



Safeguarding Briefing - 7th May 2024

Ygam - Lived Experience Sessions

Gambling is an issue that afflicts millions across the country and for children and young people, particularly those in higher years this activity can be difficult to avoid. Whether it's bright flashy Iphone games disguised as harmless fun, or the explicit nature of sports betting sites, the proximity of gambling when online is never too distant. Ygam is a national charity aimed at the prevention of harms associated with gambling and gaming, among children and young people. An issue which is increasingly acute, with the proliferation of mobile phones and the rates of addiction attached to gambling in general. The organisation is running a one-hour lived experience session on the 16th May. The session will run from 15:30 to 16:30 and will be led by Sam Starsmore from Gamble Aware. The session will cover issues such as suicide related to gambling and the connection between mental health, and gambling products. If interested in attending, please follow the link below:

<http://www.ygam.org/>

Talking to Your Children about a Violent Incident - City of Westminster

It is a tragic fact of life that cities are particular nexuses for inter-personal violence. The larger the city the greater the potential for the commonality of violence. It is an inescapable by-product of the congregation of vast reservoirs of human living side by side. For children and young people, particularly teenagers, the emergence of regular violence in their surroundings can be an unpleasant lesson in a world that for them may be

largely innocent. As adults, we know and accept that perilous events occur, we take precautions of it's in our area or may simply ignore it if it's a distant danger. For pupils though, the level of personal growth required to be comfortable with the risks associated with peril, may not be present. This can make bridging the gap between you and a child difficult. The City of Westminster currently has a six page pamphlet on how to address this issue, when talking with children and young people. Please follow the link below if interested:

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/media/document/talking-about-violent-incidents-with-children#:~:text=Keep%20the%20discussion%20open.,family%20remain%20safe%20and%20secure>

Therapists and Young People Provision - TACaccess

TACaccess is a new, free UK-wide directory developed by school leaders to provide rapid, cost-effective access to trained, DBS-checked mental health therapists, experienced in working with children and young people. With 1 in 5 children and young people suffering from a diagnosable mental health condition, Ruth Simmonds and Julian Rose set about creating a service that: - includes a directory of therapists with video profiles - searchable according to identified needs; - an online booking facility; - embedded, secure video conferencing facilities for online therapy; - secure payment to therapists through the directory. For years agencies have been gaming the system and taking up to two-thirds of therapists' fees leaving children, young people and professionals short-changed. If interested please follow the link below to register:

<https://dashboard.tacaccess.com/home>

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Child Exploitation Resources Packs - Catch 22

Child exploitation is one of those terms that covers a wide gambit of predatory behaviours and activities, practiced against children and young people. The result of this expansive net is that for people new to dealing with this area, it can be confusing to get to grips with the subject. Catch 22,

is an organisation with a long history of engaging in social policy. Under their auspices a set of resources designed to help your understanding of child exploitation has been published. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.catch-22.org.uk/resources/?tag=spot-the-signs>

Book a consultancy Call with Andrew Hall

Sometimes issues arise in safeguarding leadership where a full day's consultancy, with the costs, time and travel involved is excessive, and a shorter conversation would be really helpful. (As you'll understand, I'm afraid it won't be possible to offer advice about individual cases.)

You can choose to book a 45-minute Zoom call or phone call here: bookaconsultancy.co.uk

Cyber Security Resources for Young People - Parent Zone

The issues around cyber security, have featured heavily in safeguarding discourse over the past few years. This is largely in response to the massive shift in people's social and familial life from the real world, to the digital space. It is vital that we begin teaching children and young people, the do's and don'ts of online safety before they have to learn the hard way. Parent Zone, an organisation that deals with the digital aspect of young people's lives have produced child oriented resources to this end. To find out more about these resources, please follow the link below:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/cyber-security>

Forthcoming Courses

Advanced Safeguarding for DSLs

This is a four-session course for DSLs over a full-day. The course is offered live and as a recorded replay. When the course is live, there are plenty of opportunities to contribute with observations, questions or answers. As a recording, the interactions from other people are included and feedback notes that this makes it feel like you are not on your own.

*"I just wanted to say that I thought today's training was absolutely fantastic.
By a mile it was the most engaging training I have done."*

Next live online courses

Tuesday 14th May 2024 [Book here](#)

The on-demand course is always available and is updated after each live session [Book Online](#)

Live and in-person

Monday 10th June 2024 LONDON [Book here](#)

At your school or venue

Remember that you can book Andrew to share his Advanced Safeguarding for DSLs' Course at your own school or organisation. The group size can be up to 25, and to spread the cost, the group can be made up of people from more than one school, so why not invite your neighbours! Email office@safeguardingschools.co.uk to enquire.

Conference Speaking

My conference keynote is centered around safeguarding, and also includes examples from my learning as a teacher, headteacher and consultant in a wide variety of schools and organisations. I aim to be inspiring, motivating and inspirational and feedback has been positive.

Just email office@safeguardingschools.co.uk with your ideas about how I can support your event.

Other available online courses include:

Whole School Safeguarding Course

Safeguarding Refresher

An Introduction to Cybersecurity

For further details, go to:

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Until next time, keep safe,

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