**July 2020 E-Bulletin - Edition 036**

It feels a long time since the start of Covid-19. As we become familiar with such phrases as; “You’re frozen” and “You’re on mute” in our meetings, one thing that doesn’t change is safeguarding our most vulnerable residents.

In this edition we cover; updates from the Early Help Team, Mental Health support for Children and Young People, an update from Branching Out, and guidance for dealing with babies crying.

**Information Sharing Guidance**

In the rapidly changing Covid-19 regulations we can become bombarded with new technologies and ways of sharing information. It is always important to ask whether we are sharing the information securely, and whether we need to send personal or sensitive information.

**Early Help**

The Early Help Team has launched a fantastic new website for their service. It contains information for children, parents and professionals. It is well worth checking out the webpage;

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/earlyhelp/neighbourhoods>

There was also a virtual partnership event in June 2020 that is accessible via the Early Help access point. The video is 1hr and 20 minutes long. <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/Early-Help/Professional/The-early-help-access-point>

**Mental Health Support**

One of the big concerns raised with Covid-19 is how it’s going to affect our children’s mental health. There is a lot of brilliant work going on.

On the 1st July 2020 a new service was launched with Early Help Team and Healthy Young Minds.

 

All Children and Young People in Greater Manchester now have access to Kooth. Kooth is an online mental health platform that offers a live chat function with a qualified counsellor, scheduled drop –in counselling sessions, self-hep resources and chat forums with other young people. For more information visit <https://www.kooth.com/>

**Listening Co-Production**

There is an exciting piece of co-production work going on across Tameside to develop the Community Emotional and Mental Wellbeing offer. The project is recruiting a team of wellbeing champions aged between 10 and 18.

For more information visit <https://www.worthit.org.uk/blog/listening-and-designing-emotional-and-mental-wellbeing-support-for-children-and-young-people-in-tameside-and-glossop/>

**Substance Misuse**

Our colleagues at Branching Out have a new assessment and screening tool for Tameside called “What’s the score?” to support assessments of a young person’s substance misuse . Branching Out colleagues are offering free basic drug and alcohol awareness and screening tool training. For further information please see Branching Out bulletin.

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**7 Minute Briefing from a case review**

Following the conclusion of Child V case review a 7 minute briefing was produced. We would encourage discussions within your organisation, and included in the briefing is a template to develop an action plan.

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**Baby Crying (ICON website)**

The ICON website provides advice to parents and guidance for professionals around what to do if an infant is continually crying. There are four principles;

I– Infant crying is normal

C –Comforting methods can help

O – It’s OK to walk away

N – Never, ever shake a baby

[**https://iconcope.org**](https://iconcope.org)

**Training limited places are still available on the following** TSCP virtual courses in July.

**14th July 2020- Virtual Safeguarding Practice Update.**

This two hour webinar type event is aimed at those who work regularly with children, young people and adults who are parents or caregivers in Tameside. The event will examine findings from a specific case which has highlighted learning from previous systems of operation in Tameside and will promote reflection on current everyday practical working experiences given the introduction of new guidance and operating systems over recent years.

**16 July 2020- Virtual Domestic Abuse Awareness Training.**

This two hour virtual course is aimed at those who work regularly with children, young people and adults who are parents or caregivers and require a fuller understanding of domestic abuse relevant to safeguarding children. The aim is to raise awareness about domestic abuse and the impact on survivors and children. Those attending will gain greater knowledge about controlling and coercive behaviour, services on offer and support available to families during lockdown.

To book on any of the training course and see up to date information please visit

<https://www.tamesidesafeguardingchildren.org.uk/professionals/trainingcourses>

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