

Welcome to the WSSCB Email Bulletin January 2019



Happy new year to all of our partners! We hope you managed to have a well-deserved rest over the festive period and are back feeling refreshed and ready to go! 2018 was a super busy year for the WSSCB and 2019 is looking to be just as full! 2018 saw the arrival of our new Business Manager, Sally Kendal, the delivery of a wide range of learning events for both single and multi-agency groups and the development of the "Learning Factsheet" to support practitioners in improving their level of understanding on a range of safeguarding topics. We also introduced training sessions on child sexual abuse (see below for more information on these!) and the Working together Refresher course (again, more information on these below!). Safeguarding month took place throughout November with impressive numbers of professionals attending a series of sessions and providing really positive feedback as well as offering some suggestions for next year's events! Thank you to everyone who has worked with, delivered training and/or contributed to the WSSCB in some form or another – we really appreciate your dedication and determination to high quality multi-agency working across the partnership in helping to keep our children and young people safe in West Sussex. May it continue into 2019!!



The Home Office has now launched its consultation which will be focusing on which organisations should be First Responders regarding concerns around **Modern Slavery** and how staff at these organisations are trained to perform this role. The consultation is in the form of two online surveys (one for first responders and one for 'non-first responders') and will run until late January 2019.

- The [First Responder Survey](#) is aimed at people who may encounter victims of modern slavery while performing their roles, for example, police officers, Asylum interviewers, social workers etc. and generally staff within a First Responder organisation.
- The [Non-First Responder Survey](#) is aimed at people and organisations who have an interest in the question of which



organisations should be First Responders and how they should be trained, this could include staff who train First Responders, policy officials working on the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) or organisations and networks with an interest in Modern Slavery. Be a part of this consultation by clicking on the appropriate link above.

If you are sending sensitive information via email to another person, such as a referral to the MASH team, it is vital you ensure that you are sending it responsibly and **securely**. It is your responsibility as the referrer to ensure this! This may mean that you need to check with your Manager and be sure that the current systems within your organisation are sufficient. A WSSCB factsheet is currently being developed on information sharing which will inform practitioners about the correct processes and how to share effectively and in a timely and secure way. Watch this space for more information! Click [here](#) to view the Government document – “Information Sharing – Advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services to children, young people, parents and carers”. You can read more about the Data Protection Act by clicking [here](#).



The UK Safer Internet Centre have developed an Online Safety Calendar to help organisations plan their online safety work a year ahead. This is a really useful tool to use when planning your activities in advance and will help you keep track of forthcoming events you may choose to organise. So if your new year resolution was to be more organised this is your chance! Click [here](#) to view this.



WSSCB Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) training runs once per month and is available to book by clicking [here](#). Because of the specialist topic this one day training is **LEVEL 3** and so it is expected that delegates have a basic understanding of CSA before they attend. Click [here](#) to complete the online CSA training prior to attending the 1 day session. More dates will follow from April 2019 but why not tick this off of your “training to complete” list by booking early? As with all of our WSSCB training this session is multi-agency and this course is delivered by Lynn Suter who is both a subject expert on CSA and also the Clinical Director of the Life Centre in Chichester



which supports children of all ages from sexual abuse. If you work with children and young people of ALL ages this course is designed for you. It will enable you to learn about what to look out for, how to identify CSA and also what to do and who to contact. **BOOK NOW!**



Please note that if you are looking to book onto the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) training, this no longer sits on the Learning & Development Gateway, but instead can be found on the West Sussex Service for Schools site. Click [here](#) to visit this site.

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As the WSSCB Learning & Development Officer, I am aware that both the Working Together To Safeguard Children and the Refresher training can often be fully booked and ways to increase sessions are currently being explored. Please bear with us and we hope to have more courses available in the coming year.



Did you know the WSSCB is on Twitter? We currently have **687** followers which is amazing....but we want more!!! Get the latest on training, find out when something new goes onto our website and other useful info! Follow us at [@WestSussexLSCB](#).



It is important **to talk to children** in an age appropriate way about the importance of knowing when and how to call the police, fire service, ambulance or coastguard in the event of an emergency. However it is also important to remind both the children and their parents not to practice calling 999 and hanging up when they answer. This will result in you receiving a call back which not only wastes the time of the emergency service response team, but also takes the focus away from genuine cases which require immediate attention. Please pass this message on so that everyone is aware.



Recently developed in response to the low number of **self-referrals from young people** this poster has



been developed to display in youth centres, schools and other places that young people will see the information. If you are a professional, why not put this information on the back of toilet doors so that young people have a private space to take note of the important numbers on this flyer. Click [HERE](#) to view this resource.



If you have anything you would like to share in February's edition of this email please contact me on lucy.short@westsussex.gov.uk

Kind Regards,

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