



Mansfield Safeguarding Partnership

Safeguarding children and young people...

The MSP was formed in January 2024, when a group of likeminded DSLs and professionals from our partner agencies, decided it was time we joined forces in our efforts to safeguard our children across the Mansfield community. Every school in the partnership was facing the same kind of concerns and we agreed that no single school would be able to deal with the issues we were facing in isolation. By coming together, we believe we are better placed to support young people and their families to stay safe. We now meet regularly to share information and concerns and this newsletter for parents and carers has been developed because we recognise that you play a vital role in helping us build a safer community. Over the coming months we will share advice, guidance, and information to help you to keep your children safe and protected from some of the harms and risks they are especially vulnerable to during their teenage years. We have all pledged to work together because we are committed to this community, and we want the very best for our children. If there are topics or issues that you would like to know more about, please let us know so that we can feature articles in future editions. We will also be spotlighting some of the services that are out there to help you should you have any concerns- this issue features **Change, Grow, Live (CGL)** who provide support to children and families where substance misuse has an impact. Please read on below and give us feedback so that we can make this newsletter a useful tool in our mission to safeguard all our children. Please send any feedback you may have here: staylor@bruntsacademy.org

The Police:

Have recently shared their new PIP (**Partnership Intelligence Portal**). This enables professionals across the town from different organisations to share key information about the safety and welfare of young people so that we can work together to keep them safe.

The next partnership meeting, in October will showcase the police sharing their new scheme ‘Right care Right time’ in support of young people.

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Safeguarding is:

- Protecting children from abuse
- Preventing harm to their development
- Providing safe and effective care
- Promoting the best outcomes for children

#StrongerTogether

Community Safety:

E-scooters the **law** and you



We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.

However, the current law is clear You can buy one, but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

Why is this? E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as: MOT, Licensing, Tax and Insurance.

What happens if I am stopped by Police?

Section 59 of the police reform act allows police to issue a warning if a vehicle is being used in a manner which may cause alarm, distress, or annoyance. Being issued with this warning does not stop the e-scooter being seized.

Police can seize any private scooter if they are being used on a public road or footpath and the rider may also be liable for prosecution for traffic offences. For more information, please contact the local neighbourhood policing team:

[Contact your local policing team | Nottinghamshire Police](#)

Education Sector:

All educational settings have statutory guidance which is updated every September called Keeping Children Safe in Education. This has been in place since 2015 and covers requirements from all staff to keep children safe, leadership of safeguarding, safer recruitment, managing allegations and specific details on dealing with sexual violence and harassment, online safety and other safeguarding concerns.

Schools must have a DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) who is a member of the Senior Leadership Team. All our schools have robust safeguarding policies and systems in place to keep your children safe.



“Safeguarding is everyone’s business”

Working in partnership to safeguard children: supporting parents and carers to keep children safe

Adolescence can be difficult to navigate for both children and their families and managing mood swings and changes in behaviour once puberty kicks in, can also add to the challenges of staying connected with your tween or teen. Finding the right balance between giving your child independence and space to grow, whilst keeping them safe in a world where they can be potentially harmed both online and offline, is tricky. We know that the move from primary to secondary school can be a worrying time for our children, but equally stressful for parents/carers, so we have teamed up with Nottinghamshire County Council’s **Education Safeguarding, Health & Wellbeing Hub** to try and find a way of better supporting families as their children enter the tween and teen years.

The team was established to support schools with work around the prevention of harm, health promotion, and reduction in risk of all kinds. We know that some children can become especially vulnerable to harms outside the home as they try to figure out who they are and where they belong. Although we all probably have strong memories of that time in our own lives, and many of the things teenagers are grappling with now are just the kind of things we struggled with at their age, the world has moved on significantly with the introduction of technology. Our parents and carers try their very best to keep their children safe, but it can be hard to keep up with all the different social media platforms, apps and content which teens use in their daily lives, let alone some of the risks out in the community. In response, the team is developing a ‘transition project’ which they hope to pilot in Mansfield and is looking for parents and carers to get involved in shaping the content and how this programme will be delivered. They are asking parents/carers of children in Y5,6, 7 and 8 to share their ideas about what they feel they need to know by completing a short Teams survey which can be accessed using the QR code below or the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/9kTdVJmtxG>. They will also be running some focus groups over the coming weeks and would love to hear from any parent or carer who would like to get involved. For more details contact eshawh@nottscc.gov.uk. Alternatively, please contact your school’s DSL if you want to ask any questions or share ideas about how we can better support you to keep your children safe.

Mansfield District Council:

Have kindly donated our teams in the partnership ‘bleed control kits’. These have been adopted by first aid teams to use in the event of emergencies.

The partnership are working to prevent serious injuries that may require use of these kits with the police in the prevention of knife crime and use of bladed weapons. Much of this work happens through Schools Early Intervention Officers, like PC Natalie Sinclair, who works across many schools in the town.



Substance misuse and awareness:



**Change
Grow
Live**

[Children and Young People | Change Grow Live](#)

We are a free and confidential drug and alcohol outreach service for young people in Nottinghamshire up to the age of 18.

www.changegrowlive.org

Change, Grow Live (CGL) are an organisation that raise awareness of the harms of substances misuse and support children and families where substance misuse has an impact

Children and young people can be affected by drugs and alcohol in different ways. Some of the children and young people we help are using alcohol or drugs themselves. Other children and young people we help are affected by other people's drug and alcohol use, usually by those in their immediate family. Whichever way you are affected, we want to help you with the challenges you are facing. We will listen to you without judgement.

What we can support young people with:

- ⇒ Information and advice on specific drugs and alcohol and how to keep safe
- ⇒ Support them to make changes and improve their wellbeing
- ⇒ Help them to discuss what's going on with others around them
- ⇒ Signpost them to other services that could help them and their family

We welcome referrals from young people, family, friends and professionals. We will need the young person's consent if you are contacting on their behalf and if the young person is under the age of 13, we will need consent from a parent.

When you contact us, one of our friendly team members will be available to discuss next steps with you. The young person will usually be offered an appointment to be seen on their own or they can choose to involve other family members or professionals if they want to, as we understand that they may feel anxious or nervous.

To refer a young person for support or, to get advice and support yourself, visit our website:

<https://www.changegrowlive.org/nottinghamshire/children-young-people>

Emergency and Crisis support contacts:

Immediate concern about a child?	Call Police: 999 non-emergency: 101
Childline	Call: 08001111
NSPCC helpline:	Call: 08088005000
Nottinghamshire MASH	Call: 03005008090
CAMHS Crisis Team	Call: 08088005000

In the next issue... Online safety and support