supporting their child to keep safe. We encourage parents/carers to attend the programme as a pair if possible (please note this can be any two adults who have a protective responsibility for the child). Click [here](#) to find out more.



Read the latest factsheet on the LSCP website about how to have **courageous conversations** with parents and carers. This will help workers prepare to have those sometimes difficult conversations about any safeguarding worries or concerns they may have. Click [here](#) to view this factsheet.



The new joint Children and Adult **online**
safeguarding referral form for
professionals and members of the public to use is
now live!

The advantages of this are as follows:

NEW REFERRAL FORM FOR MASH WORDING/INFO -

- The transfer of sensitive information is more secure;
- Referrers will be able to easily access the most up-to-date referral form;
- Referrers will have an on-going log of referrals made which will aid safeguarding inspections;

The form will be mobile/tablet friendly which will make the process more accessible;

It is hoped that the quality of referrals will improve leading to better outcomes for children and adults.

This is a joint venture between adults and children and the initial version will have a testing phase with partners and staff. It is hoped that we will go live on 19 August.

Although the forms are similar and will start from the same point they do branch off as adults and children's have different requirements. However the look of them will be the same and we have tried to do as many similar questions as possible.

- It will allow us to be more efficient and effective with the management of this important responsibility.
- The transfer of sensitive information will be more secure.

The changes you will see

- The first change you will notice is that this is a joint referral form for both adult and children cases. This will help to ensure that the referral is directed to the right service immediately.

- You will be asked the age of the person being referred and will then be asked only relevant questions.
- It will be easier for you to refer cases as you can access the form on a laptop, a smartphone or tablet.
- This facility will provide you with a downloadable and printable copy of your submission for your files.

The form has undergone testing by a number of professionals who currently report on adults and children's safeguarding issues. Their feedback has been valuable in making sure that this improvement supports us and you, and most importantly those we need to safeguard.

As part of this change, Adult services have developed guidance around what constitutes a reportable safeguarding concern and thresholds you need to consider. Threshold guidance in relation to children is available by clicking [here](#).

We are also providing a direct phone line for you to consult our adults team if you are unsure whether your concern reaches reporting thresholds. In respect of enquiries relating to children, referrers can still contact MASH via telephone to alert the team of an urgent situation or seek advice about threshold.

The form and guidance can be accessed via our website:

Click [here](#) for adults

Click [here](#) for children

You are encouraged to use this method of reporting concerns. We aim to shift all reporting to the online facility in the near future.

If you have any concerns or specific queries, please contact:

Adults – Russell.Hite@westsussex.gov.uk

Children's – Clare.Poyner@westsussex.gov.uk

As part of the Sussex-wide review of emotional support and wellbeing support for children and young people we are

running a series of Open Space **events across**

the County We have already held 2 very successful



events in Haywards Heath and Worthing and the details of a further 3 events planned are given below:

- 18.00-21.00 Wednesday 4 September 2019, Stade Hall, Hastings
- 9:30-13.00 Thursday 5 September 2019, Uckfield Civic Centre
- 18.00-21.00 Thursday 5 September 2019, University of Brighton, Varley Park, Brighton

These events are advertised on EventBrite. Click [here](#) to register and attend.

Open space events are meetings where those attending create and manage the agenda. Participants choose sub-topics centred around a specific topic. In this case the topic is children and young persons' emotional health and wellbeing services in Sussex. Once sub-topics are agreed into an agenda individual discussions take place in separate break-out spaces and participants sign up to those sub-topics they wish to listen or contribute to. These discussions will then form part of the evidence base for the final review report.

I'd be grateful if you could kindly circulate these events amongst your networks and contacts.

In addition I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that we also have a freepost address where stakeholders can let us have their views and they can also email and/or telephone. These details are all given below:

- write: Freepost SEA2474, BN8 2ZZ (please mark any correspondence 'CYP Review')
- email: s.lofts@nhs.net
 - call: 01273 403561

We also have a flyer which provides details about the review. If you would like copies to be sent to you please let Sarah know.

These events are not the only way for people to have their voice heard. Between now and September, we'll also be talking to children, young people and their families, staff, professionals and other stakeholders through local groups and networks to get their ideas and feedback. If you are aware of any groups or networks who would be keen to talk to us please get in touch with Sarah (Senior Programme Delivery Officer).



Modern Slavery Single Point of Contact Training!

These sessions will be co- delivered by the Police Crime Commissioner Modern Slavery Delivery Manager and the Prevention and Intervention Lead Officer in Community Safety & Wellbeing , Communities

This half day (3hr) Modern Slavery Single Point of Contact training is specifically aimed at individual's who will voluntarily act as advisors on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking for key agencies and teams who are working on the front line or customer facing services, supporting and working with children and adults. In your role as Modern Slavery SPOC you will become the allocated point of contact for cases of slavery and human trafficking within your organisation or department, where information is time-sensitive and accuracy is important.

Role and Responsibilities

- Completing a bespoke 3 hr training session on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking including how the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) process works.

- Disseminating and sharing briefing documents and resources to colleagues/staff teams.
- Helping colleagues who may not routinely come across modern slavery recognise the signs and respond so that more victims get help and perpetrators are brought to justice
- Guiding staff on how to complete an NRM referral or MS1, if they do not give consent when appropriate, where 'First Responder' duty applies.
- Providing information and guidance to staff on local support services and agencies within West Sussex who are actively involved in supporting victims.

We are hosting this event in 3 locations which can be found below:

- Monday 16th September, Committee Room 2, County Hall **Chichester** - 9am -12pm
- Thursday 19th September, Room 12, Parkside, **Horsham** - 9am - 12pm
- Friday 20th September, Boardroom, Centenary House, **Worthing** - 9am - 12pm

Please book your place [click here](#)



Sussex University are conducting a 20 minute survey

with staff in the West Sussex area to get a better picture of what kinds of risks are facing young people in this area around **child criminal exploitation**. We want to learn more about staff's understanding of these kinds of risks, and how they work with them. The survey is completely voluntary and anonymous and staff can ask to be entered in a prize draw for a £25 voucher!

Click [here](#) to read more and take the survey!

If you have anything you would like included in future email bulletins please email me directly on Lucy.Short@WestSussex.gov.uk

Kind Regards,

Lucy



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