

Welcome to the WSSCB Email Bulletin January 2018



Happy new year! I hope you had a well-deserved rest and you are ready for a busy 2018! Have you told your colleagues and team about this newsletter? Receiving this email bulletin is a great way to keep up to date with new training, updated safeguarding information and other important messages about how to keep children and young people safe in West Sussex. Spread the word!

If you have had this email forwarded to you and would like to make sure you receive future bulletins click [here](#) to sign yourself up!



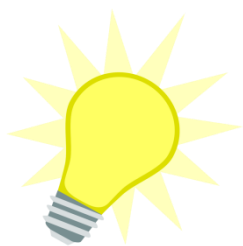
Infant crying is the most common reason why parents seek help when they have a small baby. In extreme cases crying can cause problems in parenting and even trigger abuse. Click [here](#) to read our **special bulletin** about how to keep baby safe as well as how cope with a crying baby. Be sure to pass this information onto your colleagues and share the key messages with the families you work with who have small babies or are pregnant.

Safer Sleeping Month

is taking place this year in **March** and in order to share key messages around

this topic with as many people as possible we are running 3 "Basic Awareness of Safer Sleeping Messages" sessions. These sessions will be delivered in partnership by a Named Safeguarding Nurse and the Lullaby Trust. Each session will be 2 hours long and are suitable for professionals who have not previously attended any similar training. Foster carers are also welcome to attend. These sessions will be taking place in Worthing Town Hall and a choice of times are available. Click [here](#) for more information and to request a place.

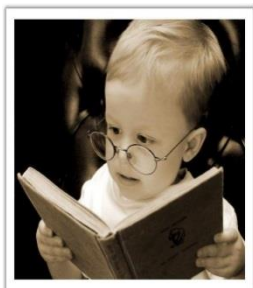
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Understanding the Needs of Children & Young People Who Present with Harmful Sexual Behaviour training is now available on the Learning and Development Gateway. This course, formally known as Children & Young People Who Sexually Harm provides delegates with the opportunity to explore different factors that may lead to a child or young person to engage in harmful sexual behaviours as well as strengths, needs and risk around this topic. Click [here](#) to request your place.



We recently delivered our first **Working Together To Safeguard Children Refresher** training course and feedback from this has been really positive. Those who attended said that they preferred a half-day session and felt that the content of the course was set at an appropriate level to those workers who already have a general knowledge of safeguarding and want to carry out more practice based work. This refresher covers tools and resources to support you in your safeguarding role, digital safeguarding as well as how to ensure referrals to MASH are of a good quality. Click [here](#) for full details and to request your place. Please be aware that more dates are to follow shortly so watch this space!



Have you checked out the **Escalation Policy**? The WSSCB have produced a multi-agency policy around what you should do if you are faced with a professional disagreement. Click [here](#) to read the policy and make sure you share it with your teams and colleagues!

Escalation Month will be taking place in March and more information will be available about the importance of escalation and how you can share important messages around this process. **Check out the next bulletin in February for more information on how to get involved!!**



Thank you to those workers who completed the CSA survey that was sent out before Christmas. We received 244 responses! This will help us to review the knowledge, skills and awareness of child sexual abuse across the workforce. This information will be used to improve the guidance, training and support available to workers in order for them to identify and tackle child sexual abuse.

If you would like to add anything to this newsletter in the future please contact me by email on lucy.short@westsussex.gov.uk

Kind Regards,

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