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Safeguarding in Education Newsletter



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Welcome to April's edition of Sandwell Education Newsletter, where we aim to update you on all things safeguarding in education, including potential training opportunities and useful links.

Special Points to Note:

Attendance in education and early years settings during the (COVID-19 outbreak [GOV.UK](#)

Protective measures for holiday or after-school clubs and other out-of-school settings for children during the COVID-19 outbreak [GOV.UK](#)

Rail to Refuge—Free train travel for those fleeing domestic abuse.

Is a joint initiative between rail companies and Women's Aid in which train operators cover the cost of train tickets for women, men and children escaping domestic abuse travelling to refuge accommodation. [Women's Aid](#)

Coronavirus: 5 steps to update your safeguarding policies and procedures [NSPCC](#)

Update on providing school meals during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak [Gov.UK](#)

Loneliness, suicide and young people [Samaritans](#)

Kidscape Top tips for schools on bullying [Kidscape](#)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) briefing: safeguarding guidance and information for schools

NSPCC Learning has updated its briefing on safeguarding guidance for schools during the coronavirus pandemic. [NSPCC](#)

Briefing Paper Number 3: Child Sexual Exploitation

The Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (SBNI) has published the third in a series of briefings on child sexual exploitation (CSE). [SBNI](#)

Schools' buying strategy

An outline of initiatives to help all schools improve how they buy goods and services. [Gov.UK](#)

Ofsted review into sexual abuse in schools: terms of reference

Following the launch of the government's investigation into peer-on-peer sexual abuse, Ofsted has published its terms of reference. The review will look at whether schools and colleges have appropriate processes in place to allow pupils to report sexual abuse concerns freely, knowing these will be taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately. Ofsted will visit a sample of schools and colleges where cases have been highlighted, with ISI where appropriate, to look at how well safeguarding is working and to discuss the wider issues raised by the evidence. The review will not report on individual schools or cases, but present a picture of good and poor practice across the country. The review will consider a number of areas, including:

- Whether the safeguarding guidance to schools is strong enough to safeguard children;
- How schools can be further supported to teach the new RSHE curriculum;
- Multi-agency safeguarding arrangements; and how well schools and colleges listen to the voices of children when reporting sexual abuse. Report [Ofsted review Gov.uk](#)

Everyone's Invited [www.everyonesinvited.uk](#)

A movement committed to eradicating rape culture. Trigger warning for the survivor testimonies: Rape and sexual assault, abuse (physical, mental, emotional, verbal, sexual), eating disorders, self harm, suicide or suicidal ideation, violence, child abuse, paedophilia

Sandwell Local Authority acknowledge the importance of this movement and are working with MASIE to organise a regional strategy response to this.



NSPCC new helpline

[NSPCC](#) is launching a dedicated

helpline for children and young people who have experienced sexual harassment or abuse at school, and for worried adults and professionals that need support and guidance. This dedicated helpline will offer support to:

- all children and young people making current and non-recent disclosures of sexual harassment or abuse on school grounds within school time, and incidents linked to school in any capacity
- any children or young people who want to talk about being involved or witnessing any incidents
- any adults who have experienced non-recent abuse
- parents and carers who have any concerns about their own or other children
- professionals who work in schools and need support in this or related issues.

Anyone who gets in touch through this dedicated helpline will also be signposted to other relevant support services available including Childline - which provides ongoing support and counselling to children and young people. Young people and adults can contact the NSPCC helpline, Report Abuse in Education on [0800 136 663](#) or email help@nspcc.org.uk



Useful Contact Numbers



MASH - SPOC : 0121 569 3100

Tipton COG: 0121 569 7291

West Bromwich COG: 0121 569 7293

Rowley COG: 0121 569 7296

LADO: 0121 569 4770

LA Prevent Team: 0121 569 2252

Wednesbury COG: 0121 569 7294

Oldbury COG: 0121 569 7295

Smethwick COG: 0121 569 7297

Exploitation Team: 0121 569 2524/8391

SCSP Update

SCSP Training

To view up to date training dates and for information regarding booking please click [here](#).

GCP2

Limited places available on the GCP2 training scheduled for 27th and 29th April. Be sure to book quickly to avoid disappointment. There is a pre course request to complete the eLearning Neglect module. This is a short and simple module and can be located [here](#).

£280m capital funding boost for children and young people with SEND

Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) or requiring alternative provision in England will benefit from a £280 million investment, the government has announced today (09 April). Councils will receive the funding to create new places in schools, academies, colleges and early years settings. The funding will improve existing provision to create modern, fit-for-purpose spaces suited to a wider range of pupil needs. This could be by contributing to the cost of creating a whole new special school, or by improving accessibility, such as installing ramps, handrails or ceiling hoists. The funding is part of the government's commitment to ensuring pupils with SEND receive the specialist support they need to get an excellent education. Minister for the School System Baroness Berridge said:

- It is so important that all children and young people, whatever their background, are able to attend a good school that helps them thrive and gives them the building blocks they need to go on to fulfil their potential.
- For pupils with more complex needs or disabilities, it is especially important that the right facilities and support are in place at whatever school they attend, so they can learn in a modern, adaptable environment.
- This funding will help councils provide targeted support to level up outcomes for some of their most vulnerable pupils. Full article [Gov.UK](#)



Step Up, Speak Up!

A practical campaign toolkit to address the issue of online sexual harassment amongst

young people aged 13 – 17 years. It includes a range of resources for young people and the professionals who work with them, including teachers, pastoral teams, senior school leadership and police forces. This toolkit gives young people the opportunity to explore their own attitudes and opinions of online sexual harassment, and to discuss ways to challenge unacceptable online behaviour. The reporting process is a key theme that runs throughout the toolkit, and the different reporting options are explored and clarified. For more information on this toolkit visit: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/step-up-speak-up/teaching-toolkit/about-this-toolkit>



Send me a pic? Three sessions for 12-14 year olds on issues around nude image sharing

Send me a pic? is a brand new Thinkuknow education resource on the consensual and non-consensual sharing of nude images among young people. Send me a pic? has been developed in response to learning from our Digital Romance (2017) research into young people's relationships online, and through extensive collaboration with young people across the UK. The resource pack contains three sessions plans based on short film clips. Each clip shows a fictional online chat where young people request, receive and discuss issues related to nude images. Send me a pic? has been awarded the PSHE Association Quality Mark, demonstrating that it supports safe and effective teaching practice and meets the PSHE Association's 'Ten principles of effective PSHE education'.

What young people will learn

Send me a pic? starts a positive, supportive dialogue with young people around nude image sharing, at an age where research shows they are becoming aware of, and affected by, such issues.

Send me a pic? helps young people:

- identify healthy and unhealthy relationship behaviours
- explore the positive role technology can play in relationships
- identify and respond to manipulation, pressure and coercion
- critique harmful social norms around nude image sharing in groups
- identify ways young people can support their peers, and
- develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to seek help if they need it.

The three sessions cover the following topics:

Session 1 – Identifying healthy and unhealthy relationships

Session 2 – Nudes in relationships

Session 3 – When nudes get shared around

The theme and learning outcomes for each session are informed by the latest research, intelligence from the NCA, input from academic specialists, and extensive engagement with young people themselves. For more information or to download the session visit— <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/resources/send-me-a-pic/>

Data Analysis per child 1st March 2021 —31st March 2021

TOTAL AMOUNT OF INCIDENTS

> Domestic Abuse incidents:	654
> Urgent Child Protection—STRAT:	195
> Domestic Abuse Triage:	401
> MASH discussions:	97
> Total amount of children affected :	946

OUTCOMES FOR ALL INCIDENTS

> Section 47—Child Protection:	111
> Single Assessment—Managed with children social care:	157
> Universal Services—Single agency, targeted support:	129
> Early Help	92
> NFA—No role for children's service:	71