



# Safeguarding in Early Years Newsletter Autumn 2019



## Wigan Safeguarding Partnership

Welcome to the first Safeguarding newsletter of the first academic year. You may recall in our Summer Newsletter we informed you of the national changes which were taking place for all Safeguarding Children and Adults Boards. The Children's Board is now known as Wigan Safeguarding Partnership. These changes will not impact on the support which we can offer to your setting. Look out for our new logo which is coming very soon.

## Useful Resources For you

Don't forget that we have developed a number of Fact Sheets to help you and your staff in your safeguarding practice. These include: Having difficult conversations with parents and carers; Dealing with disclosures from children and; Seeking references. They can be downloaded [here](#).

## Guidance for Safer Working Practices- Updated Version

Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2018) states that schools must have a staff code of conduct, and that this is explained to new staff at induction. Although non-statutory, the document 'Guidance for Safer Working Practice for Adults who work with Children and Young People in Education' is an excellent starting point to understand professional conduct towards children and young people. We recommend that all staff read the guidance.

The Safer Recruitment Consortium has recently brought the guidance up-to-date and published the revised version in August 2019 (although the front cover states May 2019)

You can access the updated guidance [here](#).



## Contextual Safeguarding

Over the coming months you will hear more and more about contextual safeguarding from multi agency partners, especially those working in children's services.

Contextual safeguarding refers to risks which children may be exposed to outside of the family home, within a particular place or environment. This can include; Child Sexual Exploitation; Criminal Exploitation and Modern Slavery. As children move from early childhood to adolescents they spend increasing amounts of time socialising with people outside of their family and so may be exposed to abuse or violence. As Early years practitioners it is important that you have an awareness of these issues should a parent disclose information to you which may indicate their child is at risk.

To find out more you can visit the University of Bedfordshire Contextual Safeguarding website and sign up to access a wide range of resources [here](#).

## Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019

The DfE have published an update to KCSIE. Don't worry too much about the change. There has been a rewrite to paragraphs 164 and 165 in Part Three: Safer Recruitment.

Educare have produced a very useful summary of the changes to KCSIE (2019) and how they may affect your setting, this useful article can be accessed [here](#).

Don't forget that there is **free poster** that you can download which outlines the key points from Part One. You may find it very useful to display in your staff areas. You can access the poster [here](#).

## Autumn Safety Advice for Parents

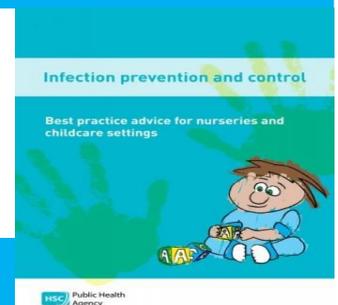


Autumn is here, and like the other seasons it brings its own set of safety challenges – from using fireworks safely to trick or treating. With Halloween and Bonfire Night just around the corner you may wish to remind your children and parents and carers about how they can keep themselves safe over this period.

Nottinghamshire Police have a FREE poster that you can download [here](#).

## Infection Prevention and Control

The Public Health Agency have produced a booklet on best practice advice for nurseries and child care settings. It includes simple, practical and easily understood guidance on the day-to-day implementation of good infection prevention and control practices, as well as specific actions to take in the event of outbreaks of infection.



## Learning from Serious Case Reviews- Podcasts now available



We are excited to announce that we now have a podcast available to listen to via Virtual College. In our first one Karen Robinson (Workforce Development Manager) and Rick Bolton (Business Manager) from Wigan Safeguarding Partnership discuss the thematic outcomes of Serious Case Reviews (Children) and Safeguarding Adult Reviews. To access them you just need to register for an account via Virtual College [here](#).

## Trauma Informed Practice

Some of you may have attended the Early Years Managers Event which was held on the 3rd October where Karina Warwick (Workforce Development Officer) spoke briefly about the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) and how adopting an approach known as Trauma Informed Practice can help children who may have experienced trauma. If you would like further information about the impact of ACE's you may wish to watch this [video](#).

You can also access the video on Trauma Informed Practice, which is called 'Sowing Seeds' [here](#).

