

Bexley Safeguarding Partnership for Children and Young People e-Bulletin

February 2019



Outcome of system learning event – 29 January 2019

We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to those who attended the first system learning event of our new safeguarding partnership on Tuesday 29 January.

Over 85 people attended the event, which focused on the emerging recommendations from our work to date on **Priority 1** – *Reducing the number of children and young people who are missing and are at risk of criminal or sexual exploitation* – and launched **Priority 2** – *Responding effectively to the mental ill health of parents so they are supported to give their children the best start*.

The event, held at the Marriott, featured special guest speakers including David Akinsanya (freelance journalist and care leaver), Ben Westwood (singer, writer and ex-runaway), Nikki Reeves (Missing People), a parent (who has experienced their child going missing), Dr Susan Pawlby (King's College London, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience) and Nigel Richardson CBE (Bexley independent scrutineer). A special thank you also to Maria Hawes-Gatt, Deputy Director, Quality, Patient Experience & Performance, Bexley Clinical Commissioning Group for stepping in at the last moment to present the launch of Priority 2.

Update on the partnership's second priority: Parental mental ill

Learning Hub members for our second priority have now met for two initial workshops on *parental mental health*, where we started to highlight and explore the various successes and challenges regarding multi-agency practice in this area.

This feedback has all been recorded and will contribute to the final report and recommendations to the Partnership Board. The workshop also helped to plan the next steps for Learning Hub members, which will involve gathering feedback from young people, families, parents and carers, practitioners and partner agencies, over the next two months.

If you would like to take part in this stage of the Learning Hub, and contribute any feedback on *parental mental health*, then please do get in touch - bscb@bexley.gov.uk

Safeguarding Champion events – don't forget to book!

There are still a small number of spaces left for the upcoming safeguarding champion events in February and March!

The focus of these workshops will include learning and feedback from Priority 1: Children and Young People who go Missing. Here, champions will be invited to take part in reflective discussion and interactive group working in order to capture & digest key learning from the first priority.

The workshops will also feature:

- An introduction to Priority 2 - *Respond effectively to the mental ill health of parents so they are supported to give their children the best start*
- Updates on the new Partnership – Where are we now?
- Updates on Learning Reviews – Learning objectives and next steps...

To book your place on one of the three workshops, please click [here](#).

Contextual Safeguarding masterclass – 10th May 2019

Following the success of last year's contextual safeguarding masterclasses, led by the University of Bedfordshire, we are pleased to offer a further date for those who may have missed out previously!

This workshop will:

- Introduce the concept of contextual safeguarding developed by Dr Carlene Firmin at the University of Bedfordshire and the evidence upon which the concept has been built
- Describe practices, resources and recommendations that have been co-designed with practitioners who have been adopting contextual approaches to safeguarding young people across England over the past three years
- Draw upon cases of peer-on-peer abuse, and other forms of extra-familial risk using a case study exercise, to explore the limitations of traditional safeguarding and child protection practices
- Use interactive exercises for participants to engage contextual practice
- Provide the foundations for practitioners interested in developing new approaches to both safeguarding young people and meeting the challenge of extra-familial risks of significant harm

Masterclass date and other booking details

The masterclass will run from 10.00am-3.30pm at the Council Chambers, Bexley Civic Offices with a maximum of 40 participants.

For more information and to register your place at the masterclass, please click

[here](#). Please note that this is a first come - first serve basis, once spaces are full you will not be able to book. If you would like to be put on the waiting list, please email BSCB mailbox bscb@bexley.gov.uk

Safer Internet Day – 5 February 2019

Consent online and young people/resources for professionals

Each year the UK Safer Internet Centre coordinates Safer Internet Day.

This year's [Safer Internet Day](#) took place on 5th February and focused on the theme of young People and consent online, including in their friendships or relationships, how they take and share images and videos or how they manage their privacy and data.

As part of the day, the Centre has created a [range of educational resources](#) including presentations and lesson plans suitable for children and young people of different ages (from 3-18).

The centre has three main functions:

- Awareness Centre: to provide [advice and support](#) to children and young people, parents and carers, schools and the children's workforce and to coordinate [Safer Internet Day](#) across UK.
- [Helpline](#): to provide support to professionals working with children and young people with online safety issues.
- [Hotline](#): an anonymous and safe place to report and remove child sexual abuse imagery and videos, wherever they are found in the world.

It is worth highlighting that under their advice and support section there is some key advice on online safety for professionals working with children and young people, including specific advice for [social workers](#), [healthcare professionals](#) and [foster carers and adoptive parents](#).

Safer Internet Day in Bexley!

Safer Internet Day was marked in Bexley by a number of activities!

Pascale Berthellet, Public Health Advisor for Children and Young People, LB Bexley spent the day with children from Peareswood Primary School and met with their internet safety champions. Also, as part of the day she commissioned the play “[In the Net](#)” by AlterEgo. The play, while being funny, gives children important messages about keeping safe online and the real-world effects of cyber bullying.

Over 500 Year 4 children from across Bexley attended the performance, kindly hosted this year by Northwood Primary School. For any schools who would to know more about the type of support Pascale can offer around online safety, her email address is Pascale.Berthellet@bexley.gov.uk.

National reports and guidance

National Children’s Bureau, Safeguarding Early Adopters – Interim Report

The National Children’s Bureau has published an [interim report](#) describing the activity of the Early Adopters Programme and the 17 early adopters across the country, **which includes Bexley. They highlight Bexley’s Learning Journey on pages 24-28.**

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - The health impacts of screen time: a guide for clinicians and parents

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) has published [guidance](#) for clinicians and parents on screen time use and the effects of screen time on children and young people. Recommendations include: avoid screens an hour before the planned bedtime; families should negotiate screen time limits with their children based upon the needs of an individual child.

Young people in custody

The Home Office has updated information on the rights and entitlements for young people under 18-years-old who have been detained in custody. The [leaflet](#) details: what will happen when you arrive at the police station; things the police may do, such as measuring your height and scanning your fingerprints; the interview; your rights and entitlements to legal aid.

Link to previous e-Bulletins

Previous e-Bulletins are available [here](#).