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Safer Snippets

The latest safeguarding news and updates, circulated to support continued learning and development and to keep safeguarding children high on the agenda in Dudley.

- **Guide for spotting the signs of child sexual exploitation (CSE)**
The Children's Society has recently released a new guide for spotting the signs of child sexual exploitation. Learn more about the form that child sexual exploitation takes and children who are at risk.
See: <http://bit.ly/2xKrMWp>
- **Serious Case Reviews between Jan – June 2017**
In September Dudley Safeguarding Childrens Board posted a briefing paper that summarised all National Serious Case Reviews (SRCs) that took place earlier this year. An SCR takes place after a child dies or is seriously injured and abuse or neglect is thought to be involved. This summary highlights a number of key issues and recommendations that can help prevent similar incidents from happening in the future.
See: <http://bit.ly/2x9lQpu>
- **Organising safe sporting events: briefing for schools**
This briefing developed by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC), provides guidance on key considerations for schools hosting a sporting event, to ensure children and young people are properly safeguarded.
See: <http://bit.ly/2yj8hZz>
- **New research shows the prevalence of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in England and Wales**
A new report from City University London and Equality Now has been published providing detailed estimates of FGM prevalence for each local authority area in England and Wales. This report contains estimates of the numbers of women with FGM, the numbers of women with FGM giving birth and the numbers of girls born to women with FGM. It also contains estimates at a local authority level.
See: <http://bit.ly/2xKgBRl>
- **A guide to safeguarding for the voluntary and community sector**
This guide will help you set up safeguarding measures in your group or organisation. It will walk you through developing a safeguarding plan and implementing it to protect children from harm. It contains information about what safeguarding is, explains why voluntary and community groups need safeguards, and provides links to further information that will help you work through each step.
See: <http://bit.ly/2fJfDOc>

- **Free webinar: empowering young people to speak out about bullying**
 Led by NSPCC and Child Protection in Sport Unit in support of Anti-bullying Week (13-17 November) this free webinar on 16 November explores how organisations can empower both adults and children to speak out about bullying. Will be relevant for anyone working in a sports body or leisure facility.
 See: <http://bit.ly/2vI7nUz>
- **‘Safeguarding Children in a Digital World’ - Training updated and extended**
 This training continues to attract demand in Dudley and following participants feedback it has now been extended for one day to one and a half days. This will enable staff to attend the basic introduction, and allow more time to focus more in depth on specific safeguarding links such as cyberbullying, grooming, sexting, domestic abuse, emotional health and well being and radicalisation.
 See: <http://bit.ly/2xOfPAB>
- **How to support parents of sexually exploited young people**
 Last month the Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse published an evidence review which focuses on what is helpful in enabling parents rebuild positive, supportive relationships when their child has been sexually exploited. It is intended to support practitioners and to inform better professional responses. The same page also has a useful info graphic offering an at-a-glance summary of the key areas in which parents need support.
 See: <http://bit.ly/2xJGtWT>
- **Sexting survey for education**
 If you are a professional working within a school, the national Child Exploitation and Online Protection team are requesting your help in completing an online survey on ‘sexting’. This follows the launch of the UK Council for Child Internet Safety’s guidance ‘Sexting in schools and colleges: Responding to incidents and safeguarding young people’ and has been designed to capture data about how the guidance is being used.
 See: <http://bit.ly/2xaJwOS>
- **Supporting Child Victims of Trafficking Webinars**
 Online learning provider, Virtual College has worked with Every Child Protected Against Trafficking and ReACT Project (Reinforcing Assistance to Child Victims of Trafficking) to provide two free CPD accredited webinar recordings. These are designed to help safeguarding professionals understand more about how they can support child victims of trafficking and modern slavery.
 See: <http://bit.ly/2yG5KVB>
- **More forced marriage calls than ever to Childline**
 The NSPCC has warned that more children than ever are calling Childline with fears over forced marriage. The charity said it delivered 12 per cent more counselling sessions in 2016/17 than in 2015/16. The article was published in July but is worth noting since it relates to figures for this year.
 See: <http://bit.ly/2vOsFk9>

If you have Safeguarding news or updates of your own that you would like to be considered for inclusion in the next Safer Snippets, please email:

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