

Welcome to the WSSCP Email Bulletin December 2019



Christmas is just around the corner and it is often a time where families travel to see friends and relatives. This can mean that babies are often put down to sleep in unfamiliar beds. Make sure your baby is put to sleep in a room that provides a safe sleeping place. For more information on ensuring you baby sleeps safely click on the link below;

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

The link also includes information on co sleeping, smoking around your baby, swaddling and room sharing.



The West Sussex Community Safety and Wellbeing team are offering a workshop for professionals and community members to help raise awareness of Modern Slavery and Human trafficking. The session will provide local context regarding risks and threats in West Sussex and highlight sources of support for potential victims of trafficking (PVOT's) via referral to the National Referral Mechanism.

For more information and to request a place click on the link below –

[Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking Basic Awareness Workshop](#)

How to have difficult conversations with children

NSPCC Learning has updated its website to include information for anyone working or volunteering with children and young people who might have conversations about difficult or upsetting topics. The guidance covers tips on



preparing for a conversation and offers general principles that will help when discussing sensitive subjects with children and young people. It includes links to the Childline helpline where children and young people can get confidential advice and support as well as resources on the Childline website.

Read the webpage: [NSPCC Learning: How to have difficult conversations with children](#)

Visit the Childline website: [Childline](#)

Source: NSPCC Learning

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Button batteries can be found in a selection of objects and this time of year will see new toys, many needing batteries to work. These particular types of batteries can pose a greater risk to babies and young children because of their size. Some products even come with these batteries spares in a small plastic bag inside the box. They can easily be swallowed or put into ears and noses. Pass this message onto the parents and carers you work with and if your organisation sends out a Christmas newsletter, you can simply copy and paste this section to raise awareness to parents and colleagues. Click on the link below for more information. The Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) have also produced a poster to add to your parent notice board.

[More Information on the Dangers of Button Batteries](#)

[CAPT Poster to Download](#)

[Keeping Children Safe at Christmas](#)

Criminal Exploitation, Gangs and Youth Violence Training for Professionals

Gangs, youth exploitation, serious violence and county line criminality are rarely out of the news. These gangs are often opportunistic and seek to exploit and groom impressionable children. The reach is growing and impacting more widely and effecting more young people and families. The aim of the training detailed below is to raise the awareness of those professionals who are directly involved in supervising or spending time with children to be alert to the warning signs and understanding these areas of criminality.



West Sussex Community, Safety & Wellbeing Service would like to offer professionals the opportunity to attend the forthcoming Criminal Exploitation, Gangs and Youth Violence Professional's training dates to be delivered by the St Giles Trust (Junior Smart) available in the new year across your respective services. Please access your chosen date in order to book and secure your place on a session using by clicking on the link below;

[Eventbrite Links for Booking a place on Criminal Exploitation, Gangs and Youth Violence Training](#)

The session is suitable for professionals in schools, colleges, children's services, police, probation, health and acute trusts, prison and those supporting transition into adult services.



If the families you work with are planning on buying new devices for their children, such as **tablets, mobile phones or gaming equipment**, it is important to raise awareness of the need to set up appropriate privacy settings and parental controls BEFORE giving the device/s to children. To find out more about this click on the useful links below and be sure to share with parents and carers;

[NSPCC Online Safety Advice](#)

[Parental Controls Information](#)

[Expert Opinion About Online Safety](#)

[CEOP Thinkuknow](#)

Wishing all of you a very happy Christmas and safe new year. We look forward to working with you in 2020.

Kind Regards,

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