



WELCOME to the WSSCB Broadcast Email

1. Continued support for local Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Campaign

West Sussex County Council in partnership with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) took part in Safer Internet Day (9 February) and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Awareness Day (18 March) as part of their on-going CSE campaign and promotion of healthy relationships.



Both awareness days proved to be a great success, reaching 156,000 people across social media alone.

We would like to extend a huge thanks to all who took part and a call for your continued support to stand against CSE.

Here's a few ways you can help:

- ✓ Use our campaign toolkit www.westsussex.gov.uk/CSE, which includes suggested social media posts to help share the latest CSE support information and how to 'spot the signs'
- ✓ Order resources and help us distribute leaflets/posters
- ✓ Promote our young people's [video blogs](#) on healthy relationships, e-safety and what consent means to them.
- ✓ Visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/CSE and get in touch if you have more shared resources to add here.

CSE does happen in West Sussex and together we can stop it. #StandAgainstCSE.

For more information visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/CSE.

If you would like more information about the campaign contact: Faye Rogers, c faye.rogers@westsussex.gov.uk

2. New guidance to help you identify and address FGM

The Government has published new multi-agency FGM guidance has been published <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-statutory-guidance-on-female-genital-mutilation>. The guidance provides useful information about the FGM and the Law, types of FGM, how to talk about FGM and how to respond to and tackle it. It is aimed at all agencies including schools and early years settings.

3. West Sussex Threshold Guidance and Continuum of Need

The West Sussex Continuum of Need has been produced as a tool to assist practitioners working with children and young people. The aim of the tool is to help practitioners identify a child's level of need and consider whether additional support may be necessary to help them achieve their potential and keep them safe. It will be used by all

agencies, including MASH, and provides a common language and approach that will enable all practitioners to work together effectively and consistently.

- [West Sussex Threshold Guidance and Continuum of Need](#)

4. Updated West Sussex Child Protection Model Policy

The West Sussex Model Child Protection Policy has been updated to include the following key changes/additions:

- Contact details for the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH), formerly the Children's Access Point (CAP)
- Keeping Children Safe in Education (July 2015)
 - Additional information regarding 'child missing from education' and 'child missing from home or care'
 - New information about child missing from education, Female Genital Mutilation, preventing radicalisation

The template can be found on the [WSSCB website](#).

A further revision of the Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance is due in September 2016. We will be producing and distributing a draft model child protection policy over the next couple of months which will include the anticipated changes.

5. Professional Differences

Having different professional perspectives within safeguarding practice is a sign of a healthy and well-functioning partnership. These differences of opinion are usually resolved by discussion and negotiation between the professionals concerned. It is essential that where differences of opinion arise they do not adversely affect the outcomes for children and young people, and are resolved in a constructive and timely manner.

Details on resolving professional differences can be found on the [WSSCB website](#).

Please share this bulletin within your agencies.

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