

## Summer 2022

### Issue 6

The final newsletter of this academic year is already upon us! Sharing Images continues to be our most popular session; recent observations given by a safeguarding consultant included, "The children were engaged throughout and were learning a lot...I thought it was helpful the way that Nichola clarified consent with the children to ensure they were clear on what it meant and also to ensure they understood when consent had not been given." Very soon, we'll start planning for next year; those on our waiting list will be contacted first, then we'll open up the diary for more bookings.

My fellow coordinator Ian Wilkinson retired at the beginning of April. I'll be covering all areas until further notice. Please continue to contact us via our email address: [school.liaison@northumbria.police.uk](mailto:school.liaison@northumbria.police.uk) and our webpage can be found [here](#).

-Best wishes, Miriam

#### **Diary Date: Mental Health Awareness Week 2022, 9th-15th May**

This year's focus is loneliness. There is a [free resource pack](#) available to schools: a lesson plan, worksheets, an assembly plan, posters, plus other useful information for students, staff, and caregivers. Developed with the participation of secondary students and staff, it "explores what loneliness is, how it can affect our mental health, and the different ways we can connect with ourselves, others and the world around us to feel less lonely." The resource has been designed for secondary school use, but it also contains content relevant to primary schools.

#### **PRIMARY NSPCC Speakout.Staysafe** - helping children to recognise the signs of abuse, and to speak out

We highlighted this free programme for primary schools in our Autumn 2021 newsletter, and now – after being interrupted by lockdowns – the face-to-face workshops are available in our area. Schools need to register for the [online programme](#) and deliver the assemblies in school, and if you're interested in hosting workshops facilitated by NSPCC volunteers, please contact [cheryl.ellis@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:cheryl.ellis@NSPCC.org.uk), tel: 07966 803924 to make arrangements.

Still available, and a great complement to Speakout.Staysafe, are the free [PANTS](#) resources which help keep children safe from sexual abuse. There are also online guides for caregivers, children, and a BSL video guide.

#### **SECONDARY CEOP Education** - an updated website for 11-18 year olds

From consent and healthy relationships through to sexual abuse and what to do if you've sent or received a nude, young people can access information and advice about how to stay safe online and in their relationships. There's also a [toolkit](#) for professionals, providing classroom-based activities which support and aid the exploration of the website.

#### **SECONDARY [www.nottheone.co.uk](http://www.nottheone.co.uk)** - knife crime

A new campaign from South Wales Police which includes three impactful videos featuring victims of knife crime and a family member of a victim. They are accompanied by an educators' pack which includes a lesson plan.

#### **COLLEGE/6<sup>th</sup> FORM Financial Exploitation: Money Muling (16+ years)**

We mentioned this in our last newsletter; [our easy-to-follow resource](#) is now live on our webpage: it takes about 10 minutes to complete and can be used as a tutorial or by the students themselves. Learn how criminals target young people with the promise of easy cash in return for the use of their bank account, and where to get support and advice if someone gets involved in money laundering.