

PSCP Safeguarding Week | June 2025

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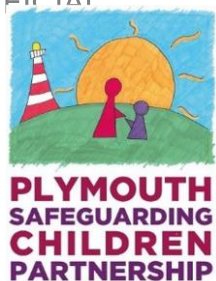
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A Week of Learning & Development on the Theme of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA): Building Preventative Communities & Trauma Informed Responses

Over 800 professionals from across the professional network attended the range of events as Safeguarding Week was all about us:

- Learning together so we can celebrate strengths in our support systems and improve where needed.
- Hearing from children and families about their experiences of help and support
- Spending time shadowing each other doing our jobs so we can better understand our roles and responsibilities
- Understanding the difference we make to children and families



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On Monday 23rd June 2025, we began our safeguarding week by hosting an in-person opening event at the New Continental Hotel. **Phil Williams**, Superintendent, Devon and Cornwall Police, chaired the occasion.

Keynote presentations were delivered by **Pat Brannigan**, Assistant Director, NSPCC & **Dr Jennifer Noll**, Professor of Psychology, University of Rochester, New York. The focus for discussions was the importance of taking a public health approach to preventing child sexual abuse.

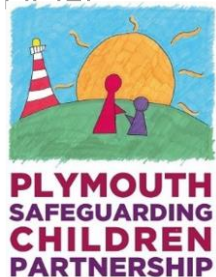
We recorded all of the events throughout the week for you to watch in your own time and use as a resource for your own agency learning. We start on this page with all of Jennie's, Pat's and Phil's contributions which you can access by following the links underneath the picture.



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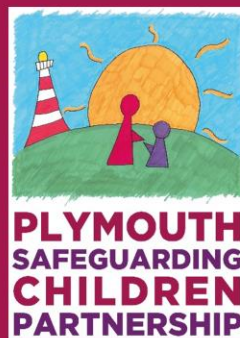
[Pat Brannigan Recording – YouTube Video](#)

[Phil Williams Closing Recording – YouTube Video](#)



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Delivered by colleagues from the NSPCC & Plymouth City Council's Participation Team & Learning Academy this thought provoking and creative webinar shared the importance of ensuring we hear the voices of children and young people who have been harmed and understand what they are telling us, either verbally or through their behaviour, about the help they receive and need.

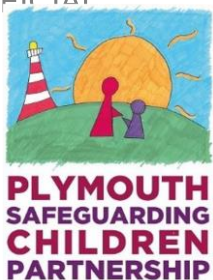


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**'The Voices of Children
and Young People'**

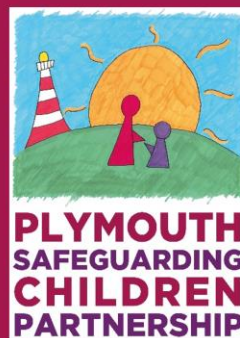
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The Hydrant Programme is a national policing programme that develops policy and strategy on behalf of the National Police Chiefs' Council. In this webinar Tracey Watkinson, the Hydrant Programme Manager shared the latest police data and analysis regarding the prevalence and nature of child sexual exploitation (as a form of child sexual abuse) and how this is informing policing and partner organisations across the country.

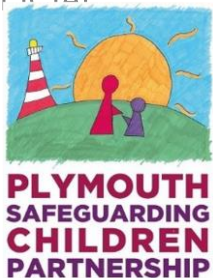


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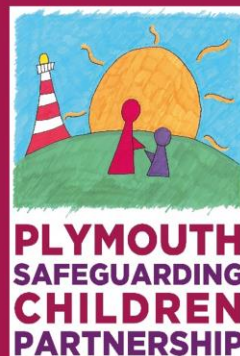
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Forensic CAMHS (***Child Adolescent Mental Health Service***) is a specialist team that provides advice, signposting and consultation to professionals. This webinar explored how they can help you in your work and how to access their support. Their referral criteria is where children & young people present with a high level of risk of harm to others through behaviours such as harmful sexual behaviour, and/or serious violence in multiple settings, and/or fire setting and complex mental health needs that would meet the threshold for general CAMHS, and/or neurodevelopmental differences such as Autism and ADHD, and/or trauma and attachment difficulties.



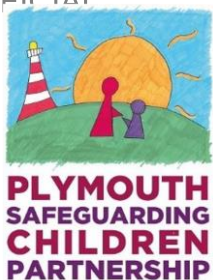
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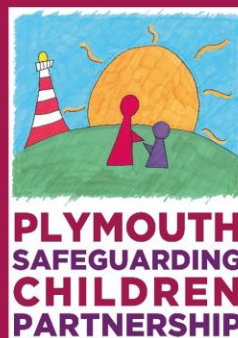
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Dr Natasha Sabin is a forensic psychologist and Practice Improvement Advisor with the Centre for Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse. In this webinar Natasha explored the signs and indicators of CSA and the importance of not over relying on children telling us they are being abused, they will be showing us and our role is to notice this. Natasha also discussed how to sensitively communicate with children when we have concerns that a child is being sexually abused.

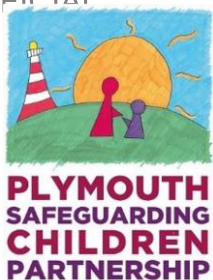


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**‘Centre of Expertise on Child
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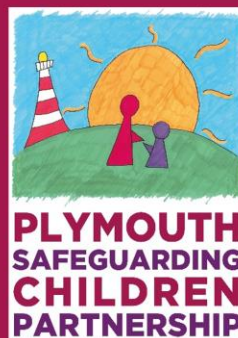
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SARC – Sexual Assault Referral Centre
MASH – Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub
PPU – Devon and Cornwall Police Public Protection Unit

The Sexual Assault Referral Centre, the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub and Devon & Cornwall Police work closely together following a report of child sexual abuse. In this webinar, we hear from the experts in these teams, the support they offer children and families and how child sexual abuse is investigated within the City.



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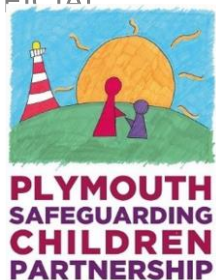
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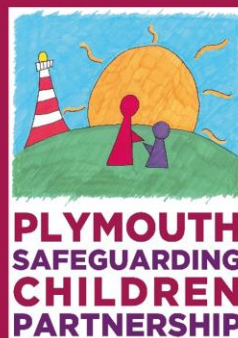
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Circles Southwest is a charity providing a number of services that offer specialist support and accountability, interventions and professional training to enhance the management of people who sexually harm in the community or who are at risk of doing so. With a background in public protection work since 2000, Jamie Stephenson, Circles Co-ordinator, facilitated the webinar describing the work of Circles South West, the research and methodology underpinning their work and their recent secondary harm prevention studies and proposals.

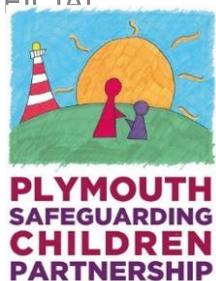


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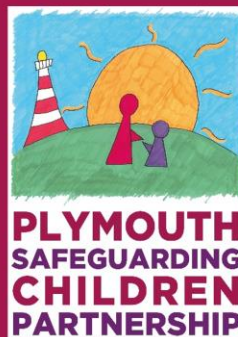
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Project NightEye is a policing approach that aims to make public spaces in the evening and night-time a safe environment for girls and women free from male sexual harassment, sexual violence and physical violence. The webinar was led by Dawn Perriam (Chief Inspector). As the lead for violence against women and girls for Devon & Cornwall Police, Dawn describes the range of activities undertaken as part of Project NightEye to prevent sexual and other crimes taking place.

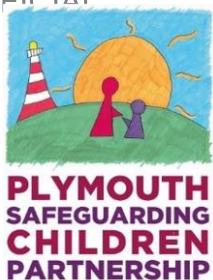


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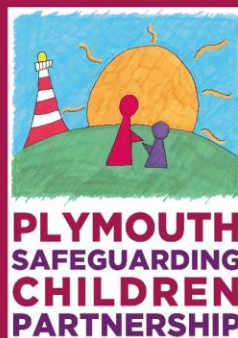
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Delivered by NSPCC colleagues this webinar supported a shared understanding of what is meant by problematic & harmful sexual behaviour and what sits underneath the behaviours. It also shared how children, young people and their families can be supported to have a future that is free from harm.

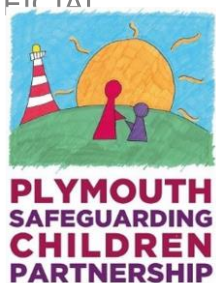


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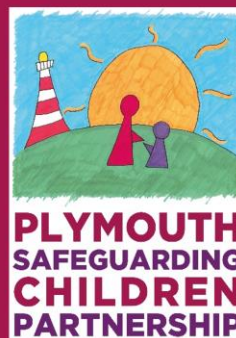
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Together for Childhood is an NSPCC initiative that works with local communities and partners to make them safer for children, to prevent child sexual abuse and tackle the problems that cause it, head-on. Plymouth has been a Together for Childhood site since 2018 and this webinar highlighted the work undertaken to date, examining the learning gathered so far and future actions needed to support children, families and communities across the city.

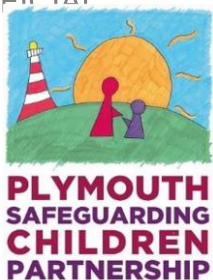


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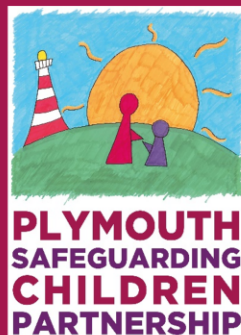
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Mariya Kraft is an Internet Content Analyst with the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and delivered a webinar on the quickly developing issue of artificial intelligence and the risks this poses for children and young people. The IWF works to make the internet a safer place. It helps victims of child sexual abuse worldwide by identifying and removing online images and videos of their abuse. They search for child sexual abuse images and videos and then have them removed. Their Hotline offers a safe place for the public to report anonymously.

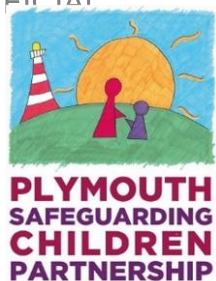


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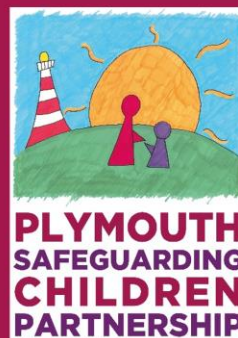
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To close the week Fran Giblin and Tim Usherwood provided a summary of the learning that has taken place, highlighting the strengths in the system and how together we can continue to develop our prevention and response to child sexual abuse across the city. Fran Giblin is Head of Service for Quality Assurance & Safeguarding and Tim Usherwood is Service Manager for Children's Social Work both with Plymouth City Council. In addition to these roles Fran and Tim chair two of our safeguarding children partnership groups relevant to child sexual abuse. Fran shared the practice review work the partnership has undertaken on CSA as she leads the Multi Agency Performance & Quality Assurance Sub Group whilst Tim chairs the Child Sexual Abuse Working Group and explored the activity that takes place.



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'Closing Summary'

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