

Welcome to the new look version of the SSCB newsletter. This is in response to a request that we change the format in order that it can be more easily read online. Hopefully this will prompt further comments as to how the newsletter can be improved. We're always open to suggestions.

CHILD ACCIDENT
PREVENTION TRUST

CHILD SAFETY WEEK
SAFER TOGETHER
22 -28 JUNE 2009



Accidents are one of the biggest childhood killers in the UK, with five children and young people dying every week. This is four times as many children as are killed by family abuse or neglect, and 12 times as many children as are killed by strangers.

Accidents also put more children in hospital than any other cause. Every week, over 2,000 children and young people are admitted to hospital because of their injuries. Many are left scarred for life or permanently disabled.

Children from less well-off families are particularly vulnerable – they are far more likely to be killed or admitted to hospital with serious injuries than their better-off counterparts.

However, many of these deaths and serious injuries **can** be prevented - and without wrapping children up in cotton wool. Child Safety Week helps people to understand the real risks to children and the simple changes they can make to reduce those risks so that children and young people can enjoy safer, healthier, more active lives.

A free Child Safety Resource Pack is available. email safe@capt.org.uk
<http://www.capt.org.uk/csweek/default.htm>

Other resources available include:

- o Accidents and Child Development. An excellent guide for raising awareness of common accidents at different stages of development from birth to 11 years.
- o Factsheets on a wide range of topics
- o Posters
- o Activities for children

A series of leaflets on aspects of physical child abuse



http://www.nspcc.org.uk/inform/trainingandconsultancy/learningresources/coreinfo/coreinfo_wda54369.html

Leaflets include:

- o Head and spinal injuries in children
- o Fractures in children
- o Bruises on children

Experts unite to warn parents of bed-sharing dangers



The UK's leading cot death charity, The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (FSID) and coroners and pathologists across the country, have issued a warning to parents not to risk their babies lives by sleeping with them in adult beds or on sofas. Of particular concern is if a parent is a smoker, has been drinking or taking drugs. Fuller details can be found using the link below.

<http://www.sids.org.uk/bedsharing-pr.html>

My head hurts!



My head hurts is a resource for parents and young people who want advice on mental health treatments, the evidence supporting them and where to get help. It includes suggestions from young people on what has helped them.

<http://www.youngminds.org.uk/my-head-hurts>

NEW!

SSCB PUBLICATIONS



Medical Report Form

The form now on the SSCB website should be completed by all practitioners undertaking the medical examination of a child. It includes the form to consent to the examination and a body map.

Pre-Birth Assessment & Concealed Pregnancy

The board has produced guidance for professionals when a pre-birth assessment is required, issues to consider when a concealed pregnancy is discovered or there is a history of such.

Guidance for Inter-Agency Partnership Working with Learning Disabled Parents and Carers

This guidance applies to all Surrey agencies that work with learning disabled parents and carers and is intended to help practitioners appreciate the skills of such parents whilst balancing any potential risks.

Safeguarding Disabled Children and Young People

This group of children is hugely under-represented in reports of child protection concerns. The guidance highlights the vulnerability of this group and the importance of appropriate communication.

Safeguarding Children and Young People Affected by Domestic Abuse

This guidance aims to put the needs of children at the centre of any concerns about domestic abuse. It also includes key factors about domestic abuse and warning signs as well as safety planning forms for children and adults.

Use of Emails and Text Messaging

It is important that all frontline practitioners know how to manage issues around developing technology that could have an impact on their practice. Surrey Children's Service has developed this guidance which the board has adapted and is now available as a draft on our website. The final version will appear following feedback from other agencies.

The Surrey Teenage Pregnancy Checklist and Directory

Surrey Primary Care Trust



This guidance is for professionals who provide support to young people who think they might be pregnant, are pregnant or are teenage parents and can be found on the Surrey County Council website www.surreycc.gov.uk

Understanding parents' information needs and experiences where professional concerns about NAI were not substantiated



Although this study focused on the role of the paediatrician with regard to the information needs of parents, it also has messages for all multi-agency partners who work to safeguard children. The key findings were:

- o Most participants preferred open and honest communication regarding what was going to happen as a result of the child protection enquiries and particularly about the child's medical care
- o Participants expected clear communication, preferably in writing, that their case had been closed
- o Many participants stated that being subject to child protection investigations left them distressed and had a long-lasting effect on the whole family

Further information

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/research/programmeofresearch/projectinformation.cfm?projectId=14908&type=5&resultpage=11>

Does Every Child Matter? Children Seeking Asylum in Britain



A report on the experiences of asylum-seeking children in the UK. www.rmj.org.uk

Review of the involvement and action taken by health bodies in relation to the case of Baby P



This reports highlights issues for NHS trusts with regard to safeguarding practice in the Baby Peter case.

http://www.cqc.org.uk/newsandevents/pressreleases.cfm?cit_id=34876&FAArea1=customWidgets.content_view_1&usecache=false



Go2do



A new website aimed at 11-18 year olds giving them a broad range of information covering topics such as:

- o Money
- o Travel health
- o Relationships and sex
- o Things to do
- o Staying safe

<http://www.go2do.co.uk/kbroker/surrey/go2do/start.jsp>

You know it's risky but you still want to kind of do it just because you might enjoy it.

This report from Girlguiding UK highlights issues of perceived risks by young women and how to address them.

<http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/xq/asp/sID.628/qx/whoweare/article.asp>

How do I refer for an assessment by social care?



This is a reminder that the telephone number for the Social Care Contact Centre has changed and the number that should now be used is

0300 200 1006

Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm

01483 517898

Emergency Duty Team – at all other times

**Forms for professionals submitting reports to
Child Protection Conferences**



Another reminder to all professionals who are asked to submit reports to CP Conferences that a pro forma for the report is available on the SSCB website.

http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/sccwebsite/sccwspages.nsf/LookupWebPagesByTITLE_RTF/Surrey+Safeguarding+Children+Board+forms?opendocument

Training Places Available!

Currently, most of our courses are over-subscribed but we do have vacancies on the following courses:

Children and Young People with Sexually Harmful Behaviour
3rd July, The Runnymede Centre

Safer Recruitment
13th July, The Runnymede Centre

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