

Safeguarding Newsletter

8th January 2019

Safer Internet Day 2019

Safer Internet Day 2019 will be celebrated in the UK on Tuesday 5th February, focusing on the theme of:



Together for a better internet

The aim of Safer Internet Day is to **inspire a national conversation** about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. Find out more at www.saferinternetday.org.uk.

The UK Safer Internet Centre is a partnership of three leading charities – Childnet International, Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) - with a shared mission to make the internet a better place for children and young people. Globally, Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries, coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and national Safer Internet Centres across Europe.

The campaign encourages young people to explore how the internet works, who owns the information that is shared on it, and how they can actively take ownership of digital spaces. We want SID 2019 to empower young people to take control of their online lives and to feel that they can harness and use the positive power of the internet for good.

Everyone is invited to join us, and Safer Internet Day supporters across the globe, to help create a better internet on Tuesday 5 February 2019 and, indeed, throughout the whole year.

Reporting harmful content online

South West Grid for Learning, as a partner within the UK Safer Internet Centre, has launched a new online reporting tool for abusive and harmful content. Report harmful content online is a reporting and advice system for online issues relating to: bullying; harassment; impersonation; pornographic content; suicide; self-harm; threats; unwanted sexual advances; violent conduct. Further support is available for those who would like the outcome of their report reviewed.

Further information: <https://reportharmfulcontent.online/>

County Lines

Community Care has published an article looking at how local authorities respond to county lines (the drug dealing model which involves organised crime networks from urban centres exploiting children to expand their drug dealing activities into smaller towns and rural areas). The article shares best practice for tackling and preventing county lines at a multi-agency level, and working with children and young people who have been exploited.

Further information: <https://www.communitycare.co.uk/2018/12/21/werent-set-deal-councils-responded-county-lines/>

We need your help Know the signs to spot	
	Has a child or young person gone missing from school or home?
	Are they meeting with unfamiliar adults or is there a change in their behaviour?
	Are they using drugs and alcohol?
	Have they acquired money or expensive gifts they can't account for?