online safety newsletter

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On-line Safety Event June 21st 2017

The PCSB hosted the second Online Safety Day on June 21st at Portsmouth Guildhall. Over 100 attendees were updated re. Online safety issues and best practice. Speakers from NSPCC, Hampshire Constabulary, Parent Zone, Portsmouth University, King Richards School, The Troll Campaign and SWGFL delivered excellent presentations and workshops and their presentations can now be accessed via the PSCB website. http://www.portsmouthscb.org.uk/professionals/online-safety/

Some Key Messages from the day:

5,653 child sex crimes were committed against children in 2016/17. Crimes with an online element have increased by 44% from 2015/16. 13 was the most common age of the targeted child (where recorded). Nearly 100 offences were committed against children aged 10 and under. The youngest child recorded was 3 years old.

Hants Police Survey 2016 (929 young people surveyed age 11 - 16years) Sexting - 35% of young people said the biggest issue is peer pressure: 18% of young people said it's an expectation.

Supportive and enabling parenting has a more positive impact on resilience than parental strategies that restrict or monitor internet use. "Resilience: the ability to understand when you are at risk online, know what to do to seek help and learn from experience so you can continue to use the digital world safely and confidently."

A survey of pupils from two secondary schools in the Portsmouth area (Year 10 and year 7) suggests online supervision is high in school but can be low or non- existent at home. Issues causing distress include bullying and harassing comments, nudity and pornography, cruelty and violence. An arising issue is seeing images of animal cruelty.

Barnardo's App

Teachers and care professionals may interact with young people who might be at risk of sexual exploitation. "Wud U" ? is an award-winning smartphone app, designed to educate young people about the dangers and support discussion of the issues. Scenarios are presented and young people talk through what their next steps could be.

Barnardo's

Kirsty Simpson - Barnardo's is able to deliver Online safety awareness training to children and professionals in Primary, Junior and Secondary schools. Assemblies and workshops available. Kirsty also works 1:1 with young people by referral.
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Snapchat : Snap map

This location based map allows users to see where in the country their snapchat contacts are, as well as seeing location based videos and photos
Snap map

New government guidance regarding the sending of indecent images
The legal guidance is clear and 3 x 60 second short films contextualise the issue.
Government Guidance for Young People Sending Indecent Images

Contact details:

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Please contact the MASH Team if there are immediate concerns regarding a young person on 0845 6710271. If a child is at immediate risk of harm call the Police on 999