



Wiltshire Children and Families Voluntary Sector Forum Putting the pieces together



Newsletter – July 2018

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This is your newsletter, and your opportunity to share news with members.

Information from other sources will feature, but this media is for sharing information from Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board, (WSCB) and Wiltshire Children's Trust.

Don't forget to check the CFVSF [website](#) for meeting minutes and current information.

Also check us out on social media:



Welcome

Next meeting will be held: 4 September 2018
9.30 am to 12.30 pm
Scout HQ, Potterne Wick, SN10 5QT

Agenda will be published prior to meeting.

Speakers will be announced nearer the time.

Chair Updates

The latest Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board, Key Messages are attached for your information and further dissemination.

[Key messages - WSCB](#)

Also attached is the partnership statement from Mark Gurrey and Terence Herbert setting out a shared intention to move away from CAF to "Early Support Assessments" and move towards a singular assessment. To ensure these changes have an impact, please can you share this briefing across your organisations?

[Partnership statement](#)

I would like to bring to your attention the following campaign:

[Together, we can tackle child abuse](#) is a campaign led by the Department for Education. It encourages members of the public to help protect children and young people by reporting any concerns of abuse or neglect to their local council, NSPCC or the police. The campaign aims to tackle barriers that stop people reporting, to get help to children and young people more quickly. The DfE have been working closely with local councils, leading national charities and a parent focus group to create a new, engaging range of materials for the campaign. [You can visit the resource pages here.](#)

<http://www.wiltshirescb.org.uk/>. Please take a look at this website for key messages and changes to policy and procedures and also note the training courses available (listed below under training section) and consider if you have any staff who would benefit from attending.



FACT - The Families and Children's Transformation programme is a multi-agency programme of work covering eight workstreams, with over 30 individual projects focusing on improving outcomes for Families and Children. One of the projects is the **One shared language and vision project**. The aim of this work is to provide families with seamless support, where they feel that all the people supporting them are pulling in the same direction. That when they are spoken to a consistent language is used that they understand.

I would like to encourage you to attend the **One shared language and vision workshop** being held on:

Thursday 26 July 2018, 9.30am to 12.30 pm
Methuen Room, Springfield Campus, Corsham

Arrival and refreshments available for attendees from 9.15 am. Please respond to FACT@wiltshire.gov.uk to advise who will attend from your organisation.

Please find attached the latest [Families and Children's Transformation newsletter](#) for distribution more widely within your organisations.

Multi-Agency Forums (MAFs)

New dates and contact details for the MAFs running are available on <http://www.wiltshirepathways.org.uk/> (these are updated regularly so please always check for the latest details).

Community Engagement Managers (CEM's)

Information about Area Boards and your Local Community Engagement Managers can be found here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards.htm>.

Circulation of newsletter – If you receive this newsletter on behalf of your organisation please pass it on to colleagues so that as many people as possible can find out what the forum can offer. If you have colleagues who would like to be included in the circulation list, please contact emily.orchard@cfvsf.org.

Tony Griffin Associate Safeguarding Training Advisor

NSPCC How Safe are our Children? 2018

The NSPCC has published 'How safe are our children? 2018' which compiles and analyses the most robust and up-to-date child protection data that exists across the four nations in the UK. The report sets out what the available data tells us about the current child protection landscape, and takes a closer look at how safe children are online.



Findings include: increases in police-recorded child sexual offences across the UK and increases in child cruelty and neglect offences in all UK nations except Scotland, increased numbers of children on child protection plans and registers in the last decade, almost a quarter of surveyed young people were contacted online by an adult they did not know, and since the offence of communicating indecently with a child was introduced in England and Wales in April 2017, over 3,000 crimes have been recorded by the police.

The report also includes a section looking in more detail at how safe children are online, calling on the Government to use legislation to better protect children online, together with a feature on the findings from the 2018 O2 NSPCC Net Aware research into young people's experiences online.

[Download 'How safe are our children 2018' here](#)

Digital friendships: the role of technology in young people's relationships

UK Safer Internet Centre presents results from an online survey of 2000 young people aged 8-17, commissioned by the UK Safer Internet Centre for Safer Internet Day 2018. Findings explore how central technology is to young people's relationships and the different platforms youth are using to interact with each other. Highlights both the positive and negative role technology can have in young people's relationships and shows that while youth are proactively helping to build a better internet, they also want support from the adults in their lives to do so.

[Click here for information and report](#)

Improving parenting skills for parents with a drug or alcohol problem

The NSPCC's impact and evidence insights series features a blog by Professor Jane Barlow and research fellow Sukhdev Semi from the University of Warwick discussing parents' experiences of taking part in the NSPCC Parents Under Pressure programme to support families where parents have a drug or alcohol problem. Findings indicate that many parents thought participating in the programme had made a big impact on their lives, that learning to take the time to understand why their child might be behaving in a particular way helped them understand their child's experiences and, in some cases, led to changes in behaviour and parents appreciated the support from practitioners.

[Click here for information](#)

Training Calendar

Please [click here](#) for calendar and prices for CPD accredited child protection courses.

HomeStart Kennet are looking for new volunteers

Can you spare two hours per week?
Would you like to help families in your local community?

You will receive up to 40 hours of training in preparation for your role and will be supported every step of the way by professional Family Support Organisers and the entire Home-Start team. There will be an opportunity to attend peer support sessions where you will meet other volunteers, network, and take part in additional training sessions. Travel and other agreed expenses are paid. Childcare cost may be covered during training

"HS provided an excellent and thorough briefing course. The staff are a good balance of friendly and professional. They are very supportive and efficient and inspire confidence in their volunteers" HSK Volunteer

Come and join us. Our next training course starts in September 2018 in Tidworth. For more information please see the volunteer pages on our website:

www.homestartkennet.co.uk or contact us on 01672 569457,
homestartkennet.a@btconnect.com



Splash

The Splash Summer Activities programme is now open for referrals. We have 31 FREE, positive activity days planned offering lots of choice for young people. To avoid exceeding peoples inbox limits this email contains weekly summaries of the Splash activities with detailed information for each activity available on the Splash webpage at: <http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/yaw/splash/>



We will again be providing FREE central transport pick ups to every activity. The planned pick ups are detailed on each individual flier. Please state on the referral form if transport is required and from which pick up point. If you are unable to get to the venue or the pick up point please contact the office and we will try to help.

How to refer a young person to Splash:

Anyone can refer a young person to Splash; just follow the instructions below:

1. Download the referral form below or from the Splash website, complete the form including parental consent and return it to us either by post or email at info@splash-wiltshire.org.uk (our postal address is at the bottom of the form).
2. Get your form back to us by Friday 6 July if possible as this is when we will start allocating places. However, we will continue to accept booking forms right up to the day before an activity (spaces permitting).
3. If you need any support completing a referral form please give us a call and we can talk you through it. We are in the office Monday to Friday on 01380 732829 and we will be more than happy to help!

Please remember that even if the young person has already attended a Splash project, we will still need a signed referral form with all their current information.

NSPCC



NSPCC London Road Show: Safeguarding Support for the voluntary and community sector

[Click here for resources](#)

The NSPCC has recently launched a new range of free resources to support voluntary and community sector organisations with their safeguarding arrangements. Together with Partnership for Young London, the NSPCC are running a free, informal, drop-in event at The Guildhall in central London any time between 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm on Wednesday 11 July 2018. Copies of the resources will be available, as well as members of NSPCC staff to discuss any aspect of the service that may be of interest.

Further information: Book your place here (eventbrite web page)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safeguarding-support-for-the-voluntary-and-community-sector-tickets-45974658441>

Tidworth open day

Open day to be held at Tidworth Service centre on Wednesday 15 August 2018 to highlight the various agencies/support available to families who are new to the area, or those who feel they have not become integrated within the local community.

The aim is also to support networking between both new families/single/married accompanied adults and agencies to tackle social isolation (both civilian and military). Children are also welcome, as are those who do not have children/are single/married accompanied.

Agencies to please arrive between 9.00 and 9.30am for a 10.00 am start. Due to end at 2.00 pm. Please bring information/posters etc regarding your service and each agency will be provided with a table.

Tea and coffee will be provided for both agencies and attendees.

For queries and to inform us of your attendance please contact:

Helen.cox@nspcc.org.uk

Poster can be found [here](#).

Victim Support



Victim Support have recently launched our NEW local Facebook page. Would you please visit our page and LIKE / SHARE us?

Many thanks for your help in raising the profile of our services to victims of crime within Wiltshire.

Please visit our new local Facebook page and like us:

<https://www.facebook.com/VictimSupportWiltshire/>

Barnardo's



Do you have some spare time? Would you like to help make a difference to the lives of young people across Wiltshire?

Barnardo's provides a range of services on behalf of Wiltshire Council and are looking for volunteers to support us in our Wiltshire Short Breaks Scheme to support children and young people who have additional needs.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who have lots of energy to support with the following;

- Support at activity sessions one Saturday per month in Bradford-on-Avon, Chippenham, Trowbridge or Devizes (as well as the possibility of one day per week in each town, during the school holidays)
- Supporting children and young people aged 8-18 to access and participate in the activities available ranging from arts, sports, gaming, cooking & local trips
- To support with the setting up and tidying away of activities

- To participate in group and one to one activities and most importantly HAVE FUN with children and young people

- You will work with the support and direction of an experienced play coordinator and you will receive induction training before commencing the role.

Knowledge/skills/attitudes required:

Some previous experience of this service user group would be helpful, but not essential. You will need to be confident, enthusiastic with plenty of energy. An interest in sport, music or the arts would be particularly welcome.

For more information please contact Penny.fisher@barnardos.org.uk 07734300638

**AWS Salisbury Plain
Regional Command – Regional Excellence
Tidworth Leisure Centre**



Community Development in Tidworth

This year, to celebrating 100 years of the women's vote, Wiltshire Museum and Army Welfare Service Community Support have been creating banners with some of the Nepalese women. They will be parading their banners in the Devizes Town Carnival on 1 September 2018. The women had previously engaged in an informal education session on the Suffragette movement and started planning their own slogans to put on the banners.

The day was a huge success with the Mayor of Marlborough, Lisa Farrell, and Chris Sturges from BFBS coming along to support the session, with Chris interviewing all of the women to be broadcast on Gurkha radio and BFBS radio the next day.

The aim of the session was to help the Nepalese community with integration into the general community. The outcome of this session was the raised confidence and achievement, the forging of friendships and the fun these women experienced, whilst learning a new skill. They have never been in a carnival parade before, so to have the opportunity to be in an event such as this is will be amazing.

The Nepalese women will now be engaging in a weekly craft session, which will give them the autonomy to discover other different craft skills, with the view to becoming competent enough for the group to become sustainable in the future.

Wiltshire Council

**Working Towards A Healthier Weight Summit 2018
Thursday 5 July at County Hall, Trowbridge
9.00 am to 12.30 pm**



Wiltshire Council and CCG's Working Towards a Healthy Weight Summit 2018 will provide an overview of achievements in the second year of Wiltshire's Obesity Strategy and outline the challenges that lie ahead. There will be an opportunity to be updated on progress for each of the four strategic priorities within the Strategy as well as an open discussion in plenary session. It will also be an opportunity for everyone to identify,

develop and agree further actions. A delicious healthy lunch menu will be on available to purchase and continue discussions in the County Hall restaurant.

To register for the event, please book your place here: [Eventbrite: Working Towards A Healthier Weight Summit 2018](#). If you have any problems with registering, please contact Katie Davies katie.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk or Sharon Cox sharon.cox@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Health needs assessment – Kelly Fry

I am currently working on a Health Needs Assessment with a focus on Young People and Substance Misuse. I am keen to hear from key stakeholders on their views about; what works in Wiltshire, any identifiable gaps and what can we improve upon to enhance our service offer?

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Wiltshire Community Foundation

Many of you will know that the Wiltshire & Swindon Community Foundation provides invaluable advice for voluntary groups across the county.



Please see [here](#) for full details of its current programme of advice sessions.

Consultation to secure sufficient places for special schools goes live

In May 2018 Wiltshire Councillors agreed to consult on proposals to increase the special school provision for children and young people with complex needs and severe learning disabilities in the north of the county. A consultation to consider this is now live and will run until 31 July 2018.



This process is not about closing special schools or taking away special school places, but about considering how in Wiltshire special school places can be increased.

This is quite possibly a once in a lifetime opportunity that collectively enables parent carers and other stakeholders to not only reflect on the needs of children and young people in Wiltshire with SEND, but be part of aspirational thinking and decision making to meet the needs of our children and young people now, and the needs of children and young people with SEND for many years to come.

Through Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC) engagement and discussion, some of the things that parent carers said were that special schools should have good facilities including integrated therapies, they would like to be involved in the design of new buildings and have a say in what the provision looks like, and they want special school

provision to be more flexible so that they don't have to educate their children at home or in other counties due to lack of choice.

It is important that there is clear understanding about the options being proposed in the consultation and to help understanding, there is a short consultation document that explains what the consultation is about, what the proposals are, some of the opportunities and some possible issues. There will also be a short video podcast on the Wiltshire Council website to add further detail and explanation available very soon.

The WPCC is encouraging all parent carers take part in the consultation, so that together we achieve the right outcomes for all our children/young people with SEND.

You can read more about the consultation, the proposals and participate in the consultation by visiting the Wiltshire Council website:

http://wiltshire.objective.co.uk/portal/education/special_school_provision_in_wiltshire

Articles from recent newsletters:



For everyone working with children, young people and families

[Teenagers and single parents 'at highest risk of domestic abuse'](#)

Teenage girls and single parents with children are among the most likely victims of domestic abuse, official data has revealed.

[Government announces £50m to boost school SEND facilities](#)

Councils will receive £50m in government funding to create more places and specialist facilities for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) it has been announced.

[MPs demand tougher government action on child obesity](#)

The government must do more to tackle childhood obesity by adopting a joined-up 'whole systems' approach, an influential group of MPs has said.

Links to fundraising pages

Welcome to a new feature of the newsletter. If you or your charity is engaging upon some fundraising and you would like to advertise your Just Giving page or similar, please let us know and we will include your link for all of our members to take a look.

Dawn Whiting of Splash

Myself and 15 friends will be running in relay from Lands End to John O Groats, 24 hours a day setting off on 28th July. We hope to complete the 1000+ mile challenge in 7 days or less. Each runner will run approx. 65 miles each during the week. We are doing this amazing challenge to raise much needed funds for Wiltshire Mind.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/themightylejog>

Vanessa Bedford of Alabare

Skydive for Alabare veterans.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/vanessa-bedford>

Links to other Newsletters

[Anybody Can Cook Newsletter](#)

[Community First](#)

[Home-Start Kennet](#)

[Interface Enterprises Ltd](#)

[Our Community Matters](#)

[SPLASH Wiltshire Activities Timetable](#)

[Turning Point Swindon and Wiltshire Partnership Agency Newsletter](#)

[Wessex Community Action](#)

[Wiltshire Community Foundation](#)

[Wiltshire Parent Carer Council](#)

[Young Melksham](#)