

## Welcome to the WSSCP Email Bulletin November 2019



Safeguarding Month is drawing to a close and the feedback from various events that took place has been really positive! The purpose of this month was to raise awareness across the partnership of a range of safeguarding topics and provide a number of learning opportunities for workers to attend to enable them to improve their safeguarding practice. Sessions included sessions delivered by Border Force and Early Help Safeguarding Awareness Days across the Hubs. The Neglect Conference is due to take place this Friday and is fully booked! Once all events have taken place feedback from those who attended the various events will be shared with you.



In conjunction with South East Regional Organised Crime Unit, WSCC are offering a free awareness raising event about how to prevent cybercrime to multi-agency staff who work with young people. The purpose of these sessions is to enable professionals to recognise the positivity of cyber skills and how these can be applied by young people who may be drawn into criminal behaviour. Click on the links below to book on your preferred session;

[Monday 2nd December - Worthing](#)

[Tuesday 7th January - Horsham](#)

[Tuesday 11th February - Chichester](#)

### Protecting children with disabilities from sexual abuse: podcast

**Source:** NSPCC Learning

The NSPCC has released a podcast discussing the recent report by the NSPCC, The Ann Craft Trust and Coventry University on parents' and carers' views on working together to prevent the sexual abuse of disabled children. Sarah Goff, Development Manager from the Ann Craft Trust, who along with colleagues Anita Franklin and Alex Toft wrote the report, talks about key findings from the study after interviewing 30



parents and carers of disabled children.

Listen to the podcast: [Podcast: preventing the sexual abuse of disabled children](#)



With Christmas just around the corner and lots of parents in the process of giving new phones and gaming devices for Christmas, now is the time to talk to parents about the importance of helping to keep their children safe whilst spending time online. This not only includes privacy settings, parental controls, appropriate games and websites for children to access, but also ensuring parents are starting conversations with their children and young people about staying safe online.

Signpost parents and carers to the following resources to support their conversations about this area of safeguarding;

[Child Exploitation Online Protection \(CEOP\)](#)

[Ways of Keeping Safe Online \(Childline\)](#)

[Information about the ZIPIT app](#)

[Top Tips for Staying Safe Online for Children \(CBBC\)](#)

Whilst still on the topic of Christmas, families will be travelling far and wide to stay with friends and relatives. This means arrangements change and if you have a baby, it is so important to ensure they are put to sleep in a safe place as well as in a safe sleeping position. This means a firm mattress with the right level of clothing and covers in a smoke free environment. To read more information on how to put babies to sleep safely follow the link below –

[Safe Sleeping Advice from the Lullaby Trust](#)

With the nights now becoming dark earlier children are often walking home from school or on bikes. Ensure the children you work with can be seen by passing cars and other types of transport. To read more about road safety follow the link below:

[Road Safety Heroes](#)





Do you have anything from your organisation that you think others would find useful? Please email me directly.

Kind Regards,

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