

## Welcome to the WSSCP Email Bulletin June 2020



Lockdown has been a challenging time for many children and their families. It has forced those professionals working with families to consider different and often creative ways to provide support when face to face contact has often not been possible. With some restrictions being lifted in the next couple of weeks it is important to continue to share information with families who may need it. There is support and advice on a wide range of topics on the WSSCP website including;



- [ICON - A preventative programme designed to help parents cope with a crying baby](#)
- [Domestic Abuse](#)
- [Keeping your child safe online](#)
- [Early Help Services](#)
- [Safe Sleeping](#)
- [Children's Mental Health](#)
- [See Something Say Something - An awareness raising campaign to keep children safe aimed at communities and the general public](#)
- You can find more information on a wide range of safeguarding topics by visiting the [WSSCP Website](#)



Sussex Prisoners' Families are looking how to best support children and young people they work with and have designed a survey in order to gain some information in developing/offering that support. If you are able to take part in or know of any professional who thinks one of the families they are working with may be interested, please forward them this link: <https://us1.list-manage.com/survey?u=7e3ab3fd4cd5e3d23f30340dd&id=79afd1b7e8#>



The West Sussex Community Safety Team are offering a free Gypsy and Traveller Cultural awareness online training course. The aim of this course is to support you, as a professional, working with adults and children from Gypsy and Traveller communities, to raise your awareness and understanding of the history, culture,

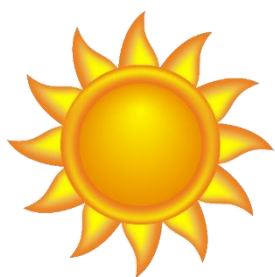
community and challenges that they face, so that you can better guide and assist them in accessing vital services.

The course is ideal for members of the statutory, voluntary or private sector wishing to engage or work more effectively with Gypsies and Travellers.

The course is made up of 4 short modules, which are hosted on the Learning and Development Gateway, links to which can be found below:

- [Gypsy and Traveller - Part 1: History and Culture](#)
- [Gypsy and Traveller - Part 2: Challenges Faced by the Community](#)
- [Gypsy and Traveller - Part 3: Positive Strategy - Accessing Services](#)
- [Gypsy and Traveller - Part 4: Positive Strategy - Participation](#)

West Sussex County Council also provide more specific advice, guidance and training focused on issues surrounding education for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pupils and their families. The WS Traveller Education Support Team (TES) offer family support, school support and training to all educational settings and other agencies. For more information please contact [TES@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:TES@westsussex.gov.uk)



The weather is hotting up and that together with the easing of some lockdown restrictions will see families spending more time outside whether that is in their own gardens or local spaces such as the park or the beach. Sharing clear safety messages with children and their families about safety in the sun as well as in and around water is something that can be discussed during other conversations you may have with families. This includes keeping children safe around hot tubs, ponds and paddling pools.



If your organisation or service sends regular communications to children and their families, why not simply copy and paste the links below to signpost them to useful and informative information on this important topic.

- ✓ [WSSCP Website - Water Safety Page](#)
- ✓ [Child Accident Prevent Trust - Keep your child safe from drowning](#)
- ✓ [Child Accident Prevent Trust - Summer Safety \(Home, Trampolines, Garden, BBQ's\)](#)
- ✓ [Sun Screen & Sun Safety](#)



The look of our website will soon be changing! We are currently working to ensure that we are complying with new accessibility regulations. But don't worry, there will be no break in service so you will always be able to access the information on our platform whilst the work is being undertaken in the background. To access our website click on the link below:

[WSSCP Website](#)

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If you have any information you would like to share with agencies in future email bulletins please contact me directly at

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Kind Regards,

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**If you see something... say something**

Are you concerned about a child or family? If you see or hear something that worries you... say something

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Help us to keep our children safe in West Sussex

Please call MASH on 01403 229900 to report a child safeguarding concern.  
In an emergency call 999.