



Welcome to the WSSCB Email Bulletin December 2017



Safeguarding Week has just finished and the feedback received has been really positive! There was a great turn out from a wide range of services to all of the Multi-Agency Events across the week. The Neglect conference was fully attended and the slides from this can be found [here](#) on our website. If you held an event during Safeguarding Week in your organisation that wasn't open to other agencies we would love to hear about it. Email me at lucy.short@westsussex.gov.uk and your event will be included in the round up from this hugely successful week in the next email bulletin which will be out in January 2018!



The WSSCB are recruiting! There is currently an opening for a Business Manager. Click [here](#) to view full details of this post. For any questions, or an informal conversation about the role, contact Jonathan Brydon, Head of Safeguarding by either phone on 07715 603737 or by emailing Jonathan Brydon at Jonathan.Brydon@westsussex.gov.uk. Closing date for this post is the 20th December.



Christmas is getting closer and lots of the children and young people you work with will be getting new devices as presents. It is important to make sure that privacy settings and parental controls are set up BEFORE being used. To find out more about how to do this click [here](#). You can also find out more about talking to children and young people by clicking [here](#) to view age appropriate video clips and other

resources to support these conversations. You will also find a resource [here](#) to support deaf children in keeping themselves safe online.



In March 2018 we will be launching **Escalation month!** This will be an opportunity to promote the WSSCB Escalation Policy and its importance within your service. There will be training slides available to share with your colleagues and teams as well as examples of when to use the Escalation Policy. What will your organisation be doing to ensure that all workers know about escalation?



There are now 2 examples of what a good referral to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (**MASH**) looks like on the WSSCB website. These would make useful tools to share in team meetings to use as a discussion point when looking at the importance of completing good referrals. Click [here](#) to view these. Please be aware that as of the 1st January 2018 all those cases that are not urgent safeguarding concerns where parents have **not** been informed, will be not be accepted by MASH and will be returned to the referrer.



With Christmas fast approaching there will be families travelling far and wide to visit relatives and friends. This may involve sleeping in spare rooms and on sofas or camp beds. Make sure you are sharing safe sleeping messages with the families you are working with, to ensure they are putting their baby to sleep in an appropriate and safe place. Click [here](#) to read about safe sleeping and click [here](#) to visit the Lullaby Trust's website for further information on this potentially lifesaving topic.

Missing People:

Summary

Missing People and St Giles Trust SOS have been jointly funded by the Home Office to deliver a project which scopes and tests new ways of working with young people who are criminally exploited to become drug mules. This project will test a **Missing People-led** pilot of an intervention – called **SafeCall**.



SafeCall is a scheduled telephone call to children who are referred to us by professionals working with them. They will be offered a non-judgemental, safe space to talk about their experiences in confidence. We will reassure them that there is a way out, support them to explore their choices, and help them formulate a safety plan.

The SafeCall service will also reach out to the child's parent or carer, offering them a chance to debrief, access emotional support and be guided on how to keep their family safe in the future.

Timeframes

This project will run from **6th November 2017 – March 2018**.

How you can help

For the child or young person

If the child has been away from home, suspected to have been involved in county lines and would like further in-depth support (outside of the return home interview) - you can refer the child to our **SafeCall programme** following their **consent**. Please contact us by sending an email to safecall@missingpeople.org.uk OR call 0208 392 5710 OR online at www.missingpeople.org.uk/safecall.

If the child does not want to access this service, please sign post the child to Missing People's runaway helpline website www.runawayhelpline.co.uk for more information on support they can access.

For the family member

We know that for family members with a child who is being criminally exploited by a gang and is away from home it can be a really upsetting and worrying time. You can also refer family members, **with their consent** into this service by sending an email to safecall@missingpeople.org.uk or call 0208 392 5710, or you can make a referral online at www.missingpeople.org.uk/safecall.

Further information

Project lead – Becca Morley,

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SafeCall information – Call 0208 392 5710/ Email

SafeCall@missingpeople.org.uk

Marketing materials – Partners@missingpeople.org.uk



The WSSCB has now **published** Serious Case Review (SCR) O. Click [here](#) to read the report and click [here](#) to read the WSSCB response to this SCR.

If there is anything you think should be included in the next WSSCB bulletin please email me on lucy.short@westsussex.gov.uk.

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Kind Regards,

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