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Bexley S.H.I.E.L.D. e-Bulletin

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EXECUTIVE meeting

Bexley S.H.I.E.L.D. Executive updates and future activities

Bexley S.H.I.E.L.D. Executive has continued to meet to oversee the partnership's work programme and current business continuity arrangements. Virtual fortnightly meetings will continue to take place until further notice. The partnership's second annual report has been published and can be found here:

<https://bexleysafeguardingpartnership.co.uk/news-publications/annual-report/>.

Priority 7 – Identifying and better understanding the young people we are most worried about in Bexley as a multi-agency safeguarding partnership



The Police are providing strategic leadership for this work over the next 4 months of initial Learning Hub activity. The Hub members have been selected and the initial Hub sessions take place in March 2021. Activity in May 2021 will include providing assurance about the well-being of some of our most vulnerable young people. The initial phase of work will conclude in June 2021 and the recommendations and learning from the Hub will be shared more widely from July 2021 onwards.



COVID-19 resources for children, professionals and families

The latest [COVID-19-resources](#) are now available on the S.H.I.E.L.D. website. Thank you to everyone who has passed on resources we can share. If there are any resources which you think would be helpful to share across the partnership, please email shield@bexley.gov.uk.

Effective Statutory & IMR Reporting event

Thank you for attending the Effective Statutory & IMR Reporting event this week. It was great to have such a cross section of practitioners from adults and children's services. We appreciated your attendance, feedback and participation.

The purpose of the session was for partnership boards to jointly present to you as leaders, managers and frontline workers what best practice looks like for both adults and children coming into contact with vulnerable families, and what as practitioners we need to consider for recording, including for Individual Management Reports.

In order to embed the learning across Bexley, the adult and children safeguarding boards wish to support learning on Think Family and Mental Capacity ensuring multi-agency practitioners can learn together and work together to embed learning.

May we take this opportunity to highlight existing tools and resources which correlate with some of the learning covered in the event and so please see links below.

Mental Capacity Act Toolkit - <https://www.safeguardingadultsinbexley.com/wp-content/uploads/Mental-Capacity-Act-Toolkit-2.pdf>

Existing Training available –

Mental Capacity – Evolve online courses available for all Bexley staff

Mental Capacity – Face to face (online) courses available for the partnership –

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/level-1-basic-awareness-of-the-mental-capacity-act-tickets-141974450403>



National guidance and useful resources

Government guidance:

- [Reducing criminalisation of looked after children and care leavers](#), Mayor of London, 16th March 2021
- [Children's social care](#), House of Commons Library, 10th March
- [Maternal mental health](#), House of Commons Library, 09 March 2021

National reports:

- [Social work practice: domestic abuse, substance use and mental ill health](#), Community care, 15th March 2021
- [Domestic abuse: service for professionals](#), Women's Aid, 08 March 2021

Articles:

- [Online safety](#), Independent, 16th March 2021
- [Safeguarding and remote education](#), Department for Education, 10th March 2021
- [Online abuse](#), The Guardian, 02 March 2021

Resources/toolkits:

- [BVSC Bulletin](#), BVSC, Weekly update
- Former runaway child rough-sleeper offers his books to read for free, Ben Westwood is a poet who was part of our Priority 1 system learning event on missing young people – Ben spoke at the event in January 2019. Slides are attached to the email.
- Perplexing Presentations (PP) / Fabricated or Induced Illness (FII) in Children RCPCH guidance, Slides are attached in the email.

Useful links

Previous S.H.I.E.L.D. e-bulletins are available [here](#).

The latest S.H.I.E.L.D. Training e-bulletin is available [here](#).