



Safeguarding is everyone's business

Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Newsletter - January 2017

Time to Talk Day

Thursday 2nd February 2017

Conversations change lives.



This [Time to Talk Day](#) is aimed at getting the nation talking about mental health and keep the conversation going round the clock.



Be Curious. Act against child neglect Dorset Awareness Week 30 Jan – 3 Feb

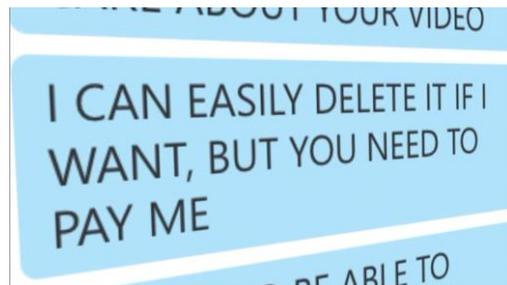
Child neglect is the most frequent type of abuse affecting children and it is important that professionals are able to identify the signs of child neglect and report concerns if they suspect neglect within the course of their professional work.

Take a look at the [procedures](#) and find out how to [respond to neglect](#)

For more information please visit the [Bournemouth & Poole Safeguarding Children Board](#) or the [Dorset Safeguarding Children Board](#)

Sextortion is a crime rapidly on the increase. Also known as 'webcam blackmail', it refers to criminals deceiving webcam users into unclothing and performing a sexual act.

Organised criminal gangs are blackmailing growing numbers of young people after [using social media to entice them into performing sex acts on screen](#).



Senior officers at the National Crime Agency fear the true scale of the problem is far bigger, with many victims too ashamed to report their involvement to police.

Click [here](#) for more information



Children's Information Service

Looking for Quality Childcare and Early Education?

We provide free, impartial information and advice on childcare, children's centres, early education, funding and family support within Bournemouth.

Our friendly team are here to help you make the right choices for your family and can provide support and information on:

- Childcare in Bournemouth including [childminders](#), [day nurseries](#) and [pre-schools](#)

- [Early Education Funding](#) and how to access this for your two, three or four-year-old
- Local [children's centres](#) activities for parents and carers with under fives
- [Childcare](#) for school aged children including breakfast, after school and holiday clubs
- [Tax credits and childcare](#) vouchers to help with the cost of registered childcare

For a warm welcome and helpful advice, please do get in touch by phone, email or if you prefer, pop in and see us.

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Search for childcare in Bournemouth at www.bournemouth.gov.uk/childcare

Safer Internet Day 2017 will take place on Tuesday 7th February with the theme 'Be the change: unite for a better internet'.

To get involved and show your support - click [here](#)



Modern Slavery – a growing area of concern

Modern day slavery continues to be a growing area of concern in the UK. There are reportedly as many as 13,000 victims but identifying and supporting them is often difficult; professionals need to be trained in order to have an adequate understanding of this complex issue and rapidly increasing area of crime.

An individual does not have to of been moved across international borders to be a victim of trafficking and slavery. It is important that professionals working with vulnerable adults understand the signs which may indicate when someone is a victim. There are several different types of slavery although there is no typical victim, it can effect men, women or children equally. Modern slavery violates the individual's human rights and freedoms and is exploitative. Types of slavery include domestic servitude, forced labour, human trafficking and debt bondage.

Modern slavery is defined as a category of abuse in the Care Act (2014) and is prohibited by law under the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

For more information on how to spot the signs please click [here](#)

IMP&CT – Integrated Missing Person and CSE Team (Dorset Police)

Dorset Police have revised their structure to improve services, recognising the close links between Missing and CSE.

They have created a new Service named IMP&CT (Integrated Missing Person and CSE Team)

The CSE Team will continue to work as usual within this structure and the Missing Persons team will focus on the most vulnerable missing children in Dorset. These will be identified during multi-agency meetings where both vulnerability and number of missing episodes will be considered for those most at risk. Once identified, holistic multi-agency plans will be agreed in an attempt to address the core issues that cause children to repeatedly go missing.



[The numbers you need to report a concern about a child](#)
[What to do if you suspect an adult is being harmed or abused](#)

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