



Safeguarding in Education 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. The changes will not impact on the support and training which we can offer to your school. Look out for our new logo which is coming very soon.

Safeguarding Training– NEW courses added

We are delighted to announce that we have a number of **NEW** safeguarding training courses which are now available.

Our new Face to Face Training includes; Graded Care Profile 2 and Mental Health Disorder and Parenting Capacity:.

And our new E-Learning courses include; Recognising and Preventing Female Genital Mutilation; Talking to your Children about Emotional Resilience and Self-Harm and; Safer Working Practices.

We are also busy finalising the following training; Complex and Contextual Safeguarding (Face to Face), Use of reasonable force (E-Learning) and Online Safety and Healthy Relationships (Online for 11 to 16 year olds). This will be available very soon.



Services for Schools Portal

Your school should now have an account with the Service for Schools Portal. This portal makes it much easier to view further information regarding our Service Level Agreements, which allow you to access a wide variety of E-Learning and Face to Face Safeguarding Training.

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).

Virtual College now offer E-Learning on Safer Working Practices. You can access the e-Learning through [Virtual College](#) and an electronic version of the updated guidance can be found [here](#).



Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019

The DfE have published an update to KCSIE. 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](#).

Graded Care Profile 2



Wigan Safeguarding Partnership are now offering training on Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP2). This tool has been developed by the NSPCC and it should be used in all cases where it is suspected that a child is suffering or likely to suffer Neglect. Any professional with an understanding of the child protection system and child development can use GCP2. Professionals have to attend the 1 day face to face training in order to use the tool. We would encourage school staff, who have access to children's homes and undertake home visits, to consider attending this training. You can access further information about the training [here](#).

Disclosures on Child Sexual Abuse

The Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse (CSA Centre) has published key messages from research on disclosures of child sexual abuse. The findings state that teachers are the professionals to whom children will most commonly disclose and children say they are trying to disclose their abuse when they show signs or act in ways that they hope adults will notice. You can read the findings [here](#).

A FREE e-Learning course has been produced by Seen and Heard. This helps professionals to recognise and respond to disclosures of sexual abuse. The Seen and Heard course is narrated by young people, who share real experiences about what it's like to be an abused or exploited child with 'something to tell'. You can access this [here](#).



Wigan Safeguarding Partnership have also developed on Fact Sheet on 'Responding to Disclosures from Children'. You can access it [here](#).

County Lines

The Guardian has published a series of reports investigating the scale, causes and consequences of county lines networks operated by criminal gangs across England and Wales. The report includes: an analysis of figures for 2017/18; a report on how gangs are using Airbnb accommodation and free meals to lure young people into county lines trafficking; and an article outlining the most high-profile county lines court cases in England and Wales for 2019. The Guardian has also published a podcast describing how drugs gangs are recruiting children. Read the news story: [Behind the lines](#). Listen to the podcast: [County lines: how drugs gangs are recruiting children](#)



Missing People have also published a study 'All of us were broken', which explores the impact of Criminal Exploitation on families. Findings in the report include common early warning signs of exploitation, the links between missing and exploitation / county lines, and the severe implications of not providing effective intervention at early stages of grooming.

The report is an essential read and can be accessed [here](#).