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WCF Updates

Mental Health and Wellbeing in Educational Settings

WCF have been working together with settings and services to support the development of services, provision and guidance in meeting the mental health and wellbeing needs of children and young people in settings across Worcestershire. To gain a clear view of the impact of this work we are asking Designated Mental Health Leads in settings to respond to this short survey at different points through the process. The survey should only take 5 minutes and can be accessed via the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/5bFmJGKQGJ>

LADO Service Professional Feedback Survey - May 2024

Learning from partner agencies experiences of the LADO Service and the Management of Allegations is crucial part to our understanding of the effectiveness of the service, to identify what we are doing well and areas we can improve.

Please can you take a few minutes to complete this online survey and distribute it to relevant individuals in your agency. We appreciate your time and feedback – we will use this to inform and develop our services.

Link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hxj0rDe900WeZUfN5I3IWsfwPAXQV8FHo1iAU2G0whxUMzk2MTU4T0VJN00xRE9VVVY1WTFsUEXkSy4u>

Useful information for schools

Starting Well Partnership

Starting Well Partnership, South Worcestershire Parenting and Community Teams are sharing a poster that details useful website links and QR codes. This is accessible to download from the following google drive

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y7OaUKjpVbg_JG7NvRI6X0aD4maeO3sL?usp=drive_link

Keep Me Safe... When I am Crying

Keep Me Safe... When I am Crying is a new guidance to support those who meet with families with babies of a very young age where crying may be reported as a worry or concern by the parent or carer.

Babies cry for many reasons. They are hardwired to cry whenever they need a parent or carer to help them out because their brains have yet to develop the circuits that allow for self-control or understanding.

Any practitioner who has contact with a family with a new- or very young- baby needs to understand why babies cry and how to support families to keep babies safe.

Join the Launch Webinars to learn more about this guidance and how you can use it to support families with a new, or very young, baby.

- Mon 13 May, 13.00–14.00 – [Join here](#)

- Thurs 16 May 16.00 – 17.00 – [Join here](#)
- Tues 21 May, 12.00–13.00 – [Join here](#)

*There is no need to book, simply save the MS Teams Link above for the launch time that you wish to attend and join the event at the start time.

[Keep Me Safe...When I'm Crying](#) Guidance and Resources can be accessed here: [Keep Me Safe...When I'm Crying :: Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System \(icb.nhs.uk\)](#)

star* scheme

Our Why?

star* scheme supports young people and families to overcome the impact of experiencing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) through engagement with grassroots rugby. Research shows that in order for young people to overcome the impact of ACEs, they need to build resilience through relationships with trusted adults; grassroots rugby is the perfect space for this to happen. We provide access and resources that a young person and family might need to enable them to engage with the sport, from kit to transport. We also work with rugby clubs to provide specific training to ensure adults are informed and equipped to provide the support and space that a young person needs. We are committed to ensuring that ACEs are mitigated by being involved in sport, with everyone at the scheme committed to developing young people into leaders of the future.

Our How?

The coaches and officials of junior rugby clubs achieve amazing things with young people every season. **star*** scheme works to support clubs to identify young people in their communities, both at their club and beyond, who have ACEs (including poor mental or emotional wellbeing and / or who are financially disadvantaged) and provide them with support access to the sport of rugby. The scheme provides funding, training, and support to the clubs to enable them to continue to achieve. We work with families to remove the barriers to participation in grassroots rugby and make sure that the children have what they need to enjoy the game, be it a kit, transport, training or a friendly and supportive face.

- To refer a young person for star* scheme visit <https://bit.ly/Referralforstar>
- For more information contact Alan Hubbleday on: hubbs@starscheme.co.uk or 07711415806

The **star*** scheme poster can be found in the following google drive (https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y7OaUKjpVbg_JG7NvRI6X0aD4maeO3sL?usp=drive_link) for you to share with colleagues

WCF Training and Events

Safeguarding Masterclass

We are pleased to announce that our next Safeguarding Masterclass will be taking place in June, once the final speaker is confirmed information will be shared via the DSL Newsletter. Early Help & Education bulletin, social media and our marketing system on the date / time and how to book. Keep an eye out for further information on this exciting conference.

Safeguarding training

Our full range of Safeguarding training to support schools and settings until July 2024 can be found in the specific Safeguarding training directory. Available to download from our [website \(opens in new window\)](#)

We are currently finalising details for the September 2024 to July 2025 training offer, once everything is in place will be added to our website and shared.

WCF DSL network meetings

We would like to remind DSL and Deputy DSL's that **it is essential** that all places are formally booked via CPD.

Worcester, Wyre Forest and Malvern: 25 June 2024, 3pm to 4.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: SCH 10438 / 84041

Bromsgrove, Wychavon and Redditch: 02 July 2024, 3pm to 4.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: SCH 10438 / 84042

Book via CPD <https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnCPD/CoursesSearch.aspx> using your school CPD Leader login details. Confirmation will be issued to the delegate email and will contain the correct links to join the DSL network meeting.

Suicide Attempts: Guidance for education settings.

FAO: Secondary, High, Middle school Headteachers, DSL, Pastoral leads, Senior Mental health Leads and FE College Wellbeing leads

Action: arrange for a school rep to attend the webinar

An Education Settings Suicide Prevention Task & Finish Group has been meeting this academic year. One action was to provide guidance for schools in the event of an attempted suicide by a pupil.

The guidance, developed in conjunction with other Local Authorities also addressing this issue, is now complete. A copy of the new guidance is available from the following [google drive \(opens in new window\)](#)

Webinar: Monday 13th May at 3.45pm to 4.30pm to explain the guidance and the tools within it. DSLs may have already covered this at recent DSL meetings.

Please book via CPD

- <https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnCPD/CoursesSearch.aspx> search course code [10479](#)
- Using your CPD leaders login details and confirmation will be issued including the MS Teams links and the google drive link to access the guidance

WCC learning & development training

The following training courses are free to schools within Worcestershire:

- Completing an Early Help Assessment (EHA)
- Holding a Team Around the Family (TAF)

- How to creatively gather the child's voice
- What is Early Help, are being offered on a rolling programme of dates so please check the site regularly.
- Get Safe (also known as raising awareness of exploitation & vulnerability)
- Reducing Parental Conflict (Harmony at Home)

These are available to book via the WCC Learning & Development site: [CourseSearchCitizen \(worcestershire.gov.uk\)](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coursesearchcitizen),

Instructions for completing:

- Do you have an account – No thanks.
- Course price – as the course is free click in public circle.
- Select organisation from dropdown box – Public.
- Put in your address.
- Then click book course.

If you require support with booking, please contact WCC Learning & Development team directly on 01905 844 544 or email LAdmin@worcestershire.gov.uk

WSCP training events

The Worcestershire Safeguarding Children's Partnership (WSCP) wanted to remind DSL and Deputy DSL's that they have a range of training events available. Visit the [WSCP website \(opens in a new window\)](#) to find out more and book accordingly.

Third party training and events

West Mercia Cyber Crime Unit events

Cyber Protect Live Information Session for Parents, Guardians & Carers

A live online session giving advice on how to keep yourself and your family safe online. This will be presented by West Midlands Regional Cyber Crime Unit Prevent Team in conjunction with West Mercia's Force Cyber Crime Unit.

- **8th May 2024 at 6pm** – use this link to book:
<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/fb7f9e84-9df4-453a-a5d7-6a1002ed9c7a@dd7d99f4-65c4-4822-bf7b-75d61ebc8f4a>

Useful websites

- Worcester Children First Education Safeguarding: [Safeguarding support for teachers and education professionals | Worcestershire County Council](#)
- Worcestershire Children First CPD [Courses Search \(worcestershire.gov.uk\)](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coursesearchcitizen)

- KCSIE
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64f0a68ea78c5f000dc6f3b2/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_2023.pdf
- Home Office (Prevent) [The Prevent duty: safeguarding learners vulnerable to radicalisation - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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