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Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to February's edition of the Showcase Newsletter! The purpose of this newsletter is provide our readers with up to date news articles and stories to widen their understanding of the world around them. Additionally, it will provide key updates in legislation and insight in to Government policies.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and find it interesting and informative!

Message From The Editor

Thank you for joining us for another edition of the Showcase Newsletter! February may be the shortest month of the year, but it is all about celebrating love, embracing self-care, and getting ready for spring's arrival.

In this edition of the newsletter, we will be introducing a new feature called Digital Safety which refers to the practices and precautions we take to stay protected while using technology and the internet. This section will include news updates and guidance on how you can stay safe in the digital world. Head to page 3 to read.

Stay in the loop with all things Showcase by following us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and TikTok. Speaking of social media, your opinion matters! We'd love to hear about your preferred platforms and how we can best connect with you online. Kindly take a few minutes to fill out our short social media survey here: <https://forms.office.com/e/3qrMXSPCTa>

Happy reading!


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Safeguarding



Government Introduces Tougher Laws to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse

Under new laws brought forward by the Home Secretary, anyone who works with children will be legally required to report if they know a child is being sexually abused. This new law aims to better protect children from sexual predators and sexual abuse. Those who do not report child sexual abuse that they are aware of, will face being barred from working with children and young people. Additionally, those who protect abusers by actively covering up the crime, could face up to 7 years in prison. This new law comes from a key recommendation in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) report. In relation to this, the police have now been given greater power to stop registered sex offenders from changing their name. This will help to prevent those who commit sexual crimes from evading the police.

The National Association for People Abused in Childhood stated that introducing these measures will improve safeguarding of children and increase accountability amongst those who have a duty of care. Overall, the introduction of this new law is a step in the right direction as it prioritises the wellbeing of the child and ensures they have access to ongoing, specialist support.

This year, the government has pledged £6.5 million for the Tackling Organised Exploitation Programme and £1.9 million for the newly established Child Sexual Exploitation Police Taskforce. This taskforce specifically targets group-based child sexual exploitation, including grooming gangs.

Read more here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tougher-laws-to-protect-children-from-sexual-abuse>

NSPCC Learning Resources

Have you ever accessed the NSPCC Learning website? The NSPCC provide a wide range of learning resources and training programs aimed at safeguarding children and preventing abuse. They offer online courses as well as produce informative materials, guides, and publications on child protection and safeguarding issues. These are aimed towards professionals working with children, including early years practitioners, teachers, social workers, healthcare professionals, and volunteers.

Here are some useful resources and guidance released by the NSPCC this month:

Supporting children who have additional needs and disabilities (SEND/ASN/ALN):

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/children-who-have-send-asn-aln/>

Recommendations for Change: an NSPCC Learning Podcast series:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/2024/recommendations-for-change-iicsa-podcast-series/>

Why language matters: why the term 'paedophile' can be problematic and should be used with caution:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/why-language-matters/paedophile-problematic-caution/>

Local Safeguarding News

Snapchat: Gosport pupils allegedly share child abuse images

Brune Park Secondary School in Gosport alerted police and parents after discovering allegations of students sharing harmful content on Snapchat. The school stated how it held internet safety events before uncovering the disturbing claims. Snapchat, where the alleged sharing occurred, condemned the reports as "horrific" and is assisting police investigations. The app, known for disappearing messages, can still preserve reported conversations for investigation. Parents at the school are being urged to check their children's devices and utilise Snapchat's parental controls.

Read more here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-68257323>

Two people sentenced for modern slavery and human trafficking offences - Wiltshire Police

Two people have been sentenced to more than five years for modern slavery and human trafficking offences. The individuals were found guilty of bringing female victims to Swindon and forcing them to work in brothels. They also organised the transportation, housing and activity of the exploited females.

Modern slavery is a term used to describe the illegal practice of exploiting people for personal or commercial gain. Human trafficking refers to the movement of people through coercion, deception, or force for the purpose of exploitation, such as forced labour. Modern slavery is a serious violation of human rights and therefore, it is important to be aware of how to identify and report signs of exploitation. Modern slavery can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, or background, and children are particularly vulnerable to various forms of exploitation.

Read more here:

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/news/wiltshire/news/2024/february-2024/two-people-sentenced-for-modern-slavery-and-human-trafficking-offences/>

Local Safeguarding Teams:

Portsmouth

Children: 0845 671 0271
Adults: 02392 688 613

Southampton

Children: 02380 833 336
Adults: 02380 833 003

Isle of Wight

Children: 01983 814 545
Adults: 01983 814 980

Hampshire

Children: 0300 555 1384
Adults: 0300 555 1386

Wiltshire

MASH Hub: 0300 456 0108

Dorset

Children: 01305 228866
Adults: 01305 221016

Berkshire

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Digital Safety

Stop! Think Fraud

This month, a new initiative was launched by the government to educate individuals about the importance of vigilance in preventing fraud. The campaign urges people to pause and assess situations when confronted with possible fraud, emphasising the importance of investigating before proceeding with payments or disclosing personal information. This campaign is in partnership with City of London Police, National Cyber Security Centre and National Crime Agency.

The campaign highlights that everyone is at risk of being a victim of fraud. Fraudsters use manipulative methods to trick their victims and therefore, it is important that we are aware of the warning signs. As we live in a digital world, we often share personal information about our lives. This can allow a fraudster to find out about our lifestyles, relationships and interests, and create a 'digital footprint' to make their scams more convincing. Additionally, with the recent advancements in AI, it is easier for fraudsters to impersonate companies, people or brands.

The campaign is urging individuals to assess the risk of fraud happening to them by asking themselves these 4 questions:

- 1. Do you stop to check who is really contacting you?** Fraudsters often call or message people, pretending to be other people and ask them to hand over confidential information or make a payment. This can be very convincing. However, always take time to stop, think and check if the caller or sender is who they say they are.
- 2. Do you automatically trust offers and click on links?** Fraudsters urge people to click on links in phishing messages which can take them to a fake website. Here, the fraudster can steal money and personal details from their victims. Do not automatically click a link - take time to stop, think and check if the message, offer or advert is genuine. Always stay on trusted websites and think carefully before you hand over any money or personal details.
- 3. Do you use the same password for different accounts?** Many of us use the same password for multiple accounts and profiles. This may be easier to remember, but if a fraudster gets hold of that password, they will have access to all of your online accounts. Therefore, it is important to choose a different password for each account. Also, avoid using passwords that features names personal to you as a fraudster may find out this information from accessing your online profiles.
- 4. Do you use 2-step verification?** Set up 2-step verification on your most important accounts, such as email and banking. This works by asking more questions to prove your identity when logging into an online account.

The Stop! Think Fraud website has lots of useful information on how to protect yourself, how to spot the signs, as well as how to report fraud. Access the campaign's website here: <https://stophinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk/>

Report to Action
Fraud

0300 123 2040



DID YOU KNOW?

According to the Crime Survey for England and Wales, 1 in 17 adults were victims of fraud in one year and fraud accounts for almost 40% of all crime.

Extremism and Radicalisation

Teenager found guilty of planning terrorist attack on the Isle of Wight

A 16-year-old boy from Cowes on the Isle of Wight has been convicted of planning a terror attack after being influenced by Daesh propaganda. The boy, who cannot be identified due to legal reasons, was arrested in July 2022 and found with a knife. He was charged with planning to attack individuals he believed had insulted Islam. The boy also shared extremist material with others and possessed an Islamist extremist ideology. The boy will be sentenced in April.

Read more here: <https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/teenager-found-guilty-of-planning-terrorist-attack-isle-of-wight/>

Key Contacts

Regional Prevent Coordinators:

Salam Katbi (South-West): 07824 083307
Alamgir Sheriyar (South-East): 07468 714372

Anti-Terrorism Hotline:

0800 789 321
Crime Stoppers:
0800 555 111
See It. Say It. Sorted.
0800 40 50 40 or
Text 61016
<https://actearly.uk/>

If in doubt, dial 101 or 999

Shamima Begum loses bid to regain UK citizenship

Shamima Begum, who travelled to Syria to join the Islamic State group (IS) as a teenager, has been unsuccessful in her latest appeal to regain her British citizenship. Begum, along with two other teenage girls, left the UK in 2015 and travelled to Syria to join the IS. In 2019, the British government revoked her citizenship on national security grounds. Begum challenged this decision in court, arguing that she was trafficked and groomed by IS. Despite numerous appeals, including a recent one rejected by the Court of Appeal in February 2024, Begum currently remains stateless and lives in a Syrian refugee camp. Her solicitor, Daniel Furner said that her legal team was "not going to stop fighting until she does get justice and until she is safely back home". The Home Office stated how "priority remains maintaining the safety and security of the UK".

Read more here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-68378818>

Stay up to date with extremism and radicalisation news through the Counter Terrorism Police website. Here you will find news updates, as well as advice and guidance on how to report a concern.



www.counterterrorism.police.uk

Equality and Diversity

Brianna Ghey

Brianna Ghey was a 16-year-old transgender girl who tragically lost her life in a violent attack on February 11, 2023. Two teenagers, Scarlett Jenkinson and Eddie Ratcliffe, both 15 at the time, were found guilty and given life sentences this month. The attack was pre-meditated and considered "extremely brutal and punishing." Brianna's murder sparked national outrage and discussions about anti-transgender violence and hate crimes.

This event correlates with a similar local news story in Bournemouth. On 6th January, a man named Paul Scates was kicked and beaten by three men in a homophobic attack in a pub toilet. The three men subjected him to a homophobic assault, hurling insults, pushing him into a wall, and brutally kicking and hitting him. Thankfully, Paul Scates' friends intervened, stopping the attack before serious injuries occurred. The incident is currently under investigation by Dorset Police.

A homophobic attack is a violent or threatening act motivated by hatred or prejudice towards someone because of their sexual orientation. These attacks can be physical, verbal, or emotional and can occur in many different settings.

Read more about the Brianna Ghey case here: <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2024/feb/02/brianna-ghey-murderers-named-sentenced-to-life-in-prison>

Read more about the Paul Scates case here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-dorset-68144562>

This month, the NSPCC published a briefing on the challenges young people are facing around sexuality and gender identity. Read the briefing here: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/2024/challenges-young-people-are-facing-around-sexuality-and-gender-identity>

International Women's Day

International Women's Day takes place on the 8th of March every year and is a day to celebrate the achievements and contributions of women. Across the world, the day is marked by protests, speeches, parades, and demonstrations to raise awareness and highlight gender inequalities that still exist in today's society. The traditional colour of International Women's Day is purple in order to symbolise the British Suffragette movement, who campaigned for women's right to the vote.

The International Women's Day 2024 theme is 'DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality', which focusses on how technology and education can empower women across the world.

You can get involved in International Women's Day by celebrating the women in your life. Praise them on their achievements and let them know that you are proud of them! Also, spend time educating yourself by researching important women from history and today, like Emmeline Pankhurst, Rosa Parks, Marie Curie, Kamala Harris, Anne Frank, Greta Thunberg, and Malala Yousafzai.

Read more here: <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>



Mental Health

Nearly a third of UK secondary pupils avoid school due to anxiety, survey finds

According to youth charity, Stem4, nearly a third of UK secondary pupils avoid school due to anxiety. The findings come from a survey of 12-18 year olds which revealed that a large reason for school absenteeism is poor mental health.

“Emotionally based school avoidance” is resulting in students being off for long periods of time which can have significant impacts on their education and future life chances. Feelings of anxiety can be so intense and overwhelming, which can make simple tasks such as getting out of bed difficult. Other reasons for avoiding school found in the survey include family difficulties, bullying or friendship issues, and exam stress.

In response to the issue, the government have revealed plans for attendance hubs and attendance mentors, as well as boosting mental health support for children in schools. Currently, only 38% of schools in England have a mental health support team. The charity is also calling for all schools and colleges to provide counselling for students struggling with their mental health.

Read more here: <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2024/feb/02/almost-three-in-10-secondary-pupils-in-uk-avoiding-school-because-of-anxiety>

STEM4 is a UK-based charity organisation focussed on improving the mental health and resilience of teenagers through promoting early intervention and awareness. The charity offers resources to young people, their families, and educators. View their resources here: <https://stem4.org.uk/>

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Eating Disorder Awareness Week

Eating Disorder Awareness Week is held from February 28th to March 5th and is an annual event to raise awareness about eating disorders. The week aims to promote understanding, and provide support to those impacted by eating disorders. There are a range of types of eating disorder including anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge-eating disorder.

An eating disorder is a serious mental illness that is characterised by abnormal eating habits and a preoccupation with food, weight, and body shape. People with eating disorders often have distorted body image, meaning they see themselves as much larger or smaller than they actually are. This can lead to unhealthy eating behaviour and can have serious consequences for both physical and mental health.

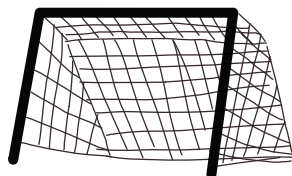
Use this week to educate yourself on the signs, symptoms and treatments of eating disorders. Additionally, consider donating to charities and organisations that provide support and resources for individuals with eating disorders. Volunteering your time can also make a significant impact. Overall, this week highlights the importance of early intervention, access to treatment, and reducing the stigma associated with eating disorders.

Beat provides Helplines offering support and information about eating disorders. Access the website here: www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk

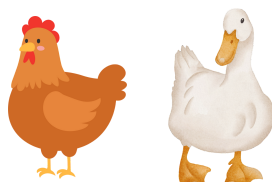
Functional Skills Maths Quiz

Number Crunch Time!

A) During one week of football practice, Molly takes 150 penalties. She scores 64% of them. How many penalties does she score?



B) Joni has 66 Chickens and 134 ducks in her flock. Nick has 9 chickens and 16 duck in his flock. Who has the higher percentage of ducks in their flock?



C) A triangle has a base of 8cm and a height of 12cm. What is the area of the triangle?



D) Mary swims one length of a pool in 20.2 seconds. Estimate how long she takes to swim 5 lengths.



D) 100 seconds

C) 48cm^2

B) Joni - 67%

A) 96 Penalties

Answers:

Upcoming Events

Women's History Month

1st March - St David's Day

7th March - World Book Day

8th March - International Women's Day

10th March - Mother's Day

10th March to 8th April - Ramadan

11th March - Commonwealth Day

17th March - St Patrick's Day

29th March - Good Friday

31st March - Easter Sunday

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