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### **Future newsletters**

We plan to use this newsletter as a forum for all partners to share their news and views on safeguarding in Surrey. If you have anything you would like to include please email [Hayley Cheesman](#) and/or [Emily Welch](#).

We hope that the information will be widely disseminated and request that you share the newsletter with colleagues. Please let us know if you wish to be added to the mailing list by emailing Hayley or Emily.

## News from the Surrey Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB)

### SSCB team - Who we are

- **Elaine Coleridge-Smith** – Independent Chair
- **Janice Morgans** – Interim Partnership Support Manager
- **Caroline Holmes** – Partnership Support Secretary
- **Ameena Tabassum** – Quality Assurance Officer
- **Hayley Cheesman** – Quality Assurance Administrator
- **Stacey Westbrook** – Training and Commissioning Officer
- **Jane Donson** – Training and Commissioning Officer
- **Anastasia Drenou** – Serious Case Review and Training Administrator
- **Emily Welch** – Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) Coordinator

If you would like to speak with the team please contact us on **01372 833330**

### Website update

Our website can be accessed at: [www.surreycc.gov.uk/safeguarding](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/safeguarding). We are currently developing a new SSCB website ([www.surreyscb.org.uk](http://www.surreyscb.org.uk)) which is set to launch in late May 2016.

### SSCB conference - 'Beneath the Radar'

The SSCB will be holding a one-day conference on **16 November 2016** at Epsom Racecourse. The conference will aim to explore the impact of exploitation on children and young people in Surrey and to raise awareness amongst professionals from across organisations in Surrey about the role of the SSCB and its priorities. Details will be available on the new SSCB website which goes live in late May 2016, and flyers will also be distributed with further details.

### Training update

The latest SSCB training programme (April 2016 onwards) is now available on the SSCB [website](#). There are spaces on both foundation modules one, two and three, early help training as well as specialist courses. Please book courses using our [online booking system](#).

**New training charges** - please note that there are [new SSCB training charges](#) that will take effect from April 2016 onwards:

- From 01 April 2016 partners can attend our training free of charge
- Non partners pay £90 for a day's training, £60 for a half day
- Voluntary sector/charities pay a reduced fee of £50 (This category does not include early years settings or schools with charitable status)
- All Early Help training courses are **free of charge for all professionals**.

The SSCB have produced the following exemptions for training course requirements:

- [Working Together to Safeguard Children exemption checklist](#)
- [Foundation Module 1: An Introduction to Safeguarding Children exemption checklist](#)
- [Child Sexual Exploitation \(CSE\) Level 2 exemption checklist](#)

These are to be used by line managers and safeguarding leads when members of staff have completed alternative safeguarding introductory courses. The exemption checklist must be completed by a line manager and countersigned by the safeguarding lead and SSCB training and commissioning officer.

## Safeguarding e-learning opportunities

Remember, there are several e-learning courses you can access either free of charge or for a small fee. These are:

- Safer Recruitment via [Surrey Skills Academy](#).
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) via [Surrey Skills Academy](#).
- Domestic Abuse via [Surrey Skills Academy](#).
- [Female Genital Mutilation](#) (FGM): Recognising and Preventing FGM (Home Office/Virtual College).
- [Forced Marriage](#) (Foreign Office/Virtual College).
- [Channel and Prevent](#): Radicalisation and Extremism Home Office material.
- Working Together to Safeguard Children via [Surrey Skills Academy](#) (charge of £12.50 or free of charge for Surrey County Council employees).

For more e-learning courses please visit the [Surrey Skills Academy website](#) where you will find multi-agency training to equip staff in all agencies with direct or indirect work with children and young people.

## Updated Working Together to Safeguard Children training material:

This material has been further updated to reflect the Working Together 2015 guidance. If you are a trainer delivering this material and have not received the latest version (September 2015) please contact the [SSCB training team](#).



Working together to provide the best possible outcomes for children and young people in Surrey



### SSCB information leaflet

The SSCB have produced a new information leaflet for all professionals, parents and carers in Surrey. The leaflet contains useful information about the Board, organisations who work with the Board, what to do if you are concerned about a child as well as some useful contacts.

The [leaflet](#) can be easily downloaded from the SSCB website, or if you would like hard copies of the leaflet please contact [Hayley Cheesman](#).

## Serious case reviews (SCR) in Surrey

[Serious case reviews](#) reports and learning leaflets can be accessed on the SSCB website.

The SSCB has recently completed two serious case reviews (SCR Child AA and SCR Child BB) and is currently undertaking three more. Due to criminal proceedings the reports for the two completed SCRs will not be available until later in the year, however the learning from these cases can be found [here](#).

In addition, the SSCB is undertaking a thematic review into cases that involve young parents who were either care leavers or known to agencies. Although this is not a Serious Case Review and therefore the report is not going to be published, the learning will be disseminated via the usual SSCB channels later in the year.

## Policies and procedures

As part of the SSCB [Learning and Improvement Framework](#) we endeavour to share as widely as possible updated policies and procedures. We publish our current and revised policies on our [website](#).

The following policies have recently been updated and the updated versions will be available from May 2016:

- Chapter 3.3: Guidance in relation to Managing Allegations against Staff, Carers and Volunteers
- Chapter 4.3: Recognition of Significant Harm
- Chapter 5.3: Bruising Policy - CP Medical Guidance added to Appendix 3
- Chapter 5.7: Complex (organised or multiple) Abuse
- Chapter 5.6: Children Displaying Harmful Sexual Behaviour
- Chapter 8.1: Reviewing Deaths of All Children - Role of the Child Death Overview Panel
- Chapter 8.2: Unexpected Child Deaths
- Chapter 10.1: Local Contact Details.

### The SSCB have added one further Chapter:

- Practice Guidance - Working with Hostile, Non-Compliant Clients and those who use Disguised Compliance within the Context of Safeguarding Children

For further detail see SSCB [procedures manual](#).

Please also note that the multiagency [Prevent and Safeguarding Procedure](#) and [Prevent Agenda Referral Pathway](#) are now available on the [Guidance and Protocols](#) page of the SSCB website.

## Keeping children and young people safe

### Introducing 'Mindsight Surrey CAMHS': Mental health services for children and young people

[Surrey and Borders Partnership \(SABP\)](#) introduced a new service, **Mindsight Surrey CAMHS** on 1 April 2016. "Surrey and Borders are incredibly proud to be leading an innovative partnership of both national and local voluntary, statutory and private providers, who have proven track records in delivering services to children and young people. With almost a 30% increase in funding, we are confident the service will bring

much wider benefits to the mental health and well-being of Surrey's children and young people.

One of the key changes in our new service is a single point of contact for referrals to CAMHS services and booking of appointments, **0300 222 5755**. CAMHS One Stop will operate from **1 April**, 8am – 8pm Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings. Managed by our partner, Beacon UK, they will ensure that those being referred are in contact with the right service and get the appropriate level of treatment and support. Referrals can be made by all health, social care and education practitioners and need to be directed to this number rather than individual services.

We have new treatment pathways designed to enable children and young people to access services at an earlier stage and extend our reach to vulnerable and under-represented groups. Our partnership model provides, for example, online counselling, early support, not just services that sit at the complex end of young people's needs. We have also recruited additional staff to help us deliver this”.

## Children missing from education



### Department for Education

Following recent inspections of schools in several local authorities, Sir Michael Wilshaw, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools, wrote an open letter to the Secretary of State for Education on 14 July 2015 setting out the latest position with schools in Birmingham and Tower Hamlets. In that letter, he expressed concern about inconsistent practice and poor communication in identifying children who are missing education (CME), specifically highlighting that current regulations do not place a legal duty on schools to establish and record destinations for all pupils whose names are removed from school admission registers. He stated that this poses serious safeguarding issues that potentially expose children to the risk of harm, exploitation or extremism. Sir Michael recommended that the Government strengthens current regulations and related guidance to ensure schools provide regular and accurate information to LAs.

An [open consultation](#) was held by the DfE which sought views on how to improve the way schools provide local authorities with the information they need to identify children missing education. These plans will make amendments to the [Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2006](#)

## Missing People

**missing  
people**

Registered Charity No. 1020419

Missing People is a UK charity which specialises in, and is dedicated to, bringing missing children and adults back together with their families.

Missing will soon be working in Surrey, with statutory agencies, undertaking return interviews with young people who go missing. Over half of young people experiencing child sexual exploitation goes missing. Return interviews for all young people who go missing will enable greater protection and safeguarding.

For information about the charity and its work, go to the Missing People's [website](#).

Call or text 116 000 (a free, 24 hour and confidential hot line) if someone close to you goes missing or runs away. The charity provides around the clock emotional support for the duration of a disappearance.

## Child sexual exploitation (CSE)



The [Children's Society](#) has published a report titled '[Boys Don't Cry: improving identification and disclosure of sexual exploitation among boys and young men trafficked to the UK](#)'. Key points raised include: boys and young men who are sexually exploited are unlikely to receive appropriate care and support due to lack of awareness; disclosure of sexual exploitation may not be full or direct; more training for frontline staff and practitioners is needed.

The [SSCB](#), [Surrey County Council](#), [Surrey Police](#) and [Surrey Crimestoppers](#) continue to raise awareness of the warning signs of child sexual exploitation (CSE) and to tackle potential offenders. All professionals working with children and young people are required to:

- Learn to recognise the signs of CSE.
- Use the new [CSE screening tool](#) and [guidance](#) if you have concerns which may lead to a referral to Children's Services or the Police.
- Encourage information sharing where appropriate.
- Work together to safeguard children.
- Relentlessly pursue those who prey on children.

Please see the [SSCB Training Programme](#) for details of the revised CSE training pathway and courses.

## Return Home Interviews (RHI)

RHIs help us to shape the services we offer to children and young people across the county. As part of our year of practice, we are changing the way we support those who go missing and extending the service beyond children in care.

[Missing People](#) will be providing the RHI service to all children and young people in Surrey, as well as to Surrey's looked after children placed up to 20 miles outside the county border.

Return Home Interviews aim to find out why young people go missing, what happens to them whilst they're away, and what support they need to keep them safe and prevent them going missing again. The information will help shape the support available county-wide.

From Friday 1 April until 11 May, a telephone interview service will be in place. From 11 May onwards, children and young people will be offered a face-to-face interview.

## YMCA WiSE workers

[YMCA DownsLink Group's WiSE Project](#) is an innovative project working with children and young people under the age of 25 experiencing or at risk of sexual exploitation. Following a successful funding application to the Police and Crime Commissioner two project workers have been appointed to deliver the service across Surrey.



The workers will provide case work support and peer group work to children and young people identified as at risk /or victims of sexual exploitation; providing support and advice to practitioners and working

collaboratively with other professionals to support interventions that lead to prosecutions and measures to disrupt the activity of perpetrators.

The workers will be co-located with Surrey Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH), with case support from Surrey Police and line management from YMCA DownsLink Group.

## Online safety

### Cyber Safe Surrey



#### South East cyber crime survey 2015/16 results

The survey ran from 17 November 2015 to 1 February 2016, during which time over 11,600 responses were received. The survey was open to all individuals aged 18 years or over in the Surrey, Hampshire, Sussex, Kent and Thames Valley areas. The survey comprised of 39 questions about respondents experiences and perceptions of cybercrime and cyber security practices.

Key points that the survey raised included:

- Cybercrime is seen as important and **concerns about cyber crime are high.**
- **Most people have been affected** in some way.
- People seem to understand the risks but **don't always protect themselves.**
- **National prevention initiatives don't have a local reach.**
- Over 80% of parents reported speaking to their children about online safety, but **only half have applied online restrictions.**
- Worryingly **3% of parents do not know how to protect their children** whilst they are online.

Full details of the survey findings can be [here](#). Or you can sign up for free to the [CyberSafe Surrey Network](#), a network for professionals and practitioners from across all sectors, working together to help prevent cybercrime in Surrey.

### The Breck Foundation

[The Breck Foundation](#) is raising awareness for playing safe whilst using the internet. Breck Bednar was a 14 year old boy, from Caterham, Surrey, who loved technology and on-line gaming. He was groomed via the internet and sadly murdered on 17 February 2014 by someone he met on-line. This foundation has been set up in his memory to help other young people to enjoy playing on-line but to be aware of some simple rules to stay safe. Remembering that the friends you make on-line are not like your real friends. "Play Virtual/Live Real".



On 21 January 2016 BBC Three broadcast the documentary titled '[Murder Games](#)' which told the true story of Breck Bednar. In this drama-documentary, Breck's young gaming friends tell their story: a tale of manipulation and deceit which engulfed their friend and sent shockwaves through the gaming community. The programme also follows Breck's parents and siblings as they struggle to come to terms with their son's murder, and includes films with the investigators tasked with piecing together the crime - working backwards from a chilling 999 call.

## Cybercrime: Preventing young people from getting involved

The National Crime Agency (NCA) has launched a public awareness campaign to highlight the increasing number of young people engaging in cybercrime.

The [#CyberChoices](#) campaign targets parents of 12-15 year olds who may be involved in hacking or other kinds of online crime without their parents' knowledge. The campaign, also aimed at professionals who work with children and young people, highlights the range of criminal activities that children may be involved in, how to spot signs of potential problems, what the consequences could be and importantly, signposts better ways for young people to use their technical skills.

For further information about cybercrime, and to watch the short film produced for the campaign, visit the [National Crime Agency](#) website.

For advice from the NCA on how to help young people avoid the risks of getting involved in cybercrime, and how to work with parents and carers on this issue please see their [website](#).

## UK Safer Internet Centre



The UK Safer Internet Centre is coordinated by a partnership of three leading organisations; Childnet International, the South West Grid for Learning and the Internet Watch Foundation. It is co-funded by the European Commission's [Safer Internet Programme](#) and is one of the 31 Safer Internet Centres of the [Insafe network](#). The centre has three main functions: an awareness centre, a helpline and a hotline.

For further information and useful material please have a look at the Safer Internet [site](#).

## Be Share Aware - and keep your child safe online

We tell our children it's good to share - but online it's different. In fact sometimes sharing online can be dangerous. Being [Share Aware](#) will help keep your child safe online.

The NSPCC have produced a [short film](#) - take a look at their [straightforward advice](#) that will untangle the web, and give parents confidence in talking to their children about how to stay safe online.



Other useful resources include:

- [Child Exploitation and Online Protection \(CEOP\) - Thinkuknow](#).
- [Internet Matters](#).
- [How to help your child stay safe online](#).
- [BBC WebWise – safety and privacy](#).

## Preventing extremism

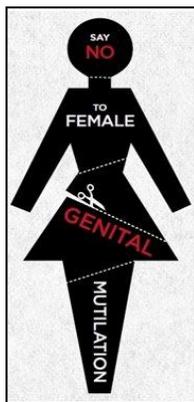
Education Secretary Nicky Morgan announces package of measures to protect children from extremism. Parents and teachers will be able to access help to protect children from radical views via a landmark [new website offering advice on preventing extremism](#), Education Secretary Nicky Morgan announced on 19 January 2016 as part of a drive to protect children from the “spell of twisted ideologies”.

The website, ‘Educate Against Hate’, gives **parents, teachers** and **school leaders** resources and practical advice on protecting children from extremism and radicalisation.

The Department for Education has launched a helpline for anyone concerned about a child who may be at risk of extremism, or an organisation working with children and young people that are showing signs of extremism. You can contact the helpline by email at [counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk) or call **020 7340 7264**.

For Surrey guidance and procedures on Prevent please refer to the multiagency [Prevent and Safeguarding Procedure](#) and [Prevent Agenda Referral Pathway](#) which are now available on the [Guidance and Protocols](#) page of the SSCB website.

## Female genital mutilation, honour based violence and forced marriage



### Female genital mutilation (FGM)

[Mandatory reporting duty for FGM](#) has been introduced through the Serious Crime Act 2015. The duty requires regulated health and social care professionals and teachers in England and Wales to report **known** cases of FGM in under 18-year-olds to the police. It came into force on **31 October 2015**.

FGM is physical abuse, and whilst it is perceived by parents not to be an act of hate, it is harmful, it is child abuse and it is unlawful.

### Breast ironing

Breast ironing also known as “breast flattening” is the process whereby young pubescent girls breasts are ironed, massaged and/or pounded down through the use of hard or heated objects in order for the breasts to disappear or delay the development of the breasts entirely. It is believed that by carrying out this act, young girls will be protected from harassment, rape, abduction and early forced marriage and therefore be kept in education. Professionals working with children and young people must be able to identify the signs and symptoms of girls who are at risk of or have undergone breast ironing. Similarly to female genital mutilation (FGM), breast ironing is classified as physical abuse, although there is no specific law within the UK around breast ironing. However, it is a form of physical abuse and if professionals are concerned a child may be at risk of or suffering significant harm they must refer to their [Local Safeguarding Children’s Board Procedures](#).

More information on breast ironing and other guidance can be found on the [Tri.x website](#).

## Honour based violence (HBV)

There is no specific offence of "honour based crime". It is an umbrella term to encompass various offences covered by existing legislation. Honour based violence (HBV) can be described as a collection of practices, which are used to control behaviour within families or other social groups to protect perceived cultural and religious beliefs and/or honour. Such violence can occur when perpetrators perceive that a relative has shamed the family and/or community by breaking their honour code.

## Forced marriage

You have the right to choose who you marry, when you marry or if you marry at all. Forced marriage is when you face physical pressure to marry (e.g. threats, physical violence or sexual violence) or emotional and psychological pressure (e.g. if you're made to feel like you're bringing shame on your family). Forced marriage is illegal in England and Wales. This includes:

- taking someone overseas to force them to marry (whether or not the forced marriage takes place)
- marrying someone who lacks the mental capacity to consent to the marriage (whether they're pressured to or not).

## Modern day slavery, human trafficking and exploitation



### Duty to notify the Home Office of potential victims of modern slavery

From **1 November 2015**, specific public authorities have a **duty to notify** the secretary of state of any person identified in England and Wales as a suspected victim of slavery or human trafficking.

This applies to the following public authorities:

- a chief officer of police for a police area,
- the chief constable of the British Transport Police Force,
- the National Crime Agency,
- a county council,
- a county borough council,
- a district council,
- a London borough council,
- the Greater London Authority,
- the Common Council of the City of London,
- the Council of the Isles of Scilly,
- the Gangmasters Licensing Authority.

Guidance on the duty to notify the Home Office of potential victims of modern slavery, and form MS1: notification of a potential victim of modern slavery can be found [here](#).

Modern slavery encompasses slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour and human trafficking. Traffickers and slave drivers coerce, deceive and force individuals against their will into a life of abuse, servitude and inhumane treatment.

There have been two recent case of modern day slavery reported in Surrey:

- A Surrey couple [enslaved a Nigerian teenager for 24 years](#).
- A Surrey man is charged under Modern Day Slavery Act with [holding a person in "slavery or servitude"](#).

More information and resources can be found on the [Modern Slavery website](#).

## Child trafficking

Many children are trafficked into the UK from abroad, but children can also be trafficked from one part of the UK to another. Child trafficking is child abuse. Children are recruited, moved or transported and then exploited, forced to work or sold. Children are trafficked for:



- child sexual exploitation
- benefit fraud
- forced marriage
- domestic servitude such as cleaning, childcare, cooking
- forced labour in factories or agriculture
- criminal activity such as pick pocketing, begging, transporting drugs, working on cannabis farms, selling pirated DVDs, bag theft.

A [new report](#) says that trafficking victims who have children are “systematically overlooked”. According to the report, victims of trafficking who are pregnant or who have children do not have access to specialist support, including safe and appropriate accommodation, childcare, specialist healthcare and support for their children. Children should be appointed an Independent Child Trafficking Advocate as soon as they are known to the authorities, as introduced by the Modern Slavery Act. Full details of the report and further information can be found on the [ECPAT UK](#) website.

[Safeguarding Trafficked Children Guidance and Toolkit](#) - this guidance helps agencies identify and support children who have been trafficked.

If you work with children or young people who may have been trafficked into the UK you can contact the Child Trafficking Advice Centre (NSPCC), a specialist service for information and advice on **0808 800 5000**, [email](#) or visit the [NSPCC website](#) for more information.

## Information and Resources in Surrey

There is a wide range of advice available to children and families available online which we hope will be useful for you.

## Support for children and young people



### I Need Help

If you, or someone you know, wants to talk about anything at all, call The Helpline Hotline on their free helpline 0800 141 2055. Lines are currently open Monday to Friday 9AM – 5PM.

Take as long as you want – it's totally free! We won't judge you. We won't criticise you. We won't record the call. So pick up the phone, let off steam! Get it off your chest! It's why we are here! Call **0800 141 2055** or contact them by [email](#).

## We are Surge

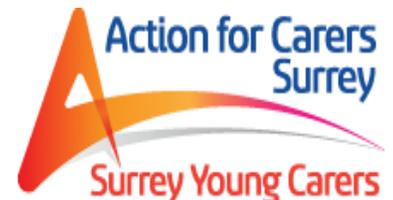


[We are Surge](#) is a Surrey based group of young people, online in a forum sharing things that are interesting and important to them. The site also has advice and information on issues young people care about. Browse, share information, get involved and have your say – all online at [Surge](#).

## Surrey Young Carers

[Surrey Young Carers](#) supports young carers under 18. They can offer you help and support that's best for you. Some of the things they do include:

- one-to-one support
- talking to others on your behalf, giving you advice and showing you where to find help and information
- inviting you to groups and workshops which will help you in your caring role
- residential breaks
- fun activities
- support with school or college
- giving you an opportunity to have your say about services you receive as a carer
- a regular newsletter
- up-to-date information via our website and Twitter.



## Support for families

### The Family Information Service

- [Family Information Service website](#)
- [Family Information Service directory](#)

You can 'like' the FIS on [Facebook – SurreyFIS](#) or follow them on Twitter - [@SurreyFIS](#).

If you cannot find what you are looking for or have any questions or queries, you can contact the FIS by phone or email:

- 0300 200 1004
- [surrey.fis@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:surrey.fis@surreycc.gov.uk)

## Internet Matters.org

Child safety online: A practical guide for parents and carers whose children are using social media.



As more and more young people use popular social networking platforms to share their lives online with family and friends, it's increasingly important for them to understand how to stay safe within those worlds. To help parents and carers engage with their children on how they use social media and help them to navigate any potential risks, along with the UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS) Internet Matters.org has helped to produce an [official guide](#) to do just that.

More information for parents and carers can be found on the [Internet Matters.org](#) website.

## Digital parenting



Back by popular demand, issue 4 of [Vodafone's Digital Parenting magazine](#) is available now!

The latest issue includes articles about **cyberbullying**, **sexting** and **extremism** and brings together advice from academics, psychologists and other experts to help keep young people safe in the digital world.

Developed in partnership with The Parent Zone, one million copies of the magazine will be distributed to schools, NGOs, government bodies, children's charities and other youth organisations over the next year.

Schools, youth groups and other organisations working with young people can order free copies of *Digital Parenting* magazine (issue 4, September 2015) from [The Parent Zone](#).

Previous issues and further online resources for parents are available on the [Vodafone website](#).

## Family Line

[Familyline](#) started out 20 years ago with the aim of delivering a free, confidential helpline to support people with parenting issues and to play a key role in safeguarding the wellbeing of families. Today they provide two free national telephone helplines and associated email support. FamilyLine is for people of all



ages with parenting or personal issues. "[I Need Help](#)" is specifically concerned with giving young people a safe place to talk through the complex challenges they face.

FamilyLine is here to listen. No problem is too big or too small. Their helpline is open to everyone regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or beliefs. They listen well, provide emotional support and can help you to look at potential ways forward. All calls are anonymous.

**Call if you'd like to talk in complete confidence on: 0808 800 5678 or if you find it easier, [email us](#).**

## Parent Info

Parent Info provides high quality information to parents and carers about their children's wellbeing and resilience. Schools can host the content on their own website and use it in any other way (in letters to parents etc) that they want.

This service is free and ranges across a wide range of subject matter, from difficult topics about sex, consent and relationships, mental health, self harm, the internet and 'teens on tinder'.

In line with child exploitation and online protection's (CEOP) [Thinkuknow](#) programme, some of the content covers internet safety, but it all starts from the assumption that young people make little distinction between their online and offline lives and the issues for parents are often the same. The aim is to help parents help their children be discriminating, web-literate and resilient.

For more information, please visit the [website](#).

## The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) - Parent Hub

[RoSPA's Parent Hub](#) provides an easy guide to keep your children safe, from when they're a baby to school age. Did you know the home is the place where most children under five are likely to have an accident? In fact, every year over one million children under the age of 15 are treated in A&E due to an injury they suffered at home.

It's difficult to watch a child 24 hours a day however supervision is a key factor in preventing an accident.

The most common accidents include [falls](#), [burns and scalds](#), [poisoning](#), [choking and suffocation](#) and this hub will help you prevent these.



## Child Safety Week: 6 – 12 June 2016

Child Safety Week takes place over one week every year. This year it will be 6-12 June and our theme for 2016 will be "[Turn off technology!](#)"

Child Safety Week is run by [Child Accident Prevention Trust](#) to raise awareness of the risks of child accidents and how they can be prevented. We provide a range of

resources to help practitioners run local activities and events and promote safety messages in a fun and engaging way.

[Events](#) are held by a range of [different organisations](#) and individuals, including children's centres, child minders, fire and rescue teams, hospitals, schools and many more.

## **Domestic abuse support**

The Surrey against domestic abuse website offers help and support for anyone in the county affected by domestic abuse. Visit the Surrey against domestic abuse [website](#) for more information.

## **Support for professionals**

### **NSPCC CASPAR**

The NSPCC offer a current awareness service for practice, policy and research (CASPAR) through a weekly email alert. The newsletter provides a weekly update on all current safeguarding and child protection news. The link to the registration form can be found [here](#).

### **Whistleblowing advice line**

The new whistleblowing advice line that the NSPCC helpline has launched has been developed to provide support to employees wishing to raise concerns over how child protection issues are being handled in their own or other organisations. The NSPCC whistleblowing advice line can be reached on: **0800 028 0285**.



The Home Office and Department for Education commissioned the NSPCC to manage the advice line after a firm commitment to do so was made by the Government in its tackling CSE report in March 2015. The advice line is **not** intended to replace any current practices or responsibilities of organisations working with children. The helpline advisors would encourage professionals to raise any concerns about a child to their own employer in the first instance. However, the advice line offers an alternative route if whistleblowing internally is difficult or professionals have concerns around how matters are being handled.

More information on the helpline is available on the [website](#).

### **SSCB newsletters**

To keep professionals who work with children up to date with the latest developments in safeguarding children, the Surrey Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) issues regular newsletters. Past newsletters from 2015/16 can be found below:

- [Winter 2015/2016 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Autumn 2015 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Spring/Summer 2015 \(PDF\)](#).