



Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB)

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Welcome to the 6th Edition of the Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) Newsletter. This quarterly bulletin is aimed at raising your awareness of national and local safeguarding children issues and has been developed especially for all those agencies that work with children and young people in Staffordshire.

As always, this edition which is longer than normal is packed with safeguarding children information that you need to know in order to promote the welfare and safety of the children and young people you work with in Staffordshire. There are also hyperlinks to other websites if you wish to read more information on the areas discussed.

We always welcome feedback and if you or your service has any important safeguarding children news or advice on how to improve this newsletter, please contact Lynne Milligan (SSCB Development Officer) on 01785 854572 or sscb.newsletter@staffordshire.gov.uk

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition of the SSCB newsletter. The next issue will be out in May 2014.



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Top Row from left to right: Sandra Cawley SSCB training admin, Nicola Cartwright, SSCB training coordinator.
Bottom row left to right: Laura Nield SSCB training coordinator, Jane Rowbottom SSCB Training Manager

When the Autumn term started it saw us running at full-pelt with training commitments, we had seen the exciting launch of the latest SSCB initiative of 'Chelsea's Choice' drama – a drama aimed at year 8's in schools highlighting issues around child sexual exploitation. Having been featured on Midlands Today we have been working very hard to get all school dates arranged. Staffordshire County Council's Placement Service supported two events sponsored by Unity Residential Care Services which saw many of our young people in residential homes in Staffordshire (including Stoke on Trent) attending our first events.

This is seen as "a really good example of SSCB/Placement Service/Independent Sector partnership working to safeguard young people"

The e-safety ESCape drama continues with its run in our primary schools, this drama has already been seen by nearly 30,000 children in Staffordshire and highlights safe use on the internet. Our programme of events continues with some new courses being offered - Designated/Lead Person training started in October and a unique Private Fostering event took place on 30 September.

Please remember when submitting your nomination form, that you must have completed Level 1 Child Protection training before attending any of our events, this is generally provided 'in-house' by your organisation, if you cannot access this you could try our e-learning modules (many of which are free) on <http://staffordshirescb.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/>.

Our team welcomes your queries on 01785 854579
sscb.training@staffordshire.gov.uk

All our training information can be found at
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Jane, Laura, Nicola and Sandra (SSCB Training Team)



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Following feedback from managers and practitioners the Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board aims to raise the profile of its members through a 'Board Blog'. Each edition will contain information about particular Board members, explaining who they represent and how their organisation keeps children safe.

SSCB Board Members



John Beaty – Board member representing further education colleges

John Beaty is Vice Principal, Corporate Relationships and Customer Experience at Burton and South Derbyshire College (BSDC). He is the Designated Senior Manager for Safeguarding at BSDC and was central in the college's 'Good' rating for safeguarding in the last inspection round. John is also a member of a national safeguarding group, led by the Association

of College's (AoC), who work alongside government departments to ensure that future safeguarding policy reflects the needs and practice of the Further Education Sector.

In John's time at BSDC the college has further enhanced and developed its role in relation to safeguarding. All staff members have various levels of mandatory training specific to their roles to ensure they are following SSCB policy and practice and that internal college procedures meet the needs of its complex customer base. The college has developed a number of productive and healthy relationships across the public, private and tertiary sectors to enhance the profile of safeguarding and to ensure that they are taking a joined up and complimentary approach to keeping young and vulnerable people, within their care, safe. These relationships include organisations such as Relate, Refuge, The Harvey Girls and other emergency and local services.

Safeguarding is integral to the learners journey at BSDC and is covered throughout induction, tutorial and the various feedback mechanisms utilised by the college. We continually utilise this feedback to improve our safeguarding services to learners and monitor the impact of this through this valuable feedback. The college has a designated safeguarding governor who works closely with John on relevant policy developments and the board of governors are continually kept abreast of Safeguarding practice through an annual report to the board (using SSCB templates) and a safeguarding agenda item at the College's Standards subcommittee. In commenting on being an SSCB member John commented: "I am really glad to be able to contribute to such an effective board. To me, constructive partnership working is essential in us ensuring that vulnerable people are kept safe and that we are engendering a learning culture, across our locality, in safeguarding practice. Sitting on the board allows me to share this practice with other education colleagues and ensure that we are working to meet the objectives established by the group".



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Linda James – Board member representing special schools

Linda James is Headteacher of Chasetown Community School, a special school for children with emotional, behavioural and social needs. She is the lead professional for safeguarding within the school, supported by a safeguarding group, consisting of the deputy headteacher, the e-safety officer, a family support worker and designated safeguarding governor

and e-safety governor. The safeguarding group meets half termly to monitor the impact of safeguarding interventions within school and to ensure everyone is kept up to date with local and national developments.

Linda invests heavily in time and commitment to ensure that members of her safeguarding group regularly attend both local and national safeguarding briefings.

Safeguarding was rated as strong in the school's recent Ofsted inspection (June 2013) and Linda's membership of the Safeguarding Board was acknowledged. Linda represents her colleague Headteacher's within Staffordshire Special Schools as a Board member and ensures they are regularly updated with any new national and local safeguarding developments.

Linda explained how 'It is a privilege to sit on the Board. Both professional and lay members are able to work effectively with each other to safeguard children and young people in Staffordshire.'

At the same time we are striving to foster a learning culture within Staffordshire that clearly echoes the principle that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Every child needs to be kept safe'.

National News

All babies count

Preventing the abuse and neglect of babies by improving support for parents

The NSPCC has launched a programme to help new parents cope with stress and show them the dangers of shaking a baby. The 'All babies count' campaign highlights the vulnerability of babies and is calling for better and earlier support for new parents.



Created by the NSPCC in collaboration with Great Ormond Street, it recognises the real stress and strain that a new baby can put parents under and could be rolled out nationwide.

Babies can scream at 110 decibels, which is nearly on a par with an emergency siren. To an emotionally exhausted and sleep-deprived parent this can soon seem unbearable. According to the NSPCC, one in 3,000 babies under six months in the UK suffer from an inflicted brain injury or brain bleeding.



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The UK campaign includes information on how easy it is to inflict damage on a fragile newborn. The baby's head is big and heavy compared to the rest of its body. Unless supported, the head flops around because the neck muscles aren't yet strong enough to hold it still.

COPING WITH CRYING

The NSPCC says crying is the only way a baby can tell its parents how it feels or what it needs. Once the obvious checks are done (feeding, winding etc) they suggest...

- Cuddling and singing
- Gently rocking the baby in a cradle or pram
- Walking up and down with them in your arms or a sling
- Playing music

If it becomes unbearable try...

- Putting the baby in a safe place like a cot or pram and leaving the room until you have calmed down
- Asking a friend or relative for some help
- Talk to a health visitor or ring a help line like Cry-sis on 08451 228669



Back in July of this year the NSPCC launched the Underwear Rule campaign. This national campaign aims to encourage parents and carers to have simple conversations with their children to help keep them safe from abuse and to give them the confidence to do so.

The NSPCC are helping parents and carers to teach their primary school aged children the Underwear Rule. The rule helps children understand that their body belongs to them, that they have the right to say no, and that they should always talk to an adult they trust if they're worried.

Please help us to spread the word about the campaign.

Find out more about the campaign and watch the 'Private Parts' video at: www.nspcc.org.uk/conversations

Read the NSPCC's tips and guidance for parents and carers at: www.nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule

Follow us and share the campaign on Facebook and twitter - please tweet using [#talkPANTS](http://www.twitter.co.uk)



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Live child sex abuse images warning from Ceop

Images showing child sex abuse - including those streamed from live webcams - are increasingly available on the internet, experts warn.

In 2012 the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre received reports relating to 70,000 indecent images - twice as many as in 2011. Of those, Ceop received 8,000 reports of obscene material being downloaded or shared in the UK. With an estimated 50,000 UK web users involved in distributing abuse images.

Live streaming had been identified as an emerging threat, with offenders targeting vulnerable families overseas, particularly in parts of the developing world.

Children were then forced to engage in sexual activity on live webcams in exchange for payment to the family or criminals. Ceop said that online video services such as Skype were among those being exploited to transmit live images of abuse. Many abusers were hiding their actions deep in the "hidden internet" by using encrypted networks and other secure methods to distribute images. These methods make it harder for law enforcement agencies to trace abusers.

"The use of the hidden internet in the UK and beyond is expected to continue increasing throughout 2013, possibly reaching 20,000 daily UK users by the end of the year," said the report. Ceop assesses that the networking and sense of 'safe' community that occurs within the hidden internet and the relative sophistication of offenders within that environment stimulates the production of [indecent images of children] on both a commercial and non-commercial basis."

Peter Davies, chief executive of Ceop, said: "Our assessment shows that, sadly, there are still too many children at risk and too many people who would cause them serious harm. We should all practise zero tolerance to child sexual exploitation and abuse."

An NSPCC spokeswoman said that evidence from police in England and Wales indicated there were 20,000 sexual offences against children every year.

"However, we believe this is far from the true situation as many cases are never revealed," said the spokesman. Independent charity Victim Support, meanwhile, said the police service must "ask itself some searching questions". "It's first priority is to prevent and detect crime," chief executive Javed Khan said.

There were "inconsistencies in the way forces collect, record and categorise child sex abuse offences", he added. "It is essential that every dot is joined up if the most vulnerable in our society are to be protected.

"Every police force must therefore contribute fully and consistently to the national intelligence picture - only then will we have a true picture of the scale of the problem."

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

Launch of UK national 24hr helpline on FGM

After discovering that more than 70 women and girls as young as seven seek treatment every month, the NSPCC have launched a helpline to protect UK children from female genital mutilation (FGM).

Female genital mutilation is a form of child abuse common to some African, Asian and Middle Eastern communities in the UK. This illegal and life-threatening initiation ritual can leave young victims in agony and with physical and psychological problems that can continue into adulthood.

Carried out in secret and often without anaesthetic it involves the partial or total removal of the external female genital organs. Victims are usually aged between four and ten, but some are babies.

Over 1,700 victims were referred to specialist clinics in the last two years. However, it is thought that the true number of victims is even higher as only a tiny fraction come forward for medical help. Those who do are usually adults with maternity problems.



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The helpline will give advice, information and support for anyone concerned that a child's welfare is at risk because of female genital mutilation.

The Metropolitan Police force is also supporting the FGM helpline as part of its crime prevention work and has provided training to the NSPCC.

If you are worried that a child may be at risk of FGM, you can contact the 24 hour helpline anonymously on 0800 028 3550 or email fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk.

National Serious Case Reviews

Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board has published the overview report of a serious case review into the sexual abuse of a young girl by an assistant at her nursery. **Issues identified include:** lax recruitment processes and a lack of rigour to inspection processes and investigation of concerns about the perpetrator. Recommendations include: colleges and universities providing early years qualifications should ensure they assess students for their understanding of child protection procedures and their suitability for work with children, early years settings should demonstrate adherence to safer recruitment best practice, and local internet safety campaigns should make children and parents aware of the dangers of internet chat rooms. **In respect of the Serious Injury of Case No.2010-11/3**

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Coventry Local Safeguarding Children Board has published a serious case review into the death of 4-year-old Daniel Pelka on 3 March 2012 as the result of an acute subdural haematoma. Daniel's mother and step father were convicted of murder in August 2013 and sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment. For a period of at least six months prior to his death, Daniel had been starved, assaulted, neglected and abused. **History of:** incidents of serious domestic abuse and violence, chaotic lifestyle with multiple house moves and alcohol misuse by mother and various partners. **Issues identified include:** deception of agencies and services by mother; impact of witnessing violence on children; impact of culture, race and language; and Daniel's isolation and 'invisibility'. **Recommendations include:** review of information sharing and notification systems in respect of domestic abuse; ensuring a robust system for recording injuries or welfare concerns by school staff; and guaranteeing health professionals consider child abuse as a differential diagnosis, when assessing the welfare of children who present with unclear concerns. Child abuse, domestic abuse, alcohol misuse.

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Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board has published a serious case review in to the death of a Keanu Williams, a 2-year-old boy in January 2011 from multiple injuries, later determined to be the result of separate incidents with several major injuries being sustained over a period of days. Mother was convicted of Keanu's murder and of 'cruelty to a child' in respect of one his older half siblings; she was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment. Mother's partner was convicted of 'cruelty to a child' and received a 9 month suspended sentence. Mother spent periods of time in foster care subject to care orders throughout her own childhood. Keanu's older siblings were subjects of residence orders to maternal grandfather. **History of:** frequent house moves and periods of homelessness and frequent changes in maternal relationships, including partners met over social networking sites. **Issues identified include:** focus on the child; commitment to interagency child protection processes; and professional curiosity in relation to injuries. **Recommendations include:** multi-agency audits to track records across agencies; critical review of the interagency protocol for child protection medical assessments; and procedures for managing internal and external professional disagreement and escalation, to ensure it does not delay service provision.

The Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) have produced 2 serious case review briefings which offer an overview of each on the above cases as well as the lessons to be learnt. These can be found on the SSCB website. www.staffsscb.org.uk/Latest-News/Briefings



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Local Learning – Using the SCIE learning model

In 2012 the SSCB commissioned a 'systems' case review using the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) Learning Together (LT) model into the hidden and severe neglect of a 3 year old Staffordshire child (child A) who, when found, was the size of a 6 month old baby. The aim of this review method was to provide an understanding of front-line practice by getting behind what professionals do and illuminating why they do what they do.

This learning model is regarded as offering a high level of inclusion and learning across all agencies, and is in line with the recommendation of Professor Eileen Munro (and with the new Working Together 2013 guidance) that all case reviews should employ a multi-agency systems approach.

The SSCB have produced a SCIE briefing which offers an overview on this case and the lessons to be learned locally. Access to this document can be found at: www.staffscsb.org.uk/Latest-News/Briefings/Briefings.aspx

SSCB Agency Page

MASH rallies agencies to forge ahead in fight for the vulnerable

WORK inside the county's pioneering centre in Stone is gaining a national reputation for speeding up information sharing and delivering fast and effective interventions - to protect those who are under threat.

Policing Minister Damian Green visited the **Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** in July to see the operation in action and stated: "Around the country it is recognised that the Staffordshire MASH is ahead of the game in terms of bringing together all the agencies that know something about vulnerable people, so they don't fall through the cracks - I think there's a lesson for the rest of the country to be learned from Staffordshire."



'Policing Minister Damian Green chats with Deputy Chief Constable Jane Sawyers during his visit to Staffordshire on 23 July 2013'.

What the MASH does & who's there

Over the last 18 months social care workers from Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent have been working with police, probation and health professionals to improve the way children and vulnerable adults are safeguarded.





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These professionals share information to ensure early identification of potential significant harm, and trigger interventions to prevent further harm. Initially lead by Staffordshire Police the MASH opened in December 2011, followed by a number of other hubs across the country, due to high profile cases such as 'Baby P', who died in August 2007 in Haringey, North London, after months of abuse. Subsequent inquiries uncovered a number of failings, in that separate agencies dealing with families did not freely share information, which could have prevented the death.

Deputy Chief Constable Jane Sawyers, from Staffordshire Police, said: "Serious case reviews into the deaths of children have criticised agencies for holding information but not sharing it, to allow the best decisions to be made. "For example the police may attend a domestic violence incident between two adults, but there may be information from a school or health agency about the same family that should be shared.

"Having the two authorities plus other key agencies based in the MASH is fantastic. It can often happen that a child lives in Stoke-on-Trent but goes to school in the county, and both organisations have information about that child."

Referrals

Dealing on average with 50 referrals a-day from across the county and city of Stoke-on-Trent, the confidential environment within the MASH enables professionals to undertake early risk assessment, through enhanced data sharing and analysis - to join up the information available about a 'whole family'. This creates the proportionality and necessity which provides the justification to allow information to be released to operational staff - who in-turn, support and intervene to protect the vulnerable.

Core areas of business in the MASH are:

- high risk children referrals,
- domestic violence screening for children and vulnerable adults,
- child sexual exploitation,
- vulnerable adult referrals,
- domestic abuse - victims and perpetrators and repeat cases,
- missing persons,
- hate crime,
- professional-concern cases - where the cohort is not clear at the referral stage.

The Staffordshire Responsive Services Team based in the MASH provide an entry point for any person who wishes to contact the County Council with regards to the safety of a child (under 18) who needs protection, where a Common Assessment Framework (CAF) is not sufficient to meet their needs and a social worker is not currently involved.

This includes other local authority children placed in Staffordshire where there are allegations of abuse taking place involving a person who works with children. These cases are dealt with by the SCC Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), also based at the MASH.



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Children are classed as 'high-risk' when it cannot be determined (from the information gathered) whether they are at risk of significant harm or are children-in-need - as set out in the Children's Act. However, areas NOT covered are children who have an allocated social worker in Staffordshire and children who have only universal needs.

If you need to refer a child during normal working hours contact

Responsive Services by: Telephone - 0800 131 3126

Fax - 01785 854223 Email - firstr@staffordshire.gov.uk Post - First

Response Team, Wedgwood Building, Tipping Street, Stafford ST16 2DH.

During out of hours, weekends and Bank Holidays (Monday to Thursday 16.45 until 08.45, Friday 16.15 until Monday 08.45) contact the

Responsive Services Emergency Duty Team by:

Telephone - 0845 604 2886 Fax - 01785 277321.

Performance management

Most referrals are made by phone and followed up with a multi-agency referral form (MARF) which is processed by Responsive Services workers within an hour of being authorised by a senior practitioner social worker. All other referrals are completed within 24-hours. Referrals that are tasked out to an area social work team advise the sender directly. All other enquiries where it transpires that a social work assessment is not appropriate, are notified at point of contact or by letter.

Overall performance analysis shows an encouraging landscape - between February and August 2013 the total number of referrals received by all agencies was 9223, with 4646 (50%) of those going through the information sharing process. Management baseline performance criteria has been set, which provides the detail on which the MASH can measure its contribution to safeguarding moving forward.

As the MASH develops, the way of working will evolve due to a constant drive to improve outcomes for the vulnerable; however the main aims of the MASH are to:

- ensure more effective and earlier identification of the vulnerable,
- reduce the number of different professionals being involved,
- avoid unnecessary duplication and visits,
- simplify processes,
- ensure improved communication between professionals.

Staffordshire County Council Cllr Robert Marshall, who holds the portfolio for public safety, added: "I think we should be very proud of the MASH because Damian Green is the latest visitor in a long list of quite important visitors to come here to see how the MASH works." It's getting a reputation for being the place where child protection works and one of our biggest duties is to protect our vulnerable people."



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Next steps

As more agencies have joined along the way MASH strategic development manager John Maddox says "The final piece of the puzzle is almost in place as North Staffordshire Combined Health, which deals with mental health, move in soon – which means that we'll soon have all the agencies we want on board.

"Future planning includes, achieving a common operating process to arrive at a 'one MASH, one team' ethos that will provide even greater support to frontline operations."

Further information

Why not arrange a visit to your colleagues in the MASH - for general information contact John Maddox at John.maddox@staffordshire.gov.uk or 01785 895069 or Martine Redpath at martine.redpath@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk or 01785 232348. See more on You Tube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpRDQyXYMYo



Read more at: <http://www.staffsscb.org.uk/professionals/whatismash/>

Families First - Capturing the voice and experiences of children subject to a child protection plan.

From 1 October 2013 Staffordshire County Council will be launching two new services aimed at capturing the views and wishes of those children subject to a child protection plan. An advocacy service, awarded to SOVA will be offered to children aged between 9-15 years at the initial and case conference review and roll-out will start in 3 specialist safeguarding units (SSU's) in the 3 Newcastle Safeguarding Teams; 2 Stafford Safeguarding Teams and 2 Tamworth teams. Suitable communication material will provide social workers, practitioners, parent/carers, children and young people with information that will assist them in understanding the role of the service.

Following a pilot carried out with 8 – 12 year olds an on-line electronic consultation questionnaire, known as Viewpoint will be rolled out over the next 6 months starting with specialist safeguarding units (SSU's) across the county.

Initially teams in Cannock, Rugeley, South Staffordshire, Lichfield, Burntwood, Leek, Biddulph and East Staffordshire will use the questionnaire to capture the views of 6-15 year olds, which aims to find out about their likes and dislikes; whether they attend certain appointments i.e. the dentist or GP; and if they know who their social worker is and whether they think their social worker listens to them.



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The questionnaire can be completed at school or in any other safe and secure environment with a professional the child or young person feels most comfortable with (identified at core group). This could be a teacher, or family support worker.

Once completed the child's social worker and the independent chair will receive an automatic alert, via email and the outcome will then be used to inform the conference report, decisions made and recommendations at conference. It may also be used alongside other tools that include 'My Journey My Voice' in order to strengthen multi agency working and improve outcomes for the child and their family.

Practice guidance (including a flowchart) is currently being produced which will support this process alongside information for the child/young person, social worker, independent chair and supporting professional.

Monthly evaluations will determine the effectiveness of such a tool, with plans in the new year to roll it out to include the views and experiences of looked after children, children in need, young offenders and children subject to a CAF.

The Gingerbread Centre charity has been operating from its base in Stoke on Trent for 35 years and has provided life changing support to 1000's of homeless lone parent families & teenage mothers in Stoke and Staffordshire over this time, to help them regain their independence. We provide supported accommodation and a wide range of additional support services to help both parent and their children start a new more positive life. Part of developing their independence is through education and links to business and employment opportunities such as the Industrial Revolution project.

Industrial Revolution is to be a micro social enterprise focused on the design and manufacture of jewellery, glassware and small ceramics on limited edition development runs.

The theme for the business is taking the best of the former industrial heritage of the potteries and linking it to the growing development of new small scale designer potteries and growth across the existing major potteries in the area which is stimulating lots of new development. In addition it is basing a project in an area where there is a high concentration of skills that can be tapped into to support this project, but also provide a route to future employment.



The Gingerbread Centre – Industrial Revolution Project



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The intention is to attract skilled former pottery workers as volunteers or part-time support workers to help the business grow and develop and facilitate the inter-generational transfer of skills. This social enterprise will be established under the umbrella of the main Gingerbread Centre charity with the aim of being run by formerly homeless teenage mothers/fathers 16 - 19 years old currently based or former residents of the Catherine Court Teenage Unit run by the Gingerbread Centre.

Aim is to build up a micro business that provides real employment, develops their work ready skills and enhances the profile of the clients and their employability through profile building lasting business to business relationships with corporate partners.

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Keeping children safe in the early years

Stretton Day Nursery

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Stretton day nursery in Stretton, Burton-on-Trent made the best of the opportunities provided during Child Safety week back in June as they helped children to stay safe whilst crossing the road. Display boards filled with information and pictures made by the children helped them to feel confident about knowing when to stop, look and listen and what to look out for that could cause them harm. The local school crossing warden came along to talk to the children and used traffic cones to map out a route which they then cycled to learn about their left and right.



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Obstacles along the way reinforced key messages about where to stop, and how to use crossings safely. Children talked to their parents following the days events, even explaining how a TV advert they were watching was similar to what they had learned. Children skilfully applied their new found skills to their journey home as they talked about holding hands when crossing the road and wearing a helmet when riding your bike. Parents also fed back to staff, expressing their delight at the way in which the lessons were delivered and at just how much the children had learned.

The nursery also assisted the SSCB in delivering important messages to parents and carers about how to keep their babies safe when they are sleeping. Posters and leaflets displayed in the baby room and reception areas, helped reinforce the messages, with room thermometers included in 'settling in' packs for new parents. Feedback from staff and parents has been very positive and we would like to thank the nursery for all their hard work and commitment to safeguarding children.



GET INVOLVED

We value your input, send us your articles about how your agency work together to keep children safe. Please contact Lynne Milligan (SSCB Development Officer) on 01785 854572 or lynne.milligan@staffordshire.gov.uk



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Resources Books

Protecting children and young people: short guide for GPs.

Short booklet for GPs, covering: child protection examinations; confidentiality and information sharing where there is concern that a child may be at risk; record keeping standards and procedures where there are safeguarding concerns and child protection training and development for health care staff.

Publication details: Manchester: General Medical Council (GMC), 2012
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A parents' guide to Facebook.

Guide aimed at parents, designed to help them understand what the online social networking site, Facebook, is and how their children can use it safely. Covers: what Facebook is and how it is used, risks involved in social networking, ways to monitor children's Facebook activities, managing reputations online and how to optimise Facebook for young people.

Publication details: [United States]: ConnectSafely, 2012

Authors: Anne Collier and Larry Magid

Safeguarding children: guidance for the protection of children in the early years.

Summary: Introductory guide to child protection for practitioners working in early years settings. Covers: categories of child abuse; legal and policy context; duties of early years providers; roles and responsibilities of agencies; children's rights; reporting procedures; working with parents in child protection; and managing allegations against staff members. Appendices include a child protection case notes template, a child protection referral form and a child body diagram.

Publication details: London: Pre-school Learning Alliance, 2013

ISBN: 9781907478147 **Authors:** Stephanie Mathivet and Andrew Burroughs

Social networking and you.

Summary: Booklet for adopted and long-term fostered young people raising important questions about their use of social networking sites. Provides advice on sharing information (or not) and staying safe online. Addresses concerns about unexpected contact with birth relatives via online communication methods, talking things through with adoptive parents, and tracking birth parents. Includes real life stories of adopted young people's experiences. **Publication details:** London: British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF), 2013 ISBN: 9781907585746 **Authors:** Eileen Fursland



Free Resources

Using photographs of children for publication.

Factsheet aimed at community groups and other organisations working with children, on using photographs and images of children on websites and in other publications. Covers: risks posed to children; minimising risk; using photographers; seeking parental permission; responding to concerns and further reading. **Publication details:** London: NSPCC, 2013
Corporate authors: NSPCC