



Welcome to the WSSCB Broadcast Email

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Calling all voluntary sector organisations! There are now updated editions of Standards and Guidance for the Voluntary and Community sector to help non-statutory organisations put in place clear safeguarding arrangements for children, young people and young adults up to the age of 25. There is a safeguarding guide for group leaders, which outlines a range of activities, support and services. Click [here](#) for full details.



The WSSCB, in partnership with the West Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board and the Safer West Sussex partnership, are holding **Sussex Safeguarding Week** from November 27th to 1st December 2017. This week will focus on improving the knowledge, skills and understanding of the many aspects of safeguarding across the child and adult workforce. We hope that this will be a vibrant week, with a varied offering of activities that will engage and motivate staff in learning and improvement, and further joint working across the partnership. The week is coordinated with Brighton & Hove and East Sussex, who are holding their Safeguarding weeks at the same time. Agencies could also use this week as an opportunity to speak with parents and children to

promote different aspects of safeguarding, which can be carried out through displays, information stands or bitesize sessions. Please contact me on lucy.short@westsussex.gov.uk if you would like more information on how your agency can get involved.



With the summer in full swing, children will be out and about in gardens, parks, playgrounds and on holiday. Children are more vulnerable to harmful damage from the sun than adults, so it is vital that precautions are taken, even when the weather is cloudy or they are sitting in the shade. Click [here](#) to find out how to protect the babies, children and young people in your care,



Many parents and carers may cover their baby's pram with a sheet in an attempt to protect their baby from the sun. This cover can prevent circulation and increase the temperature inside the pram, which can cause baby to overheat. **This can be extremely dangerous.** To ensure babies are kept at a suitable temperature you can open the back panel of the pushchair to encourage more air flow or use a more open pushchair or pram. For more information on this important message click [here](#) for more information.



Just as babies can over heat in pushchairs and prams, it is also essential that care is taken when using a sling. For guidance and more information on the use of slings click [here](#).



Sussex Prisoners' Families is looking for professionals who have experience of working with families and children who have had a family member in prison to complete a short 10 minute survey. The link to the survey is [here](#) More details on their services can be found at [here](#) or contact Denis Byrne or Dr Carlie Goldsmith (research team) on prisonersfamiliesresearch@gmail.com



It is important to know when you should contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO);

The Pan Sussex Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures provides guidance on managing cases of allegations that may indicate that a staff member **may not be suitable to work with children** in their current position, or in any other capacity.

A 'staff member' is a person over the age of 16 years whose work brings them into contact with children in their setting. It applies to all adults whether paid or working in a voluntary capacity (including agency workers) on or off site.

The procedures should be used in **ALL cases** in which it is alleged that a staff member has;

- Behaved in a way that has harmed a child or may have harmed a child;
- Possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child;

- Behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates he/she would pose a risk of harm to children.

Information may also come to light about a staff members conduct **outside of the workplace** which may indicate a breach of professional conduct or may raise concerns about their suitability to work within the children's workforce.

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Many of you will have seen the media reports about the new feature in Snapchat which allows a person's location to be shared. For parents and those working with children here is the [link](#) where you can find further guidance and information about safer use to share with children. Location sharing can also pose a particular concern to those families who have fled domestic abuse. More information around general online safety can be found [here](#)



A situation may occasionally arise when workers within one agency feel that the decision made by a worker from another agency is either not safe or not in the best interests of a child; this may relate to professional involvement in early help services, children in need, child protection or children looked after. The WSSCB have developed a **multi-agency escalation policy** which explains what to do if you are faced

with a professional disagreement. To read the policy in full click [here](#).



Have you checked out our calendar of training sessions yet? There are now places available for **Working Together To Safeguard Children**, **Child Protection Conferences and Core Groups** training and **Serious Case Review Briefings**. A multi- agency learning environment can provide you with the opportunity to view safeguarding practices from a different professional perspective, see how other agencies contribute to the safeguarding process and also network with workers from other agencies and organisations. Click [here](#) to view our full training calendar.



Do you have any information that you feel would be appropriate to include in this email bulletin? Please contact me on lucy.short@westsussex.gov.uk.

Kind Regards,

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