



WELCOME to the WSSCB Broadcast Email

1. Ofsted Inspection

WSSCB recently underwent an Ofsted Inspection, which found that the partnership has areas of strength and areas requiring improvement. WSSCB has been on an improvement journey and the Ofsted findings confirmed that we are focusing our efforts in the right areas:

- Understanding how effective we are in improving outcomes for children
- Improving our response to CSE, FGM, forced marriage and missing and trafficked children
- Ensuring our training offer is meeting the needs of the workforce

The link to the Ofsted Single Inspection Framework Report, can be found [here](#) on page 40. Agencies will be working together to take forward the recommendations outlined within the report, and we will keep you updated with our plans here.

2. New Child Protection Conference Report templates

We have recently revised our agenda for child protection conferences to fully incorporate the Signs of Safety approach to child protection planning and have produced new report templates to reflect this

Attached are the new templates for reports from health professionals (except general practitioners) and other 'generic' agencies (e.g. probation, Worth Services, substance misuse, etc.) Revised report templates for the police and general practitioners and still in development and will follow shortly.

Please use these new templates when providing reports to initial or review child protection conferences.

3 Zero Tolerance to FGM – 6th February 2016

The 6th February 2016 is International Day of Zero Tolerance to FGM. The day is a UN-sponsored awareness day to make the world aware of FGM and promote its eradication.

West Sussex County Councillors have united in speaking out about the crime of FGM and have passed a motion to support the campaign against FGM.

More information about FGM can be found on the [WSSCB website](#). The Home Office online free training package for FGM can be found [here](#).

4. FGM Pathways

FGM pathways have been developed in line with the FGM Mandatory Reporting Duty to help professionals understand how the reporting duty fits with their existing safeguarding processes. There is an overarching flowchart and a separate flowchart for under 18's, pregnant women and non-pregnant women. These can be found on the [WSSCB website](#).

5. Safer Internet Day – 9th February 2016

Safer Internet Day takes place globally on 9th February 2016. The theme of this year's day is 'Play your part for a better internet.' It aims to encourage everyone to play their part for a better internet, sharing key messages and supporting others to stay safe online whilst making the most of the positive opportunities being online has to offer.

For the 2016 campaign the UK Safer Internet Centre is using the heart, a universal sign for love, to promote respect and kindness online this Safer Internet Day. To help spread the love, they want schools, organisations and individuals to take to social media and share their own heart filled messages, images or videos using the hashtag #shareaheart .

Heart signs can be downloaded from the UK Safer Internet Centre website: <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2016/play-your-part/share-a-heart>

6. Appointment to Head of Children's Social Care, WSCC

I am delighted to let you know that Amanda Radley has been appointed to the permanent role of Head of Children's Social Care. Many of you will know that Amanda previously worked as the Director of Probation for Surrey and Sussex and came into the county council in January 2014 to implement the Early Help action plan – the EHRC is one of her legacies.

Amanda took up the interim Head of Children's Social Care role in April 2015 and has done an excellent job including the delivery of a successful Ofsted inspection.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Amanda in her new role.

Annie M MacIver

Director of Family Operations

7. Whistleblowing to Ofsted about Children's Social Care Services

Ofsted have published a revised policy and guidance for whistleblowers. The new policy and guidance outlines what Ofsted will do when they receive certain concerns about children's social care services from a whistleblower. The Policy can be found [here](#).

8. NSPCC Campaign for improved access to therapeutic support services for abused children and young people – It's Time

On Wednesday 17th January 2016, the NSPCC launched a campaign to raise awareness of the barriers abused children face getting help to rebuild their lives and to call for improved provision and access to therapeutic services, such as counselling or play-based therapy, that meet their specific needs.

The 'It's Time' campaign is based on a recognition that a significant number of children and young people often fail to receive or even access the help and support that they need to help them recover from the abuse and neglect that they have

experienced. As a result many may face long term emotional and psychological difficulties. Full details of the campaign can be found at www.nspcc.org.uk/time.

9. NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe. Programme

The NSPCC have launched a Speak Out. Stay Safe. Programme to help children understand that they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. The programme provides child-friendly interactive assemblies and workshops.

Please see attached to find out more and book a visit or go to www.nspcc.org.uk/schools.

10. Children in Need Update

Children's Services is doing something different for Children in Need (CiN). To support the multi-agency aim of improving the experience of professional intervention for Children in Need and enhancing the potential for those children to achieve their goals, our re-design of Children's Services includes significant focus on improving support to Children in Need.

Please see the attached to find out more.

Please share this broadcast email within your agencies.

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