

Newsletter

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CHRISTMAS
RESOURCES:

Partnership Messages

Online Safety - 'If you see something... say something' Thank you to everyone for your efforts in promoting the BHSCP safeguarding message "If you see something... say something" to encourage the public to report safeguarding concerns to the Front Door for Families.

This message is just as important during the Christmas holiday period so we have developed another poster focusing on online safety. Please forward on this message along with these useful resources:

[CEOP Safety Centre](#)

[ThinkUKnow](#)



National Updates

Ofsted has published its annual report for 2019/20 on findings from early years childcare, schools, further education and skills and social care inspections in England. The report finds that the low numbers of children who attended school during the first national lockdown, combined with disruption to community health services, directly affected the ability of local safeguarding partners to identify children and families in need of early help and protection, and notes concern about the number of children who have not returned to school after lockdown and who are being home-educated.

[Read the report](#)

Child cruelty and neglect: The NSPCC has released figures following analysis of police data for recorded child cruelty and neglect offences across the UK. Figures show that there were 23,529 recorded offences over the 12-month period between 2019 and 2020, a rise of 53% during the past three years; 5,476 child cruelty and neglect offences were recorded by police from 1 April to the 30 June 2020. Read the news story: [Number of recorded child cruelty and neglect offences up by 53% over 3 years](#)

Child Accident
Prevention Trust:
Safety Makes
Sense parent
pack

The CAPT '[Safety Makes Sense' guide for parents](#) contains a number of great tips for keeping children safe during lockdown over the Christmas holiday.

Child Accident
Prevention Trust:
Unsafe toys

A [new report by the British Toy and Hobby Association](#) (BTHA) reveals that well over half of the toys they bought from online marketplaces had serious safety failures including powerful magnets that can stick together and burn holes in a child's gut and accessible lithium coin cell batteries that can burn through a child's food pipe.

'tis the season
to...stay safe.

[Here are the Children's Burns Trusts top tips](#) for keeping your children safe from burns and scalds during the Christmas period

Worried about a child? Call Front Door For Families on 01273 290400 or in an emergency, call 999

Meet the Partners

Michael Brown, Head of Safeguarding & Looked After Children - Sussex Clinical Commissioners Group

"I qualified as a paediatric nurse in 2007, and worked clinically across both hospital and community settings. In 2010 I qualified as a Specialist Community Public Health Nurse, and worked as a Health Visitor in Kent, carrying a large safeguarding caseload of vulnerable families, working in a highly deprived area.

This inspired me to specialise in safeguarding children, and I have since worked in a variety of specialist safeguarding children roles over the last 8 years. I worked as a Named Nurse for safeguarding children and safeguarding adults in both hospital and later in the community setting and have a great deal of experience in delivering training and supervision to staff and assisting with complex safeguarding case management.

I have contributed to multiple Serious Case Reviews and Safeguarding Practice Reviews and helped to develop strategy and policy across the Local Safeguarding Children Partnership, where I am an active member of various subgroups and a previous Chair of the Learning and Development group and the current Chair of the Neglect Working Group in West Sussex.

Joining the safeguarding team in the CCGs, has furthered my ability to influence the safeguarding agenda on a far wider level and ultimately means I can have a greater impact. I have enjoyed building strong working relationships with experts in all areas of safeguarding and expanding my knowledge of the safeguarding adults and Children Looked After agendas too.

I am extremely excited to become the new Head of Safeguarding and Looked After Children and look forward to working closely with my colleagues to further develop relationships and practice in Sussex.



Training Update

Multi agency training continues to be an important way to make sure that children stay safe. As a result, we have moved our training on-line and gone 'virtual'. You can find the full [multi-agency training offers](#) on our website and also on the Learning Gateway. We have also added extra dates for the Core training days:

- Day 1 - Developing a Core Understanding - **is temporarily replaced by an eLearning module 'Safeguarding Children' (BH20/075).**
- Day 2 - Assessment, Referral and Investigation is currently a virtual offer.
- Day 3 - Case Conference and Core Groups is also currently a virtual offer



Useful Numbers:

Brighton & Hove SCP Office: 01273 292379 | Local Authority
Designated Officer: 01273 295643 | Designated Nurses for
Safeguarding Children (for professionals use only): 07770 381421 /
07901 757673 / 07788 364165 / 07796 940091 | Brighton & Hove
Safeguarding Investigation Unit: 101

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