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## Safeguarding is everybody's business.

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### Single Point of Contact (MASH)



Dorset County Council, Children's Services now has a single point of contact for any new referrals or safeguarding concerns about children. Their contact details are:

Tel: 01202 228866

Email: [MASH@dorsetcc.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:MASH@dorsetcc.gcsx.gov.uk)

All communication about children who have an allocated social worker will continue to be through the area teams:

New area team phone numbers:

**South - 01305 760139**  
(Weymouth and Portland)

**West - 01305 221450**  
(Bridport, Dorchester and Sherborne)

**East - 01202 877445**  
(Wimborne, Ferndown and Christchurch)

**Central - 01258 475136**  
(Sturminster, Blandford and Purbeck)

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## Safeguarding Adults Conference on Self-neglect

The Safeguarding Adults Boards are hosting a conference for practitioners on 17 November 2016 (9:30 to 1:30) at the Hamworthy Club in Canford Magna

Amongst the many speakers, Suzy Braye, Professor of Social Work at the University of Sussex will talk about the challenges experienced by managers and carers around self-neglect and Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue will be attending to speak on the subject of hoarding.



Closing date for bookings is the 17th of October 2016. If you would like to attend:

Bournemouth and Poole Colleagues, please contact:

Heather Newton on 01202 261015 or email: [h.newton@poole.gov.uk](mailto:h.newton@poole.gov.uk)

Dorset Colleagues, please contact:

Alison Sandford on 01305 216638 or email: [a.sandford@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:a.sandford@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

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## And the winner is.....



### **Congratulations to Lychett Matravers Pre-School - They won the Thorntons Chocolate Hamper having taken part in the recent Pan-Dorset Inter-Agency Safeguarding Procedures survey**

The hamper was hand delivered to Tracey Scriven and her team by Wendy Thorogood, Designated Nurse Consultant for children NHS Dorset CCG, who is Chair of the Pan-Dorset LSCB Policy & Procedure Group. Remember these policies relate to a wide range of safeguarding practice and staff across all agencies and services working with children and families should refer to them. Save this [link](#) to your desktop now!

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## Scamming – Watch Out!

Financial scamming and its impact is a recognised as a growing problem. The National Centre for Post Qualifying Social Work (NCPQSW) at Bournemouth University have been working with key national organisations in the UK to develop a better understanding of this issue, seeking ways and solutions to reduce the risk of financial scamming.



Professor Keith Brown, Director of the NCPQSW said, "We know that this problem predominantly effects older people and that people in the UK lose between £4-6 billion a year to scamming. It is a massive problem in the UK."

A Financial Scamming Guide is now available to offer advice and guidance on what to watch for and how to avoid falling foul of scamming techniques and schemes.

For more information and the financial scamming guide produced by Bournemouth University, please click [here](#)

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## Let's talk about relationships



## Preventing the youth of today becoming victims of tomorrow.

Safe Partnership have successfully delivered the SafeDATE (Domestic Abuse training and Education) programme across the UK, working with over 30,000 students since 2012.

Whether it's relationship abuse, sexting, consent or forced marriage - SafeDATE is the free healthy relationship programme for young people. If you're a teacher or professional and want to know more about their work in schools, colleges and youth groups check out the [Professionals](#) page

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## Mandatory Reporting on child abuse and neglect

**RESPONSE?** The government is currently consulting on the introduction of mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect to local authority children's social care. Also, the introduction of a duty to act - imposing a legal requirement on certain groups, professionals or organisations to take appropriate action where they know or suspect that a child is suffering, or is at risk of suffering, abuse or neglect.

Click [here](#) to view the consultation and respond with your views on the areas proposed.

The closing date for comments is the 13th October 2016.

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

