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| Community Safety & Wellbeing eNewsletter header with West Sussex County Council logo**Welcome to our January 2025 eNewsletter**DA**Domestic Abuse Conference**Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne, Victim Support and West Sussex County Council’s Community Safety And Wellbeing Team, hosted a dedicated domestic abuse conference at The Amex in Brighton earlier this week. The theme for the conference was ‘Nobody Left Behind’.Attendees heard from Faye Mills May, Sussex Domestic Abuse Partnership Board Manager, regarding the soon to be launched Pan Sussex Domestic Abuse Strategy. She shared how victims’ voices had been at the heart of this, and that the strategic priories across Sussex are a focus on prevention, earliest intervention, support for everyone and recovery.There were over 300 attendees at the event and this included service providers, survivors and those wanting to learn more about how support can be provided to domestic abuse victims. The large attendance made this the biggest domestic abuse event ever held in the county.

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childrens society**Look Closer**Across the country, young people are being manipulated, sexually abused, forced to launder money and deal drugs. It is not always easy to spot the signs of exploitation. The Children’s Society, the British Transport Police (BTP) and the National County Lines Coordination Centre (NCLCC) have developed a new campaign to raise awareness of child exploitation.[#Lookcloser to protect children from exploitation - YouTube](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.youtube.com/watch%3Fv%3DOa8A9DafE0M/1/01010194acf0dc1f-37133d56-fb7d-4a72-be40-b07088487de2-000000/pNAJhq27S-OxzSju9VV6P-VQbdd83KW2juhP6APrvRw%3D389)**If something doesn't feel right, don't wait, report it****Call the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency**You can also [report to the police online](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident//1/01010194acf0dc1f-37133d56-fb7d-4a72-be40-b07088487de2-000000/658zpjDd9npLdgaFKY5JWdE8F9lcJDdq1WUsGlvOsH8%3D389). Only report your concerns when it is safe for you to do so, even if this is after the event that your concerns initially arose.  Do not attempt to intervene yourself. **Text the British Transport Police on 61016**If you are on a train, you can text the British Transport Police. Information on routes of travel, addresses, appearance, and behaviour of a child can all help to protect young people. **Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111**If you have information on child exploitation and abuse or suspect it may be happening but want to remain completely anonymous, you can [contact the independent charity Crimestoppers online](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously/1/01010194acf0dc1f-37133d56-fb7d-4a72-be40-b07088487de2-000000/jIjCxwZgNSLdU6OD1eJNQSe8OWkY_56FJQ7kSYTAODA%3D389) or on the phone.**Call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000**The [NSPCC helpline](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/nspcc-helpline//1/01010194acf0dc1f-37133d56-fb7d-4a72-be40-b07088487de2-000000/yVV1igEd7JEEmT9GGNm9xYJHzS0TZvNT1-v7G3MAZ40%3D389) is staffed by trained professionals who can provide expert advice and support if you’re concerned about a child. If you would like to organise training for your team or service on child criminal exploitation, modern slavery and human trafficking, please contact: communitysafety.wellbeing@westsussex.gov.uk

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| [**Look Closer Video You Tube**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//youtu.be/Oa8A9DafE0M%3Ffeature%3Dshared/1/01010194acf0dc1f-37133d56-fb7d-4a72-be40-b07088487de2-000000/jsmeJDl_L7dILqhCpcPjNCv-AtApulYvbdzbH8DZONU%3D389)  |

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**Serious Organised Crime Team**In December, our colleagues from the Serious Organised Crime team were invited by the University of Chichester to deliver a session to 100 students. They raised awareness of Child Criminal Exploitation, County Lines, Cuckooing and financial exploitation to third-year criminology, psychology and education students as part of their course.

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Living**Living The Values Award**Congratulations to Claire Jones and Pennie Gray in the Prevention Assessment Team who recently received recognition for their services through the Living the Values Award.**Claire has received the Trust and Support Award** due to her continued management cover going above and beyond, Claire took personal responsibility when capacity was low and ensured the continued smooth running of the service to always keep customers safe and provided a consistent and trusted source of expertise across the whole service.**Pennie has received the** **Customer Centred Award,** after receiving direct feedback from a customer highlighting her compassionate and empathetic approach resulting in a good outcome.  The Customer took the time to provide feedback which is as follows:*“When Pennie came to see me, it was so comforting talking with someone so kind and understanding, caring and compassionate about my loss and suffering. I will always be grateful for that. Pennie is a credit to your team indeed”* Well done to both.

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**Safer Internet Day**Safer Internet Day 2025 will take place on the 11thof February 2025, with celebrations and learning based around the theme ‘**Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online**‘To help promote this special day, the Digital Safety and Fraud Team are holding FREE Are You Scam Savvy webinars on the:5th February 2025 10-11.30am22nd April 2024 1-2.30pmTickets can be reserved by clicking the button below.

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deepfake**Government Crack Down On Explicit Deep Fakes**Predators who create sexually explicit ‘deepfakes’ could face prosecution as the Government bears down on vile online abuse as part of its mission to make our streets safer.The proliferation of these hyper-realistic images has grown at an alarming rate, causing devastating harm to victims, particularly women and girls who are often the target.To tackle this, the government will introduce a new offence meaning perpetrators could be charged for both creating and sharing these images, not only marking a crackdown on this abhorrent behaviour but making it clear there is no excuse for creating a sexually explicit deepfake of someone without their consent.

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| [**Read full article**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.gov.uk/government/news/government-crackdown-on-explicit-deepfakes/1/01010194acf0dc1f-37133d56-fb7d-4a72-be40-b07088487de2-000000/5u0WTGqVVxaf5MYb9EuziUEvaA1T0P5zsK8GW3hTEJE%3D389) |

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