

Safeguarding Month: November 2026

Pan Sussex Programme



Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility

How to Book

The Pan-Sussex Programme includes a range of virtual sessions delivered over four weeks. All sessions listed below are free of charge for practitioners across Sussex who work with children and families.

Full details of each session, including booking information, can be found in the table below. If a session is marked "Book via Eventbrite", simply click the [Eventbrite link](#) and register for a place. Some sessions are hosted on local Safeguarding Children Partnership (SCP) booking systems. As there are three SCPs across Sussex, there are three separate booking platforms. Please use the booking link for the area in which you work. If you do not already have an account, you can request one through the relevant booking platform.

We look forward to welcoming you to Safeguarding Month!

For Brighton & Hove (BHSCP):

You will need a Learning Zone account to access. Please [log in](#) or [create a Learning Zone account](#)

For East Sussex (ESSCP):

You will need a Learning Portal account to access : Please [log in](#) or [create a Learning Portal account](#)

For West Sussex (WSSCP):

You will need a Learning Pool account to access : Please [log in](#) or [create a Learning Pool account](#)

Date	Title of Session	Time	Overview	Link to book a place
Tuesday 03 November 2026	Improving Outcomes for Children in Care & Care Leavers	10:00 -12:00	This session will help attendees develop the knowledge and skills needed to improve the emotional and physical wellbeing of children in their care or for whom they have responsibility. It highlights the importance of effective partnership working across health, education, social care, police and other agencies to achieve the best possible outcomes for children.	BHSCP: Improving Outcomes for Children in Care and Care Leavers ESSCP: Improving Outcomes for Children in Care & Care Leavers WSSCP: Improving Outcomes for Children in Care and Care Leavers
Tuesday 03 November 2026	Preventing Child Financial Exploitation	12:30 – 13:30	This course is run by the Southeast Regional Organised Crime Unit (SEROCU) and Cyber and Economic Crime Prevent teams. It covers information about the emerging threat of Child Financial Exploitation, a type of Child Criminal Exploitation.	BHSCP: Preventing Child Financial Exploitation ESSCP: Preventing Child Financial Exploitation WSSCP: Preventing Child Financial Exploitation
Wednesday 04 November 2026	Breakfast briefing: An Introduction to private fostering (This is not run by the Safeguarding Children Partnerships)	09:00-09:55	Annually on the first Wednesday in November, CoramBAAF hosts Private Fostering Awareness Day. Join Ann Horne and Clare Seth for a free and open access Breakfast Briefing – An Introduction to Private Fostering.	Private Fostering Awareness Day: Breakfast briefing
Wednesday 04 November 2026	Capturing the voice of the child with disabilities	13:00 -14:00	Danielle, a Community Children's Nurse, and Steph, a Specialist Safeguarding Children Nurse, will explore how and why we capture the voices of children with complex health needs and neurodiversity. This interactive session will discuss practical approaches to ensuring children are heard in safeguarding work and encourage participants to share experiences and learning.	Book Via Eventbrite: Capturing the voice of the child with disabilities
Wednesday 04 November 2026	Children, substance use and safeguarding	10:00 – 11:30	In this session we will explore ideas around why some children use substances, what they are using, and the main concerns associated with this. We will look at language and accessibility, alongside signs and symptoms of use. There will be a deeper dive into some of the themes children are presenting with locally. We aim for this session to be interactive as well as informative. We hope you come away feeling more confident in talking to children about substance use and in identifying and responding to indicators of harm.	Book via Eventbrite: Children, Substance Use and Safeguarding
Thursday 05 November 2026	Safeguarding Humanity: Dangers of Artificial Intelligence (AI)	14:00 -15:00	You’ve seen it in the news, perhaps you use it at work or as part of your daily routine. As with any transformative technology, it can introduce new threats and risks that we need to be aware of to protect both ourselves and our loved ones. This action packed and police led, non-technical session covers everything you need to know about how to use AI safety but also how to stay safe from AI Enabled Crime.	Book via Eventbrite: Safeguarding Humanity: Dangers of Artificial Intelligence (AI):

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Monday 09 November 2026	Working with an Interpreter Workshop	0:00 – 11:00	“Vandu Languages’ ‘Working with an Interpreter’ Workshop is an opportunity to learn how to get the best out of your interpreting appointments. Presented by our Deputy Director, Aaron Clarke, we will look at the role of the interpreter, how to best interact with them and your non-English speaking client, your role as a service provider and other aspects such as administrative policies and how to book interpreters.	BHSCP: Working with an Interpreter Workshop ESSCP: Working with an Interpreter Workshop (fully booked) WSSCP: Working with an Interpreter Workshop
Wednesday 11 November 2026	Domestic Abuse – Understanding Protective Orders and the National Centre for Domestic Violence (NCDV)	09:30 – 11:00	The National Centre for Domestic Violence (NCDV) provides free support to help victims of domestic abuse access civil protective orders. This training increases professionals’ understanding of protective orders and the NCDV referral process, enabling more effective referrals and better outcomes for victim-survivors.	BHSCP: Domestic Abuse – Understanding Protective Orders ESSCP: Domestic Abuse – Understanding Protective Orders WSSCP: Domestic Abuse – Understanding Protective Orders
Friday 13 November 2026	An introduction and overview of the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)	11:00 -12:30	Learn about referral routes, advice pathways, support available, and what to expect before, during, and after a Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) appointment. Delivered by Dr Clementine Anderson, this session covers referrals, strategy meeting involvement, appointment processes, who should attend, and the support offered throughout the SARC journey.	Book via Eventbrite: An introduction and overview of the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)



Your feedback matters. Please take a few minutes to complete the evaluation after each session. Your feedback helps Safeguarding Children Partnerships understand what is working well, identify areas for improvement, and shape future learning opportunities to better support practitioners across Sussex.

Thank you!

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Tuesday 17 November 2026	The Long Game - Child Exploitation	10:00 -13:00	The Long Game is a powerful training session led by Adam Elliott, combining lived experience with practical safeguarding knowledge. It explores how trauma, exploitation, and the influence of trusted adults can shape a child's journey, while equipping professionals with approaches to build trust, recognise risk, and improve outcomes for children	BHSCP: The Long Game – Child Exploitation ESSCP: The Long Game - Child Exploitation WSSCP: The Long Game - Child Exploitation
Wednesday 18 November 2026	Adolescent Brain Development and the implications for Safeguarding	11:00 – 12:00	Explore how adolescent brain development can influence decision making, risk taking, relationships, and safeguarding. Led by Kate, a Family Nurse, and Tara, a specialist safeguarding children’s nurse, this session will examine the implications for supporting young parents and adolescents, with opportunities for discussion and shared learning.	Book via Eventbrite: Adolescent Brain Development and the implications for Safeguarding
Thursday 19 November 2026	Re-Traumatising the Vulnerable: Staff Misconduct and Systemic Trauma in UK Asylum Settings	09:00 -10:00	Learn from Amber and Naomi, Specialist Health Visitors in the West Sussex Healthy Futures Team, as they share their knowledge and experience of working with asylum seekers and refugee families in West Sussex. This session will explore the health and safeguarding needs of these communities, highlight effective approaches to support, and provide opportunities for discussion, reflection, and shared learning.	Book via: Eventbrite: Re-Traumatising the Vulnerable: Staff Misconduct and Systemic Trauma in UK Asylum Settings
Friday 20 November 2026	Lunch & Learn: Understanding and Responding to Child Exploitation	11:00 -12:00	This Lunch & Learn provides a brief overview of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE), including key indicators, risks and current safeguarding issues. Through two interactive case studies, participants will explore real-life scenarios to identify signs of exploitation, consider effective responses and build confidence in supporting children who may be at risk.	Book via Eventbrite: Understanding and Responding to Child Exploitation



Safeguarding Adults Week 16 – 22 November 2026

Safeguarding Adults Week brings organisations together to raise awareness of key safeguarding issues and promote safer cultures through partnership working. This year's theme, "Every Voice. Every Choice.", highlights the importance of co-production, empowerment and prevention, with a focus on Making Safeguarding Personal by ensuring adults are listened to, involved in decisions, and supported to achieve the outcomes that matter to them.



Anti-Bullying Week 15-21 November 2026

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) is the official organiser of Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Anti-Bullying Week 2026 will take place 15-20 November with the theme: Break the Silence.



Road Safety Week 15-20 November 2026 | Brake

Road Safety Week is a national campaign that raises awareness of road safety, the impact of road deaths and injuries, and the actions we can all take to keep roads safer. It encourages people, communities and organisations to promote safer travel, support vulnerable road users, and share lessons that can help prevent harm.

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Monday 23 November 2026	Insights into individuals who commit acts of online child sexual abuse	10:00 – 12:00	This training session will provide an overview on the different types of online child sexual abuse and its prevalence, as well as provide an understanding of the reasons why adults engage in sexually abusive behaviour online, and what factors may be relevant when considering future risk, both online and offline. The session will also highlight what considerations need to be taken into account when developing safety plans, as well as identify support services individuals and families can be signposted to following the discovery of online sexual abuse.	Book via Ticket Tailor: Insights into Individuals who Commit Acts of Online Child Sexual Abuse
Monday 23 November 2026	Prevent & the Com Network	10:00 – 12:00	This session will introduce the online and offline harms associated with the COM Network and the role Prevent, and other safeguarding support, has in tackling the risks associated with this emerging risk across Sussex and Surrey. Attendees will gain an overview of how the network operates, how to spot signs of engagement and identify early intervention approaches to safeguard children and young people.	Book via Eventbrite: Prevent & the Com Network
Monday 23 November 2026	Preventing Child Exploitation- The Essentials	13:00 -16:00	Gain the knowledge and confidence to identify and respond to child criminal exploitation, County Lines activity, and related vulnerabilities. Delivered by Sussex Police, this session explores current risks, safeguarding responses, and support pathways for children at risk.	Book via Eventbrite: Preventing Child Exploitation – The Essentials
Tuesday 24 November 2026	Safeguarding and the Impact of Childhood Trauma through the Life Cycle	13:00 -14:00	Explore how childhood trauma and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) can affect people throughout their lives and across generations. Led by Julie and Steph, specialist safeguarding nurses, this session will examine how these cycles can be positively interrupted to improve outcomes, with opportunities for discussion and shared learning.	Book via Eventbrite: Safeguarding and the Impact of Childhood Trauma through the Life Cycle
Wednesday 25 November 2026	Crime & Policing Act 2026: Opportunities for disrupting Child Exploitation	15:00 -16:00	Sussex Police Force Exploitation Team will provide an overview of this new legislation with a primary focus on three new criminal offences: Child Criminal Exploitation, Cuckooing and Forced Internal Concealment. This briefing will clarify what each crime includes and how safeguarding partnerships can assist Police in safeguarding and disrupting these exploitation types.	Book via Eventbrite: Crime & Policing Act 2026: Opportunities for disrupting Child Exploitation
Monday 30 November 2026	Concealed Pregnancy and it's Safeguarding Implications	14:00 -15:00	Explore the safeguarding implications of concealed pregnancy, including the risks to both parent and baby, indicators that professionals should be aware of, and the importance of early intervention. Led by Dr Frankie Howsam, this session will help practitioners recognise and respond to concealed pregnancy concerns, supporting effective safeguarding and improved outcomes for children and families.	Book via Eventbrite: Concealed Pregnancy and its Safeguarding Implications



White Ribbon Day 25 November 2026

The White Ribbon movement began in 1991 to engage men in the prevention of gender-based violence. At the time, there was very little work being done to engage men in this issue.

In its beginnings, White Ribbon joined with other campaigns around the world to mark the **25 November** and the White Ribbon became an important symbol for ending men's violence against women. White Ribbon was one of the voices that campaigned for the UN recognition of the 25 November as The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, which was designated by the UN in 2000.

White Ribbon Day continues every year to draw attention to the importance of men being part of the solution to end violence against women and girls, once and for all.

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is defined as:

*"Violence against women' means any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women'.
(A/RES/48/104 – Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women)*

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is a global campaign running from **25 November** (the UN International Day of Elimination of Violence against Women) to **10 December** (Human Rights Day). The 16 Days of Action also include other significant dates like World Aids Day (1 December), as well as the White Ribbon Campaign, which calls on men to make a pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence and abuse. It brings individuals, communities, and organisations together to raise awareness, challenge violence against women and girls, support survivors, and promote a future free from abuse and harm.

Please do have a look to see what is happening in your local area to support this campaign!

If you know someone who might need help, please visit:

[Domestic abuse - Brighton & Hove City Council](#)

[Domestic abuse - East Sussex County Council](#)

[Domestic abuse - West Sussex County Council](#)

**THANK
YOU!**

A huge thank you to all the organisations and presenters who generously share their time, knowledge and expertise during Safeguarding Month. Your contributions help create a rich programme of learning and reflection.

Thank you also to every practitioner who attends, engages in discussions and demonstrates commitment to continually developing practice. Together, your dedication reflects the strong partnership working across Sussex and our shared commitment to keeping children safer, supporting better outcomes, and ensuring that safeguarding remains everyone's responsibility.

