



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

SAFEGUARDING EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Designated safeguarding Leads

Alison Bolton

Gillian Hayes

Dawn Ashbrook

Useful numbers

Childline

0800 1111

Wigan Safeguarding Hub

01942 486262

Wigan Social care Referral and Assessment team

01942 828 300

County Lines

County Lines is the trafficking of drugs into rural areas and smaller towns, away from major cities. Traffickers typically recruit vulnerable adults or children as drug dealers. Some young people are recruited via debt bondage, whereby they enter county lines to pay off drug debts. Sometimes this is to prevent themselves or family members from getting hurt or threatened.

Signs children maybe involved in County Lines

- New groups of friends
- Drugs or drug paraphernalia evidence
- More than one mobile phone
- Large amounts of cash appearing
- Secretive or scared
- Missing from home episodes
- Behaviour changes
- Evidence of being beaten with no explanation

What to do if you suspect a child is involved in County Lines

If you suspect a child is involved in County Lines. You can speak to school who will treat the matter sensitively and refer to organisations who can offer support and help to break away from the risk. Other organisations can also help and assist such as NSPCC and Childline.

In all cases, the emphasis would always be on safeguarding and reducing the risk of any potential harm or risk to the child.

If you would like any further information on County Lines please either contact the Pastoral Team or follow the following link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-exploitation-of-children-and-vulnerable-adults-county-lines/criminal-exploitation-of-children-and-vulnerable-adults-county-lines>

Bonfire Safety

FIREWORK SAFETY

Fireworks are dangerous and should not be handled by children. They are also anti-social and can scare pets or elderly people in the community.

Fireworks should only be operated during an organised display. This year it is unlikely that organised displays will happen, due to the pandemic. Therefore, it is really important that young people should not take it upon themselves to have their own display. The internet is full of images of children who did not respect firework safety and have suffered life changing injuries.

A total of 1936 people in England needed hospital treatment because of firework injuries during 2018 –19. In a third of those cases the victims were under the age of 18

Please respect the law, respect the community and respect health and safety.

Keep pets indoors.

Alcohol and fireworks do not mix and may lead to injury.

Operation Encompass

The project, Wigan Encompass, has been in place now for over 3 years. It is designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school but which might have an impact on a child attending school the following day. This information is shared on school days during the school term. When incidents occur on a Friday, Saturday or a Sunday, the police contact the relevant school the following Monday.

A nominated member of school staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. At Golborne High School our Key Adults are Alison Bolton, Gillian Heyes and Dawn Ashbrook. They are able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school is able to support children and their families. Information is shared where it is identified that a child or young person resides at an address where a domestic abuse incident took place. The information is shared by email, even during the school holidays. This enables our safeguarding team to ensure that they can check that relevant safeguarding procedures have been put in place and that any of our children that have either witnessed a domestic incident or are impacted by a domestic incident are at the centre of any decision making that takes place.

The Operation Encompass letter, explaining this in more detail will be issued within the next two weeks. Any further information can be accessed on the school website or by contacting Mrs Bolton directly.

COVID 19

Anyone who feels they are suffering because of the impact of the pandemic please do not feel you are alone. School can help and offer support and guidance. Please contact us by using the email address

Safeguarding@golbornehigh.wigan.sch.uk