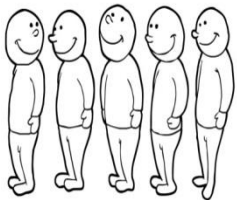




Welcome to the WSSCB Email Bulletin October 2018



Are you aware of the **WSSCB Escalation Policy**? Sometimes a situation may 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. Click [here](#) to view the WSSCB Escalation policy and click [here](#) to view the presentation slides around escalation. These slides can be used in team meetings, during supervisions or as a discussion point between colleagues or managers. Please note that this policy is for escalation purposes between **EXTERNAL** agencies only! If you have a concern that you feel requires escalating around a team or service within the same agency as yourself, please refer to your agencies' internal escalation process.



ROLL UP!! ROLL UP!!

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!! If you haven't yet booked a place on one of the many events taking place across Safeguarding month, you need to get moving!! There are a wide range of events and learning opportunities taking place across West Sussex. There are also some more unique safeguarding events taking place including.....



Border Force

Border Force – A Response to Modern Slavery and Vulnerability;

These 3 hour sessions will provide you with an awareness of the work carried out by Border Force in relation to modern slavery and vulnerabilities of children and young people. You will receive an overview of current legislation, key indicators of modern slavery, the UK perspective around this element of safeguarding and child protection as well as how Border Force work in partnership with other agencies and organisations. Choose from 1 of the sessions below –

16 th November session	Click HERE to book your place
19 th November session	Click HERE to book your place
20 th November session	Click HERE to book your place



Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) Clinics

Each of these 90 minute sessions will introduce/refresh knowledge of the role of the LADO and focus on case based activity and considering thresholds and what would prompt a referral to the LADO. Those staff who do not hold the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) role are encouraged to attend. Choose from 1 of the sessions below:

9 th November	Click HERE to book your place
12 th November	Click HERE to book your place
13 th November	Click HERE to book your place
14 th November	Click HERE to book your place
20 th November	Click HERE to book your place
22 nd November	Click HERE to book your place



Basic Awareness of Safer Sleeping Messages for Babies (under 6 months)

This 2 hour workshop is aimed at professionals who have NOT previously undertaken Safer Sleeping training and focusses on babies of 6 months and under which includes up-to-date research to evidence Safer Sleeping messages and also where to find additional information and resources.

8 th November	Click HERE to book your place
8 th November	Click HERE to book your place
28 th November	Click HERE to book your place
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There is a report on the WSSCB website called **Scoping the Needs of Prisoners' Families in West Sussex**.

This report includes views of professionals in West Sussex and a series of recommendations. Click [here](#) to read this.

[Assessing the risk of female genital mutilation](#) - An article in Community Care describes the development of the online Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) assessment tool by the National FGM Centre to help social workers assess the risk of female genital mutilation, particularly when there are no other safeguarding concerns. Click [here](#) to view this assessment tool. Source: [Community Care](#) Date: 04 October 2018.

You can also view the Pan Sussex Procedures around FGM which include 3 risk assessments by clicking [here](#).





Child Protection Conferences and Core Group Training is coming up on **Thursday 8th**

November and there are still places! If you don't know how these meetings work and what is expected of you as a professional when you attend, click [here](#) to view full details and to request your place!



Do you tweet? We will be using the hashtag

#Safeguarding throughout November so if you have any news during safeguarding month then please tag us all....**@WestSussexIsCb, @WSussexsab and @WSxCommsafety** – Thank you!!

As part of Safeguarding Month we want workers across all agencies to think about what safeguarding means to them. Click [here](#) to view the Safeguarding Speech Bubble and then send a photo of either you holding your speech bubble or just your speech bubble to lucy.short@westsussex.gov.uk and the WSSCB will tweet pictures, display them on our website and give you a safeguarding shout out!

If you have anything safeguarding related you think would be good to share with others in the next newsletter please email me at Lucy.Short@westsussex.gov.uk

Kind Regards,

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