

Dear colleagues,

The time appears to be flying and I can't believe we are approaching the end of the academic year. I do hope you are all ok and looking forward to the summer, although there is still a while to go yet!

I'd like to remind you about the online safeguarding forums later this month – joining details are below and I hope you are able to join us.

Take care everyone

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Summer term safeguarding forums

A final reminder of the two online safeguarding forums this term. The dates are 29th June 9.30 - 11.30 and 1st July 2.00 - 4.00pm and places may be booked [here](#)

Education Information Sharing Protocol

The current Overarching Education Information Sharing Protocol (ISP) 2018-2021, which governs the sharing of personal information between ECC, schools and education providers, expires at the end of this term. The ISP and the service addendums to the Protocol for 2021 – 2024 have been updated and the new documents are now available on [Essex Schools Infolink](#). Please review the new documents and sign up to the Protocol using the link provided as soon as possible.

Harmful sexual behaviour / peer on peer abuse

You will be aware that Ofsted has now published its [Review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges](#). The report includes recommendations for settings, the DfE and Inspectorate bodies and provides some useful feedback from their review.

We have already delivered training to over 150 colleagues from secondary settings – the materials from this session are available on the [Essex Schools Infolink Safeguarding home page](#). We will repeat this session next term and offer training for the primary sector. In addition, we have written to governors to invite them to a briefing session on 14th July and will be offering further training to them on this important issue next term.

Meanwhile, I will remind you of the checklist / self-audit tool for settings and also the model Harmful Sexual Behaviour / Peer on Peer Abuse Policy that I circulated earlier this term:



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As well as these tools, I will also finalise the guidance over the summer break with a view to sharing it early next term, once I've had sight of the new KCSIE and Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence statutory guidance. We will also be doing work around the [Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education \(RSE\) and Health Education \(DfE, 2019\)](#) guidance to support settings in curriculum delivery. So, watch this space!

Ofsted Inspection Handbook

Ofsted has published its new Inspection Handbooks – there are some minor changes to the safeguarding section

Section 5 Handbook and summary of changes:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspection-handbook-eif>

Section 8 Handbook and summary of changes:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/section-8-school-inspection-handbook-eif>

Internet Watch Foundation (IWF)

In the last year, [“self-generated” child sexual abuse imagery](#) increased by 77% and constituted a third of all child sexual abuse material identified and removed from the internet. These included images of girls aged 11 to 13 whose abuse had been recorded via a webcam in a domestic setting.

To help prevent the creation of this type of abusive imagery, the [Internet Watch Foundation](#) (IWF), backed by the Home Office and Microsoft, launched a campaign to help raise awareness of parents and carers of young teens. It also aimed to empower and educate girls aged 11 to 13+ to spot the techniques used by sexual predators and give them the knowledge to Block, Report, Tell someone they trust. Further information is available on the [IWF website](#), including specific advice for [parents](#) and [young people](#).

Local Authority Designated Officer poster

This poster has been produced by the Children Safeguarding Team – it has contact details for the LADO, should a setting need to report a concern about a member of the workforce



Essex LADO
Information Poster - A

Essex Family Support

This poster has been produced to promote the Essex Family Support Service – it may be helpful to display in your Reception



EFSS parent flyer.PDF

Domestic Abuse Act 2021

The Domestic Abuse Act received Royal Assent on 29th April 2021. The Act introduces ways to further protect victims and also measures to strengthen the approach taken with perpetrators. Helpfully, it also identifies children as victims of domestic abuse in their own right, for the first time. Further information will be provided at a future safeguarding forum.

[Domestic Abuse Act 2021: overarching factsheet - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97222/domestic-abuse-act-2021-overarching-factsheet.pdf)

Essex Violence and Vulnerability Unit

The Essex Violence and Vulnerability Unit now has its own website: www.essexvvu.co.uk. It will include a range of information and resources and updates on its work.

A recent initiative from the Unit is to raise awareness of County Lines; the name given when drug gangs exploit young people to carry, and sell, drugs for them. The gangs groom young people, making them believe they are friends, but instead are used to carry drugs around the county. Taking real experiences of Essex young people, their words, and stories, the Unit has produced [a film](#) explaining the dangers. They are seeking to involve schools in supporting this campaign. Please contact katie.canning@essex.gov.uk if interested.

E-scooter operation – letter from Essex Police to parents

Essex Police have launched an initiative aimed at owners and riders of privately-owned e-scooters used in public areas. To raise awareness of this initiative, they have asked for schools to send the letter below to parents, in advance of the summer break. You can read more about the initiative [here](#).



e_Scooter letter to schools v.2.docx

Fake cannabis sweets / “Edibles”

Essex Police have produced this briefing about fake cannabis sweets:



Essex Police
Organised Crime New

Risk Avert resources for Schools

The summer can always be a time of risk-taking behaviour, but this summer may see increases due to the impact of the pandemic and a desire by young people to socialise and return to 'normal.' All Essex Schools now have access to new resources from Risk-Avert to promote safety over the summer holidays. These sessions are available at KS 2/3/4, they focus on personal safety skills and are available [here](#)

Training opportunities - SET Domestic Abuse Board

Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Basic Awareness eLearning

This E-learning package to help professionals understand the MARAC process can be accessed via the *ESCA Academy partnership e-learning platform*. To find out more please [click here](#).

Basic Domestic Abuse Awareness eLearning

This E-learning package to provide professionals with a basic understanding of domestic abuse can be accessed via the *ESCA Academy partnership e-learning platform*. To find out more please [click here](#).

Drug & Alcohol Basic Awareness eLearning

This E-learning package to provide professionals with a basic understanding of drug and alcohol use can be accessed via the *ESCA Academy partnership e-learning platform*. To find out more please [click here](#).

Training opportunities - Essex Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB)

These training courses are available from the ESCB:

- [Child Abuse Linked to Faith or Beliefs ** Spaces available 7 July **](#)
- [Designated Person \(Level 3\) Training ** Spaces available 13 July **](#)
- [Advanced Trauma Training ** Spaces available 14 July **](#)
- [Safeguarding Children Level 2 ** Spaces available 28 July **](#)
- [The Impact of Covid on Online Exploitation](#)
- [CE Champions Forums](#)
- [Other Learning and Development Opportunities](#)