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Safeguarding is everyone's business

Mate crime is
happening now

Mate Crime

2016 marks the 10th anniversary of the death of Steven Hoskins a 39 year old man with a learning disability who was exploited and abused by individuals who he thought were his friends.

Mate Crime is a form of disability hate crime and is an area of growing concern. It often happens in private and is therefore not readily seen by others. Many vulnerable adults have few friends, and for some, having any friends is better than no friends at all. Victims of mate crime may be enticed into committing criminal acts themselves and taking the blame so as to protect the real perpetrator. When there is a suspicion that mate crime has been committed the police should be notified and safeguarding adults procedures followed.

For more information about Mate Crime click [here](#)

E-Safety and Anti-Bullying

The Safer Schools Community Team (SSCT) is a partnership between Dorset Police and the Dorset Youth Offending Service to prevent and reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and wrong-doing amongst children and young people and help keep them safe in a digital world. Part of their work is providing education to children, young people and professionals around anti-bullying and e-safety. This Autumn's E-Champion's newsletter has interesting information on:



- Safer Internet Day 2017
- Online Safety Resources
- Muscial.ly
- Sexting in schools and colleges: responding to incidents and safeguarding young people
- Anti-Bullying week 14 -18 November 2016

For more information visit the [SSCT Police webpage](#)



Remember, Remember the 25th of November!

On the 25th November it is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

The week is dedicated to raising awareness of domestic abuse.

The cross-government definition of domestic violence and abuse is any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive,

threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. The abuse can encompass:

- psychological
- physical
- sexual
- financial
- emotional

Further information can be found a [HERE](#).

Dorset Police – Disclosure Schemes



[The Child Sex Offenders Disclosure Scheme – Sarah’s Law](#)

Information about people who pose a risk to children can be given to parents and guardians under the Dorset Police Child Sex Offenders Disclosure Scheme. The scheme also allows consideration to be given to disclosing information about a person who poses a risk to a vulnerable adult(s).

[The Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme – Clare’s Law](#)

The Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme is named after Clare Wood who was murdered in 2009 by her boyfriend. The scheme gives members of the public a formal mechanism to make enquiries about an individual who they are in a relationship with, or who is in a relationship with someone they know and where there are concerns about that individual's violent behaviour.



Do Dorset families know about your services?

Dorset County Council’s [Family Information Service](#) (FIS) provides parents and carers with details about local childcare, help with childcare costs, activities and events and what advice, support and guidance services are available locally through its online directory, Facebook page and enewsletter.

Do the FIS know about your service? A listing on the [Family Information Directory](#), which receives over 250,000 hits a year, is FREE. Check now to see if you are on the directory and to get listed or bring your details up to date, contact familyinfo@dorsetcc.gov.uk or ring 01305 221066.

The [FIS Facebook page](#) has over 1,500 followers and the [enewsletter for parents](#) reaches over 20,000 families every month. If you have important information you want to share with Dorset families via Facebook or the enewsletter, contact r.whitfield@dorsetcc.gov.uk. Don’t forget to signpost families and colleagues to this invaluable service and do sign up to the parent newsletter or Facebook page too!



Spring Conferences 2017

Tuesday 7 March at AFC Bournemouth or

Thursday 16 March at Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester

The LSCBs are running two conferences to provide key updates and share new ideas across the diverse safeguarding agenda.

There will be keynote speeches on neglect and personal resilience along with a presentation on the Pan-Dorset MASH and the Dorset Young Researchers.

You will also have the opportunity to visit the marketplace of stalls from service providers and organisations such as BASPCAN as well as having plenty of opportunity to network with colleagues.

There will be a charge to statutory agencies of £50 to attend the conferences. Free places are available for charities. Places are limited at each event and it is advisable to book early.

To book please visit www.pooleworkforcedevelopment.co.uk and search for LSCB Conference
For further information please email lscbstraining@dorsetcc.gov.uk

[The numbers you need to report a concern about a child](#)
[What to do if you suspect an adult is being harmed or abused](#)

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