Hello everyone,

I hope you had a great Easter break, although it does feel some time ago now!

We had over 100 people attend the in-person quadrant-based Safeguarding Forums in March and a further 169 attended the online session.  It was really lovely to meet so many of you at the in-person sessions, and the feedback we’ve had has been very positive. As you know, I am very keen to offer Early Years settings the same opportunities to develop their expertise around safeguarding that we offer to schools and other settings.  Safeguarding is the most important thing you do in your setting, and we want to support you in this work and are really pleased that so many of you are now accessing the forums and using the materials we have produced.  Please do try to join us in the summer term – the dates and details of how to register are contained below.

Best wishes

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# **Sexualised Behaviour training offer - Brook Traffic Light Training**

We are pleased to extend this training to the Designated/Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads at Essex Early Years settings.

The Brook Traffic Lights Tool provides guidance to help adults identify, understand, and respond to young people’s sexual behaviours. It supports professionals to recognise sexual behaviours and assess whether they are age and developmentally appropriate or harmful / abusive.

The Brook Traffic Light Tool training sessions have been taking place since January for schools and feedback has been very positive. Delegates have reported:

* feeling more confident to respond to sexualised behaviour in children and harmful sexual behaviour incidents
* the training has provided reassurance about their decision-making and response to Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB)
* they have a better understanding of HSB

**Please note that we are only able to offer this in-person training during this term, so please book now to ensure you can access the training.**

There are two resources which need to be printed and brought to the session - these will be made available when you have booked your session via the [Essex Online Booking System](https://schools.essex.gov.uk/info/tradedservices/Pages/education-essex-online-booking-system.aspx).

An overview of the remaining session times, dates and locations can be found below:



**Safeguarding forums**

The dates for the Summer Term Early Years Safeguarding Forums are now available to book. We received excellent feedback on the Autumn and Spring Term face-to-face sessions and hope to see many of you in person this Summer. Please see the dates, times, and locations for the forums below.

To book onto a session, please use the [Essex Online Booking System](https://eycp.essex.gov.uk/training-and-qualifications/education-essex-online-booking-system/) and search for ‘Safeguarding Forum for Early Years’ – both the online and in-person options will show. If you need technical support with booking your place via the booking system, please email [workforcedevelopment@essex.gov.uk](mailto:workforcedevelopment@essex.gov.uk).

The presentations from the Spring 2023, Autumn and Summer 2022 forums can be accessed on the [Early Years and Childcare](https://eycp.essex.gov.uk/) website.

**Summer forum dates:**

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| **North-East – in person** | Wednesday 5th July: 1.30 – 4.00pm | Colchester United Community Stadium, Colchester, CO4 5UP |
| **West – in person** | Monday 10th July: 10.00 – 12.30pm | Harlow Study Centre - Monks barn, Netteswellbury Farm, Harlow CM18 6BW |
| **Mid – in person** | Wednesday 12th July: 10.00 – 12.30pm | Chelmsford City Football Club  Salerno Way, Chelmsford  Essex CM1 2EH |
| **South – in person** | Monday 17th July: 10.00 – 12.30pm | Wat Tyler Centre - Cordite Room, Pitsea Hall Ln, Pitsea, Basildon SS16 4UH |
| **Countywide - online** | Tuesday 18th July: 6pm - 7:30pm | Online – Microsoft TEAMS |

**Online Safeguarding Briefing for new Lead Practitioners for Safeguarding/Designated Safeguarding Leads**

Three times a year we hold an online briefing for *new* Lead Practitioners for Safeguarding/Designated Safeguarding Leads (and/or Deputies). The briefing will provide an overview of the role of the Lead Practitioner and an introduction to safeguarding processes in Essex. It will detail the training needed for the role and signpost to important documents and resources.

This event is for:

* *New* Lead Practitioners for Safeguarding/Designated Safeguarding Leads who have not completed their Level 3 training yet
* Experienced Lead Practitioners for Safeguarding/Designated Safeguarding Leads / Deputies who are *new to Essex*

We are also happy for current Lead Practitioners for Safeguarding/Deputies who would like a reminder of the basic safeguarding arrangements in Essex to attend this event.

The next session is on 7th September 2023online via TEAMs. This event will be available to book later this term on the [Essex Online Booking System](https://eycp.essex.gov.uk/training-and-qualifications/education-essex-online-booking-system/). Please pass this information on to any new Lead Practitioner/Deputy at your setting.

**Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) Author Briefing**

The Essex Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB) will be holding an Author Briefing to outline the findings and recommendations from the CSPR for Child I. The briefing will be led by Alex Walters, Independent Reviewer, and outline the findings and recommendations from this review. The session will focus on the learning that has come from this review and provide delegates with materials to share within their agency and to facilitate training.

The briefing will be on Tuesday 16 May 9.30am – 12.30pm on Microsoft Teams. Places can be booked [here](https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/esab/4c3c302e/).

**Essex Safeguarding Children Board**

The ESCB has a number of training sessions which can be accessed on their [learning and development page](https://www.escb.co.uk/learning-and-development/). The latest ESCB [bulletin](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnews.news.essex.gov.uk%2F9j46%2FDesign%2Fmj7z-24445&data=05%7C01%7C%7C8de2c6d2f94b4677edda08db449a08c6%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C638179200580367707%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Y3r4ytesZ2og83q0ugTKsmE2qbrX1IZPJ%2FWu3JQy%2B7c%3D&reserved=0) has also been issued, with safeguarding news, updates and training opportunities.

**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.

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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://www.escb.co.uk/media/2701/escb-effectivesupportbooklet2021v7.pdf).

**Essex Police – Partner Information Sharing Form**

For any setting wishing to share intelligence with Essex Police please use the form below. Please note this is for sharing intelligence only and does not replace procedures for reporting crimes to the police.



**Contacting the Education Safeguarding Team**

We now have a shared team inbox which is monitored by all members of our team: [educationsafeguarding@essex.gov.uk](mailto:educationsafeguarding@essex.gov.uk). We ask that settings take note of this email address and use it to contact us instead of using our personal email addresses.