

Safeguarding Briefing for Early Years - 18.06.20

Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to bring you the latest safeguarding briefing – I hope it is useful.

As we move towards wider re-opening, I know many of you are pleased to be welcoming back more of your children. However, it is vital that we continue to support those children still at home and I would remind you of the CYP response plan for Early Years which can help you think about how to undertake that work. Settings have done an amazing job during this time to continue to safeguard their children and many have gone above and beyond to support children and their families. Clearly, this remains a priority for the rest of this term.

Take care everyone

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Essex Family Support Service

The [Essex Family Support Service](#) is now live and accepting referrals. Community360 are working in partnership and collaboration with other Voluntary and Community Sector organisations across Essex to deliver this service as part of the wider Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service.

The service will provide support to families not already receiving support from specialist or statutory services which include school-aged children and young people aged 8 – 19 years. The aim is to support families to work towards the following outcomes:

- Emotionally healthy, happy and resilient- supporting families to develop and retain positive relationships
- Behaviour choices that promote safety and wellbeing – including reduction in participation of risky behaviours
- Socially connected, resilient and resourceful families- supporting people to connect with peers and communities
- Healthy inter-parental/guardian and family relationships- effective communication and conflict resolution

Contact details are: information@community360.org.uk or 01206 505250

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Essex Family Innovation Fund (FIF) and FIF Xtra

The current Family Innovation Fund (FIF) is a range of established services for Children, Young People and Parents/Carers with low level needs that cannot be supported by services such as schools, and GPs alone. FIF provides that little bit of extra help to support children, young people and parents/carers. FIF-Xtra services have been set up so there is even more help available during this time, online and via telephone, to support children, young people and their families who are experiencing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The flyer and request for support are available here:



FifXtraFlyerFINAL.pdf



FifXtraRequestforSupport.docx

Safeguarding poster

Organisations may wish to display this poster to raise awareness about safeguarding:



English safeguarding leaflet - PRINT.pdf

Essex Child and Family Well-being Service (ECFWS)

The latest ECFWS bulletins are available here:



2020-M06-D01
ECFWS Weekly bulletin



2020-M06-D08
ECFWS Weekly bulletin

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service (ECFWS) is also available to support settings with vulnerable children. They will continue to contact settings over this period to discuss vulnerable children (those with and without social workers) and will form part of the safeguarding arrangements for them.

Essex Welfare Service (EWS)

A reminder of the EWS, a service to help vulnerable people in the community in need of support and unable to access it at this time: <https://www.essexwelfareservice.org.uk/> It would be helpful if schools could share this with parents for information and / or on the website as they are able to 'self-refer' if they are experiencing difficulties

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Website: www.essexwelfareservice.org

Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 8am to 7pm Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 2pm

NSPCC - guidance and information for early years providers

The NSPCC has produced a [briefing](#) pulling together key guidance for providers of early years services on keeping children safe. It answers frequently asked questions including how childcare settings can support and protect children who are not attending.

Domestic abuse

In collaboration with ECC and Safe Steps, the SET Domestic Abuse Board has produced a video aimed at professionals to provide useful resources across the sector and signpost into services.

