



# GP Safeguarding News

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The Essex Safeguarding Children Board is pleased to inform you that that it has updated the

## [ESCB Effective Support for Children and Families in Essex Guidance.](#)

Designed for all who work with children, young people and their families in Essex, the document has been updated to reflect current practice in Essex.

Key changes include:

- Change of name to the Children and Families Hub (previously the Family Operations Hub)
- The Children and Families Request for Support form has replaced the Family Operations Request for Support (FORS) form
- Inclusion of Child Sexual Exploitation, Missing Children, Trafficking and Prevent in the levels of need
- An expectation that agencies will work alongside families using Early Help assessment and planning tools prior to escalating to intensive and statutory services (unless the child is at risk of suffering significant harm)

Further information can be located via [www.escb.co.uk](http://www.escb.co.uk)

## **ADASS Guidance on Financial Scams and Abuse**

The Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) has published guidance on financial abuse and scams and includes tips for practitioners on how to spot the signs of someone who may be responding to scams, how to talk to them and how to prevent further abuse. There are also case studies and a link to an online training session.

Please click on the below link for further information.

<https://www.adass.org.uk/media/5799/top-tips-financial-abuse-and-scams.pdf>

## **Missing Protocol: Vulnerable Adults**

The Southend, Essex and Thurrock (SET) Safeguarding Adults Boards have developed multi-agency protocol for care homes, hospitals and mental health establishments across the County. It aims to bring together information and procedures from relevant partners to provide the best possible service to vulnerable adults at risk of or have gone missing.

The document reflects policies and procedures within SET and Essex Police, current at the time of publishing and should be reviewed on an annual basis.

### CSE Social Media Library

Online child sexual exploitation is a growing concern – do you know the apps your child might be accessing and their potential for ongoing grooming?

Please click on the link for a library of current apps and an overview of their function, content and potential for abuse. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Or you can open the full library in Excel format under Useful Links in the Library, Safeguarding section of the NEE CCG Website:

<http://www.neessexccg.nhs.uk>

### Barnardo's Essex CAPI Conference

**26 September 2017, 09:00-16:00**  
**Essex Fire HQ**

Barnardo's CAPI conference aims to raise understanding and awareness among professionals, of children affected by parental imprisonment. Attendees will have a chance to hear directly from service users about their situation and how they have been supported to overcome challenges.

Run in partnership with the Essex Fire & Rescue Service and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex, the event will also highlight how multi-agency and collaborative working can help improve the lives of children, young people and their families.

**To request a space, please contact: [essex.capi@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:essex.capi@barnardos.org.uk)**

### Child Sexual Exploitation Champions – new and existing

From April 2017, Southend, Essex and Thurrock (SET) have agreed a common approach to the role of the [CSE Champion](#).

There will no longer be specific CSE Champions Training. In order to qualify for a [CSE Champion role](#) within Southend, Essex and Thurrock, the following standards must be achieved.

1. Have a good working knowledge of safeguarding children and have completed safeguarding children level 2 course, or equivalent as a minimum
2. Completed a minimum of a basic awareness CSE course (online or face to face)
3. Completed the SET CSE Toolbox On Line Training [Module](#)
4. Have support from line manager to be the CSE Champion in their team/organisation
5. (SOUTHEND / ESSEX ONLY) Be a National Working Group (NWG) [member](#)

**You must also complete a [CSE Champions Request Form](#) and email it to: [escb.training@essex.gov.uk](mailto:escb.training@essex.gov.uk)**

### NEE CCG GP Forum

The GP Forum took place at the Walk-in-Centre, Colchester on Friday 7 July. The Agenda and all documents associated with what was discussed can be found on the NEE CCG website, under Safeguarding in the Library section.: - <http://www.neessexccg.nhs.uk/library>

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