



Safeguarding in Early Years Newsletter Summer 2019



Changes to Local Safeguarding Children Boards

You may be aware that new legislation (Children and Social Work Act 2017) dictates that Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs), set up by local authorities, are to be replaced. With effect from 29th September 2019, Wigan Safeguarding Children Board will operate as Wigan Safeguarding Partnership. The new arrangements can be viewed [here](#). Under the new legislation, the three safeguarding partners (local authority police, and clinical commissioning group) must make arrangements to work together with relevant agencies, as they consider appropriate. Contact details for WSCB will remain the same.



NEW Draft of Keeping Children Safe in Education for September 2019

The government has published a draft of the statutory guidance, Keeping Children Safe in Education, to come into force in September 2019. This update is simply to ensure that the guidance is consistent with other areas of government policy. There are no core changes or new expectations and you need to do very little. You just need to ensure that any typographical changes are included in your safeguarding and child protection policy. The draft Keeping Children safe in Education for September 2019 can be downloaded [here](#).

Poster - Keeping Children Safe in Education (Key Points)

It is important that everyone in the school, including visitors, volunteers and agency staff understand their role in safeguarding children and young people. Each person needs to have read and understood Keeping Children Safe in Education Part One. This downloadable poster will help people remember the key points and can be accessed [here](#).

It may be useful to make staff aware of this at your next team meeting and display this poster in the staff areas of your setting.



Obtaining References- IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR SAFER RECRUITMENT



An issue has recently been identified where a supply agency has allowed teaching staff to enrol by obtaining references from a peer level colleague rather than a Head Teacher. Clearly, if there had been any particular concerns about the individual's suitability from a safeguarding perspective, this would be known only to the Headteacher or Human Resources Lead at the individual's previous school.

Whilst the responsibilities lie on the teaching supply agency, The Safer Recruitment Consortium advises that organisations obtain written assurance from agencies that the appropriate level of references and checks have been obtained which are in line with Safer Recruitment. guidance.

If you have any queries regarding Safer Recruitment then please email them to WSCB@wigan.gov.uk.

WSCB have been busy working on a guide to 'Obtaining References- in Education Settings', we hope you find this informative, you can download it [here](#).

OFSTED New Inspection framework



Ofsted has now published its new education inspection framework. Early years providers must get to grips with the new judgement areas quickly in order to ensure they are meeting the criteria laid out in the inspection handbook. The key changes include: 'Personal Development' which will now be separate from Behaviour and Attitudes; 'Quality of education' is now a new judgement area. The Ofsted Education Inspection Framework for September 2019 can be found [here](#).

Hungry Little Minds

We are excited to promote the launch of the new DfE campaign 'Hungry Little Minds'. This is a three year initiative to encourage parents of 0-5 year olds to engage in activities that support their child's early learning and promote school readiness and beyond.

This campaign will be promoted in National Newspapers and on Social Media. We would also really like you to promote the campaign in your setting.

We know supporting the home learning environment makes a difference and hope that you can support the promotion of these tools to parents, schools settings and carers as part of their everyday routines

The Early Years Team are busy developing some ideas and information about how you can help to raise awareness of this campaign with parents/ carers which will be shared through their own Facebook group. You can also access the toolkit [here](#)



Guidance for Safer Working Practice—Update

The Safer Recruitment Consortium have just released an updated version of the Guidance for Safer Working Practice. This document is very useful , it makes a good starting point for creating staff behaviour policies and you may wish to revisit the revised guidance with staff at your next team meeting. You can download the latest version [here](#).

WSCB are busy updating the face to face Safer Working Practice Training and the Early Years Team will let you know once this ready.

Safe Sleep advice over the holidays

The Lullaby Trust website has some really useful advice about keeping babies and young children cool and safe over the summer.

They have developed a range of leaflets and posters which you may wish to share with parents/ carers or display in your setting. Start the conversation today about safe sleep and staying safe on holiday! You can access the materials from the Lullaby Trust [here](#)



Early Years Annual Safeguarding Conference

Save the Date! The Early Years Annual Safeguarding Conference is taking place on the 9th November 2019. Details of how to book your place will be circulated to all settings very soon. We look forward to seeing you there!