

Safeguarding & Prevent

Welcome to the fifteenth edition of the Creative Alliance Safeguarding Newsletter. Our Newsletter is produced every quarter, distributed to all Creative Alliance learners, employers and staff and is intended to raise awareness of Safeguarding, Prevent, British Values and how to keep learners safe and create a positive working environment.

Our previous newsletter focused upon young people's mental health and support for mental health and physical illnesses.

This edition looks at a range of topics including fire safety, wellbeing support, sexual harassment and useful information from BSCP on supporting young people with substance misuse and Emergency Alerts.

At Creative Alliance we want to provide all our stakeholders with key information, advice and guidance on how to access support for themselves as learners, as employers or as members of our staff.

West Midlands Fire Service Safe & Well booklet

Attached is an updated Safe and Well booklet produced by West Midlands Fire Service with advice on keeping families/children safe in relation to fire, water and road safety.

Please note this booklet was updated following the tragic incident at Babb's Mill Lake in December 2022 (Pages 26 and 27). Please share with colleagues and families as appropriate.



Apprentice Wellbeing Hub Launch

One of the EPAOs (End Point Assessment Organisations) that we at Creative Alliance work with have recently launched their Apprentice Wellbeing Hub:

This is to provide mental health and wellbeing support for issues apprentices face. There's also advice for employers and training providers on supporting apprentice wellbeing. You don't have to log in or even be a customer of 1st for EPA as they want everyone to benefit from this resource.

Sexual Harassment awareness shortfilm

This is an amazing film made by young people about sexual harassment, cat calling and violence against women and girls. The film is from the young women's perspective on how it feels to be cat called, intimidated, harassed and stalked.

The project was created with a group of young people from Sheffield who are part of the South Yorkshire Police Young Peoples Independent Advisory Group. It gives real practical advice about what can be done to protect all people from harassment. My Pockets worked with the group, leading a remarkable discussion about catcalling and sexual harassment. **“As the conversation developed we gained real insight into what young people are having to deal with in the streets and in their lives. From vans pulling up beside them when they are in their school uniforms, to being filmed in secret and uploaded to social media. It was a shocking and moving conversation”**

Recent guidance from BSCP

Dear Practitioners and Colleagues

Please see the important information below and attached for sharing throughout your organisation.

Aquarius Young People's Substance Misuse service

This Service has expanded, and Aquarius are now accepting referrals for any young person up to (and including) the age of 25 who are using substances themselves or who are affected by someone else's substance use.

- They offer a range of interventions and support options including one to one psychosocial interventions, groups, diversionary activities, outreach and service user groups.
- They have specialist practitioners based within the youth offending teams, a specialist Barnardo's CSE worker, a specialist worker based within the St Basils Transitions Hub and the AP task Force (City of Birmingham Schools).
- Aquarius work in partnership with Forward Thinking Birmingham and have a specialist substance misuse advanced nurse practitioner based within our team.
- They are also now able to offer drug and alcohol awareness workshops and free bite size training for professionals within Birmingham

If you have any queries regarding workshops, please drop us an email at: young.people@aquarius.org.uk;

Emergency Alerts

On 23rd April 2023, the UK government is testing an emergency alert service that will cause mobile phones to sound an alarm. Some victims of domestic abuse may have a mobile phone that is concealed from an abuser. If this phone is turned on the alarm will sound.

There is more information, along with a demonstration of the alert here: [About Emergency Alerts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/about-emergency-alerts)

The alert will say:

"This is a test of Emergency Alerts, a new UK government service that will warn you if there is a life-threatening emergency nearby. In an actual emergency, follow the instructions in the alert to keep yourself and others safe. Visit gov.uk/alerts for more information. This is a test. You do not need to take any action."

Mobile phones or tablets do not have to be connected to mobile data or Wi-Fi to get alerts.

Alerts Video Guidance

Refuge have published a video guide to managing emergency alerts: [Managing Emergency Alerts on your phone to stay safe if you're experiencing domestic abuse - YouTube](#)

Also see message from the West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner office: [Domestic abuse victims urged to disable Government's emergency alert system - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)

Every apprentice working with Creative Alliance has the right to work and learn in a safe environment, free from harm. If you have any concerns about a member of staff or co-worker, please contact Creative Alliance directly.