

## Boards' Business Unit



*Welcome to the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Boards' Business Unit E-Bulletin. We hope that you find this a useful signposting and supportive tool.*

*These e-bulletins will be circulated on a regular basis. Please cascade to staff within your settings.*

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### **Child Protection Procedures**

Previously our child protection procedures were accessible via Reconstruct. However over the last few months the company has been in a period of transition and handover. This has meant that the LSCB child protection procedures are no longer accessible via that link. The Boards Business Manager and unit staff have been updating the website with the up to date documentation over recent weeks. The child protection procedures have been updated and are now available under the Professional and Volunteers page of the website. The updated procedures can be viewed on [LSCB website](#).

### **PREVENT**

People will have seen recent media attention regarding radicalisation of vulnerable people. All services working with children and young people have a vital role to play in protecting them from the risks of extremism and radicalisation. This is underpinned by the new Counter-Terrorism & Security Act 2015 which states that specific authorities must have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. Please find attached documents with relevant information, key contacts, support and information about what to do if you have a concern.

### **Children's Access Point (CAP)**

As of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015, initial assessment of all Children's Services referrals will be undertaken by a Children's Access Point based at the Town Hall, Darlington. Please find attached accompanying documents explaining the access point and updated referral form and contact details. Please ensure this information is cascaded to all practitioners to ensure they are made aware of the new referral process.

### **Safer Internet Day Competition**

Earlier in the year as part of Safer Internet Day 2015 a competition was held within schools to design a poster. Attached are the two winning entries. We would appreciate it if you could display the posters within your setting. If you would like a hard copy of the posters, please contact the Business Unit on 01325 406450.

**Suggestions/Comments**

We would like to know your views on the bulletins and would also welcome any suggestions for items to be included in future editions, for example any good practice or awards you have won that can be shared across agencies. Please forward your comments to [mailboxes](#) or telephone 01325 406450.