

Welcome to the WSSCB Email Bulletin March 2018



The WSSCB has a new Business Manager and we would like to **welcome** Sally Kendal to the team. Sally started the role on 5th March and has worked in a variety of roles in central government, including the Ministry of Justice, Home office, Department for Education, Government Office for London and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. She has also worked overseas in Singapore, New Delhi and Brussels.



Button batteries are the small, round batteries you find in a growing number of toys and everyday objects like remote controls and car key fobs. They can be extremely dangerous for children if swallowed. The lack of clear symptoms means it may not be obvious that a child has swallowed a button battery until it's too late. Click [here](#) to read more information and find out how to keep children safe, what to do if a child swallows a button battery and other useful information to pass onto parents and carers.

Refresh

Is it time to refresh your safeguarding training? The WSSCB now offer a **half day** Working Together to Safeguard Children training course which is designed for those workers who have already completed their Working Together to Safeguard Children 1 day training. Feedback from delegates who have attended the half day training has been

extremely positive and they have reported to find the course really useful in that it is more practice based. Click [here](#) to view our Training Calendar and see upcoming training dates for this and other courses.



March is WSSCB **Escalation Month** and throughout this month we have been promoting the Escalation Policy to all partner agencies. Differences of opinion, concerns and issues can arise for professionals at work, and it is important that they are resolved as effectively and swiftly as possible. Why not use this month as an opportunity to talk about this as part of your team meetings or supervision sessions so that all staff are aware of escalation and what to do if this situation arises in your workplace? We have produced some useful resources to support you with this, so click [here](#) to view 4 slides to share with colleagues, click [here](#) to read the policy in full or click [here](#) to view more information around escalation on our website.



Last week was **Safer Sleeping Week** and to support this the WSSCB worked with the Lullaby Trust to deliver Basic Awareness of Safe Sleeping Messages briefing sessions. There were a wide range of attendees including foster carers, family outreach workers, nurses and social workers. The turnout for these sessions was excellent and it is something we plan to repeat towards the end of the year in order to keep safeguarding messages around this important topic at the forefront of everybody's mind! Click [here](#) to visit the Lullaby Trust and find out more information – You can share this with the parents and carers you work with by either providing links to the appropriate information, setting up a display board where parents and carers pass by or spend time such as the front door or waiting area of your workplace. You could also tweet this information

so parents and carers can share it with their friends and family simply and quickly!



Did you attend the morning Basic Awareness of Safe Sleeping Messages session on 15th March at Worthing Town Hall? If you left a Pukka pad at this training session please contact me using the details at the bottom of this email and I will reunite you with it! It is currently being looked after by one of our trainers who delivered this session.



Have you been sent this email by a colleague? Why not sign up yourself to make sure you receive future editions? Click [here](#) to add your name to our distribution list today! If you have anything that you would like to share with other readers of this email bulletin please contact me using the address at the bottom of this email – we currently have over 400 people signed up to receive this bulletin so information goes far and wide across a range of our partner agencies! Why not also sign up to follow us on [Twitter](#) at the same time! We currently have 544 followers and want to get to at least 600!

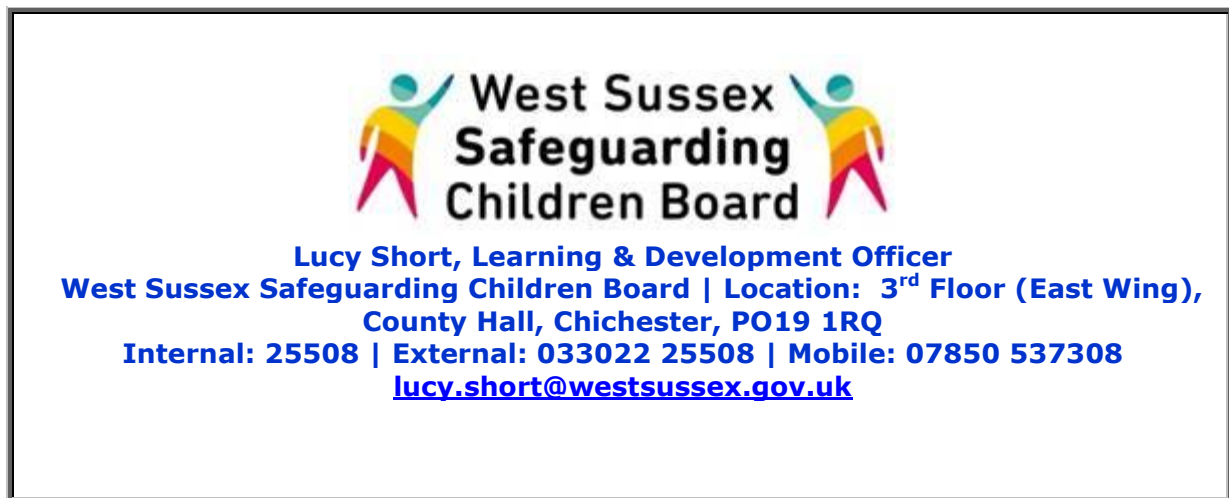


Yesterday was **National CSE Awareness Day**. Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is a form of sexual abuse that involves the manipulation and/or coercion of young people under the age of 18 into sexual activity. Click [here](#) to view West Sussex County Council's CSE page. You can also visit the NSPCC to view their CSE at a glance guide by clicking [here](#).

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Kind Regards,

Lucy



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