

## **Shropshire Council School and Early Years Safeguarding, Emotional Health and Behaviour Support drop in session**

The Safeguarding drop in sessions have been running since May 2020 and were developed as an outcome from the Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership response to Covid 19. In response to the changing demands faced by education settings we have increased the remit of these sessions to include enquiries relating to **Emotional Health and Behaviour**. Sessions are held via Teams, every other Wednesday 12.30 - 2pm and chaired on a rotational basis by Jane Parsons (Education Access and Safeguarding Officer) and Caroline Ewels. (Safeguarding Officer). The event is hosted by the University of Chester, who are also on hand during the meeting to provide technical support.

**Initially, the aim of the group was to support Schools and Early Years settings with queries specifically related to safeguarding. As the group developed, it became evident that recurring themes around mental health, wellbeing and behaviour grew to be more prevalent, so the group has evolved over the weeks to cover a wider range of issues.**

The drop ins are the Shropshire Council version of “Question time” – a panel of professionals who have kindly committed their time and are on hand to answer any queries from schools and early years delegates on a wide range of issues. Our professional panel consists of:

- Fiona Purslow (Safeguarding Officer Early Years)
- Jeanette Hill (Social Care)
- Julie Duncan (Early Help)
- Bal Kaur Nhal/Amy Jones (MPFT)
- Lin Harper/Kirsten Eilmore (Public Health School Nurse service)
- Garry Dean (SEN / Behaviour Support)
- Poppy Chandler (Education Psychology service)
- Jo Smith (Education Access Service)
- Hannah Cooper/Jessica Carter (Purple Leaf Education)
- Aneeta Banga (Children’s society)

The panel first considers questions that have been emailed in to the chair by schools and early years settings and then there is the opportunity for delegates to ask questions of professionals. You are welcome to observe. The use of the Teams chat facility is also encouraged to share links and information. The session provides a platform for professionals to provide service updates and key messages to delegates.

The feedback so far has been positive. Schools and Early years colleagues have reported they have found it invaluable to have a wealth of expertise in one place. Professionals have also expressed that the networking and information sharing between agencies has been beneficial to inform practise and develop agency collaboration.

**TO BOOK ON TO THE SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS SETTINGS SAFEGUARDING SESSION THIS WEEK, please contact CPD@UCS (Tel: 01743 297168 or email: [cpd@chester.ac.uk](mailto:cpd@chester.ac.uk)). When contacting UCS please let them know delegate name, school/provider setting, email address and date of drop in session. Joining instructions, and a Microsoft Teams delegate help guide, will be emailed direct to the known attendee 48 hours prior to the date of the drop-in.**

**We look forward to seeing you there**