Dear colleagues,

I hope you all had a lovely summer and enjoyed all the sunshine – it seems a long time ago now, as we are heading well and truly into autumn.

We have been busy updating all the safeguarding materials and I am pleased to let you know that these are now all available on the Early Years website. Further information on this is below.

Following our first in-person forum last term, which 40 of you attended, we will be holding face to face forums in each quadrant this term, to test demand. We recognise that not everyone will be able to access these sessions during the day, but we wanted to offer you the opportunity to access safeguarding training offsite, to meet the team and to network with lead practitioners from other settings. We will monitor attendance at these sessions and will continue with them if there is a demand. For those not able to leave their setting during the day, we will continue to hold an online update forum as an evening online session.

I really hope to see you at one of the forums throughout the year and look forward to meeting more of you in person.

Best wishes

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# **Updated safeguarding materials and resources for 2022-23**

We have updated the materials and resources to support you with your safeguarding work. These are all available on the [Early Years and Childcare website](https://eycp.essex.gov.uk/safeguarding/):

* Model child protection policy (one for childminders and one for early years settings)
* Safeguarding audit
* Safeguarding information for visitors to the site
* Confirmation of safeguarding documents received (for all staff to sign)

We have also updated the level 2 training materials and have the following presentations for lead practitioners to use for training all staff, if they wish to do this in-house:

* Keeping children safe in early years
* Inspecting safeguarding in early years
* Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
* Prevent
* Understanding the Children and Families Hub

**Inspecting safeguarding (Ofsted 2022)**

Ofsted has updated its guidance [Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills (Ofsted 2022)](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/ap/t-59584e83/)

**Keeping Children Safe in Education (DfE 2022)**

The new Keeping children safe in education - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) took effect from 1st September 2022 so, if you refer to this document in any policies or paperwork, please ensure you use the new version.

**Safeguarding forums**

We held our first face to face safeguarding forum in Chelmsford last term, and it was great that around 40 people attended. As there is clearly an interest in attending these in person, we will be offering a forum in each quadrant this term. Please see the dates, times and locations below.

We will monitor attendance at these sessions and will continue with them if there is a demand. For those not able to leave their setting during the day, we will continue to hold an online update forum as an evening online session.

To book onto a session, please use the [Education Essex Online Booking System](https://eycp.essex.gov.uk/training-and-qualifications/education-essex-online-booking-system/). If you need technical support with booking your place via the booking system, please email workforcedevelopment@essex.gov.uk.

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| **Countywide** | 29 Nov 6-7.30pm | Online – Microsoft TEAMS |
| **North-East** | 21 Nov 10am - 12.30pm | Willow Brook Primary School & NurseryBarnardiston Road, Colchester, CO4 0DT |
| **South** | 24 Nov 10am - 12.30pm | Adult Community Learning Centre (ACL) BrentwoodPoplar Dr, Hutton, Brentwood CM13 1BD |
| **West** | 28 Nov 10am - 12.30pm | Latton Bush CentreSouthern Way, Harlow CM18 7BL |
| **Mid**  | 29 Nov 10am - 12.30pm | Chelmsford City Football ClubSalerno Way, ChelmsfordEssex CM1 2EH |

[**Unexplained, Non-accidental Bruising or Injuries to Babies and Young Children - SET conference**](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnews.news.essex.gov.uk%2FF17DF34695CDA7110B5C6D1C7638566001EAF28E1EDDFB14A636E99B97DBB52F%2F5C59BDA40A8F8EE851C430096DE173D3%2FLE35&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cf84b1889b1f2478d07d408da8f2f6350%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C637979730960358308%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=X5AmI4GhanRSCRb%2F73atxCF5B5nCzZtzI9sCYHW6QdE%3D&reserved=0)

I wanted to remind you of the training offered by Southend, Essex and Thurrock. This will be a virtual conference on unexplained, non-accidental bruising or injuries to babies and young children on Thursday 20th October, 10am – 1pm. This virtual conference is for anyone working with babies and young children and aims to support frontline practitioners in achieving a better understanding of the different types of bruising and injuries inflicted. For more information including how to book a place, please visitSET training

**Effective Support for Children and Families in Essex**

Working Together requires the Essex Statutory Partners (Essex County Council, Police and Integrated Care Boards) to publish a threshold document. In Essex, this is the Effective Support guidance.

The Statutory Partners have nominated a multi-agency working group to review the current guidance and consider how children and families can be supported across all levels of need, to ensure they receive the right help at the right time.

To ensure those using the guidance have an opportunity to shape the updated document, the ESCB is asking practitioners to [complete a survey](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fconsultations.essex.gov.uk%2Fesab%2F330b9237&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cee226629470845ce2c5a08da9622160b%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C637987370377578988%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qsoE5tcV%2BpznvM6FEUgLxxPe%2FQmDdzpBcObXATVwdXg%3D&reserved=0) – the closing date is the 10th October. Please be honest in your feedback, as it’s important this is an effective working document.

**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://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/)

**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://www.escb.co.uk/about/?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](https://www.escb.co.uk/media/2699/escb-effectivesupportbooklet-2021.pdf) for more info
* **Mid Essex drop-in session** - **Wed 12:00-1:00pm** click [**Here**](https://www.escb.co.uk/media/2737/set-procedures-may2022.pdf?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](https://www.escb.co.uk/learning-and-development/) for more info
* **South Essex drop-in session** - **Wed 12:30-1:30pm** click [**Here**](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?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](file:///C%3A/Users/jo.barclay/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/CCXFFPT9/SET%20CAMHS%20Offer.pdf) for more info
* **West Essex drop-in session** - **Thurs 12:00-1:00pm** click [**Here**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2?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](https://www.escb.co.uk/media/2699/escb-effectivesupportbooklet-2021.pdf) for more info

Please note that these sessions DO NOT replace work undertaken by the Children and Families Hub as outlined in [Effective Support for Children & Families in Essex](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3Ameeting_YmRlOTY0OWUtZWQ2My00YzZlLTg1YWEtMmNkOTlkYTA2ZDFh%40thread.v2/0?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)

**SET CAMHS**

The Southend, Essex and Thurrock Child and Adolescents Mental Health Service (SET CAMHS) provides advice and support to children, young people and families who are in need of support with their emotional wellbeing or mental health difficulties. NELFT works in partnership with HCRG Care Group to deliver this service and information about their current offer is available [here.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-safeguarding-in-early-years-education-and-skills/inspecting-safeguarding-in-early-years-education-and-skills)

There is also a Professionals Advice Line for practitioners working with children and young people. The number is **0300 300 1996**and the line will operate every Monday – Thursday between 10:00 and 12:00, excluding bank holidays. The new number is **not**an alternative to making a referral or to be used in urgent situations. It does not replace the existing main line for contacting SET CAMHS, which is 0800 953 0222.

*(Please note, this number is to be used as a professional consultation line only, so please do not share it with the general public or on any websites/digital platforms).*

**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 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.