



Welcome to the WSSCB Email Bulletin December 2018



WOOHOO!!!

Wow! Safeguarding month was certainly a busy one!

Thank you to everyone who supported the large number of events and if you attended one (or more!) of them I hope you found them useful and informative to your practice in keeping children and young people safe. Early feedback has indicated that Safeguarding month was a big success and provided a wide range of people with opportunities to increase their knowledge, consider safeguarding topics they may not have thought about before and also improve their contacts and networks between organisations to promote multi-agency working. 😊 😊 😊



The Centre of Expertise on **Child Sexual Abuse** (CSA) has published a document identifying key messages from research on intra-familial child sexual abuse. This is aimed at frontline practitioners and those commissioning services. Click [here](#) to read this review.

There is also multi-agency training on CSA available to book onto for 2019. Here are some dates, with others to follow shortly so click on the links below;

- [7th January 2019](#)
- [18th February 2019](#)
- [8th March 2019](#)
- [4th April 2019](#)

To view the WSSCB Training Charging Policy click [here](#).



There are many benefits of training in a multi-agency environment. Here are just a few of them;

- You get to hear safeguarding from a different perspective to that of your own.
- Delegates are given the opportunity to develop positive, professional relationships across agencies.
- Greater opportunities to share good practice across organisations
- Excellent opportunity to break down professional boundaries.

FGM

The National Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Centre has developed some **tools and resources** to support your awareness and understanding around this challenging topic. There are assessment tools, a knowledge hub and also information around breast flattening and child abuse linked to faith or beliefs. Click [here](#) to view these.



With Christmas just around the corner, lots of children will be receiving presents that require batteries.

Button batteries in particular can pose a high risk if swallowed. To read more about the dangers of button batteries and the symptoms in those children who may have swallowed one, click [here](#).



If you are planning to book onto training you really **should have your own account** for the Learning & Development Gateway. This enables you to search for your own courses, and ensure your details are kept up to date. To find out how to set up your own account click [here](#).



All children, regardless of their circumstances, **are entitled to an efficient, full time education** which is suitable to their age, ability, aptitude and any special educational needs they may have. Research shows that children who are missing education are at greater risk of underachieving, becoming victims of abuse or neglect and becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) in later life. Click [here](#) to read a letter from Jez Prior (Safeguarding in Education Manager) to all professionals.



With the festive season often meaning that families are staying over in relatives or friend's homes it is important to make sure that you are sharing information with the families you work with around the importance of providing a **safe sleeping** space for baby. Babies should be put to sleep on their back with their feet at the foot of the crib, cot or pram. This helps to reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). For more information on safer sleeping for babies click [here](#). Share these messages through conversations, communication books or display boards!

Merry Christmas to you all and we look forward to continuing our partnership working with you and your organisation in 2019!

Merry Christmas



Kind Regards,

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