

Supporting You in Your Safeguarding Role

Resources and Toolkits

We recently carried out a survey to find out if practitioners knew about the safeguarding tools and resources available to support them. You told us that you had heard of some tools but are not always sure where to find them. You also told us that some of these tools do not apply to your role. To ensure the children's workforce are aware of the resources available to support them in identifying and tackling abuse and neglect the WSSCB has developed this easy to use guide on the main resources available to support you in protecting and supporting the children you work with.

Bruising Protocol for Children who are Non-Independently Mobile

What is it?

Guidance for professionals regarding the assessment, management and referral of children who are not independently mobile, who present with bruising or otherwise unexplained marks.

Who should know about it?

Those who work with small non-mobile babies or children who have a physical disability that means they cannot move by themselves. Reading the guidance beforehand will mean you are aware of what to do if a situation arises.

Where can I find it?

Click [here](#) to read the guidance in full. You will also find a body map to support you as well as a leaflet for parents.

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Screening Tool

What is it?

A screening tool that you can use to help you decide whether a child or young person may be at risk of child sexual exploitation (CSE) in a quick and consistent manner. It is a simple set of questions to use as a prompt when talking to a child or young person.

Who should know about it?

Those working with children and young people (male or female) under the age of 18 years and has a concern that they may be being sexually exploited. Reading this before you have a concern will prepare you for a situation you may come across in the future.

Where can I find it?

Click [here](#) to find out more about CSE, click [here](#) for the CSE Screening Tool, Click [here](#) for the CSE High Level Flowchart and click [here](#) to read the CSE National Guidance.

Neglect Identification Measurement Tool (NIMT)

What is it?

A tool which enables workers to think in more detail about a family where they are concerned a child is experiencing neglect

Who should know about it?

All those working with children and young people. If you are aware of this tool before a concern arises you will be prepared if a child or young person you are working with shows signs of neglect.

Where can I find it?

Click [here](#) to find out more about the NIMT and to select the Word or PDF version of this document. Click [here](#) to view a presentation on the NIMT which can be shared with teams and colleagues as part of supervisions or team meetings.

Signs of Safety (SoS)

What is it?

Strengths based approach that focuses on 3 main areas; what's working well? What are the family or friends already doing that are keeping the child safe? And what are the strengths in the family that might help to keep the child safe in the future? It is also used to capture the voice of the child

Who should know about it?

Children's social workers and early help staff will use this approach when working with families, but the language and framework can be used by anyone working with children and their families. It is used during West Sussex Child Protection conferences so it is useful to have an awareness of this approach if you currently attend or are expected to attend these meetings.

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