

DIARY DATES

Anti-Bullying Week

14-18 November

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ATT Safeguarding Conference

19 October 2016

On 19 October, the termly ATT Safeguarding Conference for Designated Safeguarding Leads was held at Aston University Conference Centre in Birmingham. We had a good number of attendees, from most of our academies.

We had a structured day with a number of sessions, where we were lucky enough to have a number of guest speakers from leading companies and charities from the world of Safeguarding.

Mark Donkersley from E-Safe Solutions talked to the group about filtering and monitoring computer use and how this can be useful tool for our academies to analyse usage and identify potential issues quickly.

Workshop time was set aside for attendees to use for networking and sharing good practice, this time was rated as 'most valuable' by attendees. Within these workshops, attendees were able to revisit their safeguarding audit, which they completed before the autumn term, and discuss with Designated Safeguarding Leads from other academies to see what they have been doing and how successful they have been.

Bullying and e-safety were hot topics throughout the sessions, with presentations from Tootoot and Yvonne Richards from Kidscape; attendees felt that looking at how peer on peer abuse links to main issues related to safeguarding was 'useful' and 'informative'.

Attendees were also informed about an opportunity to join the ATT Head Office Safeguarding group, a number of people expressed their interest to join the group; if you did not attend the conference and would like more information or would be interested in joining the group, please email Amy Hodgkins on a.hodgkins@academytransformation.co.uk



Passwords are like Pants FREE Poster!

The team at Doodle have created a range of wonderful e-safety posters to entertain and educate, as well as brighten up the academy.

You can get a free copy of their Passwords are like Pants poster by visiting their [website](#).

Alright Charlie Resources Pack

'Alright Charlie' aims to highlight the warning signs of grooming in an age appropriate way. The resource pack includes teachers' guidance, a children's workbook and a video seen through the eyes of Charlie, who is being groomed by Danny.

The resource pack was designed in consultation with CSE professionals, Primary school teachers and children in years 5 & 6 in Primary schools. The resource pack is accessible to girls and boys with the viewer never discovering Charlie's gender.

You can access the 'Alright Charlie' resource pack from [The Blast Project website](#), but it can be a bit tricky to find. To help make the resource more easily downloadable, we have uploaded it onto the Safeguarding Portal. (If you do not have a logon for the Safeguarding Portal, please contact Amy Hodgkins on a.hodgkins@academytransformation.co.uk)

FREE Course: Transgender Children & Young People

The course is free, easily accessible online and takes around 45 minutes to complete. It is designed for healthcare professionals but is also suitable for people working in education and provides information for families of these young people.

It provides an optional test, as well as a certificate of completion that enables users to earn CPD points.

For more information and to complete the course, please follow this [link](#).

How common are child abductions in the UK?

In light of the horrendous news of the 14 year-old girl who was abducted and attacked on her way to school in Oxford a couple of weeks ago, the BBC have drawn on research data for this article which makes interesting reading.

The charity [Action Against Abduction](#) works to protect children from the threat of abduction. In 2014, the charity published a report, '[Beyond Stranger Danger](#)' encouraging schools to continue to move away from talking about 'Stranger Danger'.

For the full BBC article please follow this [link](#).

Safeguarding Pupils placed in Alternative Provisions

There have been various questions regarding the expectations Ofsted have about how schools ensure that pupils placed in Alternative Provisions (APs) are kept safe. One key aspect is that there is close communication between the pupil's school and the AP, particularly around attendance. The AP and school should know on a daily basis whether the pupil is attending or not, and that relevant procedures are put in place when the pupil is absent.

Schools should visit the AP and be sure that their pupils are safe. The Ofsted survey 'Alternative Provision' says, '*where schools do not visit the alternative provision they are using, they are reliant on second-hand information not only about essential aspects of safeguarding but also about pupil's general welfare and progress.*' - Ofsted 2016

To view the slide deck, please follow this [link](#).



Online Safety for Chromebooks

For school users of Chromebooks, there is a really useful monitoring tool that has been developed. GoGuardian is installed on the Chromebook and monitors the usage of the computer, even when it is offline. Alerts to inappropriate use or content searches can be sent to system admins and senior staff.

For more information please visit their website - https://www.goguardian.com/teacher.html?mc_cid=c8b7b4c50f&mc_eid=17e69b3bf4



Children in Need of Help or Protection (National Audit Office Report)

The National Audit Office (NAO) last week published a report looking at services for children in need of help or protection. The report concluded that services are often poor and Ofsted found that only 23% of local authorities were good or better at providing child protection services. This is a dramatic fall over the last eight years. Richard Watts, Chairman of the Local Government Association's Children and Young People Board said: "In 2008, 78% of children's services were rated good or outstanding by Ofsted."

Interestingly, the NAO found spending on children's social work including on child protection varied widely across England, but it could find no correlation between a local authority's rating by Ofsted, the number of children in need and how much was spent per child in need.

Over the last ten years, there has been a 124% rise in the number of enquiries per 10,000 children, where local authorities believe a child may be suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm. In the year 2014/15 there was 635,000 referrals for children to receive help or protection. On March 31 2015, 391,000 children under the age of 18 in England needed help or protection.

For further information, please follow this [link](#).

Single Central Record (SCR)

The SCR must now record information about Agency Staff:

- Name of the agency who supplied the person (Useful, but not statutory)
- Has written confirmation of checks been received? (Yes/No)
- Date the confirmation was received (dd/mm/yyyy)
- Has a DBS certificate been provided? (Yes/No)
- Date of the DBS certificate obtained? (dd/mm/yyyy)

(For further information, please see KCSIE 2016 paragraph 112)

It would be useful to put all agency staff on a separate tab (if MS excel is used) as these changes are only applicable to agency staff, it will help to erase confusion if they are separate from all other staff.

Remember that academies are expected to record that they have checked that the agency worker arriving at the academy is the same person that the agency has completed the vetting checks on.

4 articles every parent should read about bullying

Advice and information for parents on bullying, cyber-bullying, LGBT bullying and what to do if your child has been bullying someone else.

1. 'Respect Me' is Scotland's anti-bullying charity. Its advice and information on how to help your child if they are bullied is clear, concise and sensible. For the full article, please follow this [link](#).
2. Tips to pass on to children who are being bullied, from bullying charity 'Kidscape'. For the full article, please follow this [link](#).
3. What if your child has been bullying someone else? Sensible, no-nonsense advice from 'Respect Me'. For the full article, please follow this [link](#).
4. Tips from 'Stonewall' on LGBT bullying in school, whether your child is LGBT or not. For the full article, please follow this [link](#).

Anti-Bullying Week 14-18 November 2016

Anti-Bullying Week in England is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and this year takes place from 14 to 18 November.

Anti-bullying Alliance are delighted to be sponsored by SafeToNet and the Ben Cohen Stand Up Foundation. The week is being delivered in partnership with Internet Matters.

Anti-Bullying Week shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year.

Please follow this [link](#) to see this year's official Anti-Bullying Week film 2016. It was made by St Helens College 14-16 Academy.

For more information on the Anti-Bullying Alliance, please follow this [link](#).

This year's theme is 'Power for Good'

The following aims are to ensure the success of the week:

- To support children and young people to use their **Power for Good** – by understanding the ways in which they are powerful and encouraging individual and collective action to stop bullying and create the best world possible
- To help parents and carers to use their **Power for Good** – through supporting children with issues relating to bullying and working together with schools to stop bullying
- To encourage all teachers, school support staff and youth workers to use their **Power for Good** – by valuing the difference they can make in a child's life, and taking individual and collective action to prevent bullying and create safe environments where children can thrive.

How can you get involved?

- If you are a school or college, register for Anti-Bullying Week updates by joining the free [ABA School or College Network](#)
- [Children can nominate their teacher/member of school staff for a Power for Good Award](#)
- [Download the Anti-Bullying Week logos](#) and share on your academy newsletters
- [Access the free Anti-Bullying Week lesson plans, assemblies and top tips](#)
- Share the Anti-Bullying Week plans and activities online (@ABAonline) using #antibullyingweek #powerforgood
- [Raise much needed funds](#) for the work of the Anti-Bullying Alliance by dressing up as a hero of your choice for the day!

If you're planning an Anti-Bullying Week event, you can use the [ABA official fundraising poster](#).



If your academy is taking part in any activities during anti-bullying week please remember to contact Jonathan Driver at the Trust to share your story. J.driver@academytransformation.co.uk

