

Safeguarding Updates – Issue 1 Autumn 2017

Designated Safeguarding Lead Training

Due to trainer availability, dates for our Designated Safeguarding Lead training were very early in the term and have now passed. However we do have plans to commission further training to support the DSL's within the sector and will endeavour to secure either twilight or a Saturday session to accommodate Childminders and those providers that struggle to release staff during the week.

Training Needs

We hope to be able to secure additional training to support the sector with regard to safeguarding practice moving forward. To enable us to make best use of this opportunity, we welcome your feedback with regard to your safeguarding training needs. Our plan is to compliment the training already available on Children's Workforce Matters rather than duplicate.

To share your feedback, please email the team with the subject matter 'Safeguarding Training Needs'

EEDteam@leicester.gov.uk

Watch Out!!

Children are using digital media more and more. We regularly remind you to be cautious when allowing children to use tablets, iPads etc. and whilst we are all aware of the more obvious dangers of say social media sites, it is worth highlighting the hidden dangers that we could easily overlook!

Below is a link to an article that has brought to light a concern that even the most vigilant practitioner/parent/carer could miss. Whilst the article details alarming misuse of the Peppa Pig animation, this method could be utilised in many ways to target a vulnerable audience.

<https://www.virtual-college.co.uk/news/search?SearchText=peppa+pig>

Some choose not to allow children to access these devices whilst in their care, but that's not to say we that there isn't more you can do to support parents and children themselves to be more vigilant.

Things to consider;

- Be conscious of parental restrictions on devices.
- View media before allowing children access.
- Regularly monitor/supervise children when streaming videos etc.
- Restrict opportunities for streaming data to times that can be supervised.



LSCB Audits

The LSCB regularly carry out audits of the work undertaken within a serious case review. From this they publish a report that details the key findings from the review and what lessons we can learn.

To keep the sector informed, we will share these audits with you via electronic mail out. Please look out for the information and be sure to review your safeguarding practice, taking on board key messages and advisable next steps.

Neglect Toolkit

“The LLR LSCB Neglect Toolkit is designed to assist you in identifying and assessing children who are at risk of neglect or are being neglected. It will help you to reflect on the child’s circumstances and will help you put your concerns into context as well as identify strengths and resources within the family.”

For those that have not yet familiarised themselves with the toolkit, please follow the link below for more information;

<http://www.lcitylscb.org/information-for-practitioners/safeguarding-topics/neglect/>

Children’s Workforce Matters Updates

To keep up to date with the latest information, don’t forget to subscribe to the children’s workforce matters newsletter to receive regular news and updates on training courses.

<https://www.childrenworkforcematters.org.uk/sign-up>

Useful Links

<http://lrsb.org.uk/>

<https://www.childrenworkforcematters.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<http://www.lcitylscb.org/>

*Should you have any questions regarding the information included in this issue, please feel free to contact the team on **0116 454 4190** or alternatively, email your queries to EEDteam@leicester.gov.uk*