Dear colleagues,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break – and enjoyed the long Bank Holiday weekend!

This is a relatively ‘brief’ briefing from me, but I wanted to share the new SET Procedures with you, as they have been updated. I’ve also included details of the summer term safeguarding forums – really hope to see you there, as it would be lovely to meet some of you in person. I realise it will not be possible for everyone to attend the day session in person and, for that reason, we will continue to hold an evening online session.

Take care everyone

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**Updated SET Procedures**

The [SET (Southend, Essex and Thurrock) Safeguarding and Child Protection Procedures](https://www.escb.co.uk/media/2737/set-procedures-may2022.pdf)  have been updated to reflect current practice and changes in legislation. The new procedures take effect from 4th May, so please disregard any previous versions. The main changes to note are:

* Procedures updated in line with changes to Working Together 2018 (updated Dec 2020)
* Part A Chapter 7-Allegations against people who work with children has been updated in line with Working Together and Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021
* Part B Chapter 19 -Perplexing Presentations and Fabricated or Induced Illness has been re-written in line with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health guidance
* Part B Chapter 24-Safeguarding Children from Exploitation has been updated and links added to the SET Child Exploitation Partnership Pathway

There is no need to update the model CP policy, as the existing policy should link to the new version (we pre-empted it!). However, if you make reference to the SET Procedures anywhere in your own documentation, you should ensure the reference and any links are to the current document.

**Summer term safeguarding forums**

The safeguarding forums this term will be held on 5th July. As always, we will hold a daytime session (10.00 – 11.30am) and an evening session (6.00 – 7.30pm). As stated above, we will be holding the daytime session as an in person event, so very much hope you are able to join us. It will be held at Chelmsford City Football Club, and tea / coffee will be served upon arrival. The evening session will remain as an online event.

If you wish to book either of these sessions, please do so via the

[Education Essex online booking system](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fschools.essex.gov.uk%2Finfo%2Ftradedservices%2FPages%2Feducation-essex-online-booking-system.aspx&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cf88f996de66e40ff452008da06795ead%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C637829415603845621%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=qXyH8TN6XSYUa3j6rzSZKeiN6HRC906tbPyaKXaulGk%3D&reserved=0)

**Effective Support for Children and Families in Essex – updated for 2022**

The Essex Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB) have published the updated [Effective Support for Children and Families in Essex](https://www.escb.co.uk/media/2699/escb-effectivesupportbooklet-2021.pdf) (October 2021). This updated document has been agreed by the Essex Statutory Partners (Essex Police, NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups and Essex County Council) who are responsible for the [Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements](https://www.escb.co.uk/about/) in Essex.

As well as making some sections clearer, the [Effective Support for Children and Families in Essex](https://www.escb.co.uk/media/2699/escb-effectivesupportbooklet-2021.pdf) has been updated in line with current practice. It now refers to submitting a request for support online, the Team Around the Family Support Officers (TAFSOs), support for children with disabilities, risk in the community & child exploitation and support for young carers.

**Training and development opportunities from the Essex Safeguarding Children Board**

I wanted to remind you of the training on offer from the ESCB – their learning and development page can be accessed here: [ESCB / learning and development](https://www.escb.co.uk/learning-and-development/)

**Early Help drop-in sessions**

These sessions are designed to give partners working with children and families the chance to: discuss anonymised cases, access peer support, learn more about the roles of other partners and be signposted to advice and other services. They are facilitated by one of the four Partnership Delivery Leads (detailed below), who will be regularly supported by a panel of subject experts including: Team Around the Family Support Officer (TAFSO), Health Liaison Officer, Senior Attendance Specialists and others.

* **North Essex drop-in session** - **Tues 3:00-4:00pm** click [**Here**](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YmRlOTY0OWUtZWQ2My00YzZlLTg1YWEtMmNkOTlkYTA2ZDFh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22a8b4324f-155c-4215-a0f1-7ed8cc9a992f%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22d778223e-41e7-4368-825e-d45fcb366a70%22%7d) to join. Email **Lee Bailey** (North) [Lee.Bailey@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Lee.Bailey@essex.gov.uk) for more info
* **Mid Essex drop-in session** - **Wed 12:00-1:00pm** click [**Here**](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/ap/t-59584e83/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fteams.microsoft.com%2Fl%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%253ameeting_MmNkYzJiNzctMWUwMi00MjI3LWFiNTEtN2YzOWRlNzM0ZDRk%2540thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257b%2522Tid%2522%253a%2522a8b4324f-155c-4215-a0f1-7ed8cc9a992f%2522%252c%2522Oid%2522%253a%25223477aab4-817e-4de6-a341-891325040556%2522%257d&data=04%7C01%7C%7C730db3b9192941f08c2808d958d74a80%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C637638504239789866%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=53j6L0Zf%2FThSeF5L1ZmjA%2BI8duskPlKHYXr6mPjFzdc%3D&reserved=0) to join. Email **Paul Mitchell** (Mid) [Paul.Mitchell@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.Mitchell@essex.gov.uk) for more info
* **South Essex drop-in session** - **Wed 12:30-1:30pm** click [**Here**](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/ap/t-59584e83/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fteams.microsoft.com%2Fl%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%253ameeting_ZWQ2MGE3YmItZTNiMS00MWFkLWI2YTAtYTk1MWYwMDVkZmRh%2540thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257b%2522Tid%2522%253a%2522a8b4324f-155c-4215-a0f1-7ed8cc9a992f%2522%252c%2522Oid%2522%253a%2522445df15e-5e81-431c-90f0-f7014743b6f7%2522%257d&data=04%7C01%7C%7C730db3b9192941f08c2808d958d74a80%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C637638504239799861%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=4HsAbnnBrKyK3vSTYga%2FxVfsp8VxcRDbSSUAiLoxfTs%3D&reserved=0) to join. Email **Harriet Pickering** (South) [Harriet.Pickering@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Harriet.Pickering@essex.gov.uk) for more info
* **West Essex drop-in session** - **Thurs 12:00-1:00pm** click [**Here**](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/ap/t-59584e83/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fteams.microsoft.com%2Fl%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%253ameeting_MTA1ZWY0NzEtOGVjZi00YTY4LWI3MzktM2JlNTM1YTczMzk1%2540thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257b%2522Tid%2522%253a%2522a8b4324f-155c-4215-a0f1-7ed8cc9a992f%2522%252c%2522Oid%2522%253a%252295b6abfe-3e60-48f8-b1db-8079af0999eb%2522%257d&data=04%7C01%7C%7C730db3b9192941f08c2808d958d74a80%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C637638504239799861%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=LtmEshvD5PdSVHJ4zjCKXcFV3bTfBH2lWvtwIOGkTXs%3D&reserved=0) to join. Email **Fiona Bailey** (West) [Fiona.Bailey@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Fiona.Bailey@essex.gov.uk) for more info

The sessions DO NOT replace work undertaken by the Children and Families Hub as outlined in [Effective Support for Children & Families in Essex](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.essex.gov.uk%2Freport-a-concern-about-a-child&data=04%7C01%7C%7C730db3b9192941f08c2808d958d74a80%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C637638504239809855%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=9WgfkiCJfFqN%2FsyDKrUQ%2BD9z2FMY3ommx08QjDX%2B%2FbI%3D&reserved=0)

**Essex Wellbeing Service**

In Essex we are fortunate to have many services available to provide support us, but sometimes it can be difficult to know where and when to access it. The [Essex Wellbeing Service](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.essexwellbeingservice.co.uk%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cea4209b86b464181e86d08d9baf37378%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C637746377035775155%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=BLSaAVuUP4DWFW1dhjgkBB6K4Hg5Lus575CLRfB%2Bsew%3D&reserved=0) is an early intervention offer that supports everyone in Essex to live healthy and socially connected lives. With practical, emotional, health and wellbeing advice, support and signposting they help Essex residents to lead their best possible life and to find the right support at the right time, including support in the community for a range of health, wellbeing and day to day needs – supporting families to adapt to the 'new normal'. Please do make use of this service and promote it with schools/settings and families.