



## Mawsley CP School Safeguarding Newsletter January 2024



*Welcome to our first Safeguarding Newsletter of the new year. Our safeguarding newsletters aim to be relevant and supportive for everyone in our school community. We hope you find it helpful.*



Some local pharmacies can now treat conditions like conjunctivitis.

Visit our website for details of your nearest participating pharmacist.

Help us  
help you

### Is there an alternative to a busy GP surgery?

**With the news of the dispensary in Mawsley closing, many people have been finding alternative pharmacies to get prescription medications etc.** You may be interested to know that local pharmacies are now offering clinical advice and treatment for more conditions than ever before.

You can now get care for a variety of minor illnesses including:

- Conjunctivitis
- Eczema
- Impetigo
- Insect bites
- Otitis media (ear infection)
- UTIs

In addition, you can get blood pressure checks, oral contraception and lateral flow device testing for COVID-19 (for eligible patients) through some pharmacies.

**Participating pharmacies in our local area can be found here:**

[www.icnorthamptonshire.org.uk/pharmacy-support](http://www.icnorthamptonshire.org.uk/pharmacy-support)



'I'm Being Exploited' is a powerful short film that has been recently released by the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSCP), produced in conjunction with police and partners across Northamptonshire, to respond to the ever-growing concern of child exploitation in Northamptonshire that very often goes unnoticed by families until it is too late. The film aims to raise awareness to parents of a growing issue in the UK – known as 'Child Exploitation' (CE).

Child Exploitation is when a child or young person is targeted by an individual or criminal gang and manipulated or coerced into committing crimes or sexual acts.

Jenny Coles, Chair of the NSCP said: *“Across the UK the issue of Child Exploitation is considered to be a growing child protection concern - it's important that we highlight this to parents so they can be on the look-out for the signs, some of which are shown in the film.”*

*“Most children are safe and won't be criminally or sexually exploited but we can't ignore that **child exploitation is happening here in Northamptonshire and is increasing**. This new film gives us the opportunity to raise awareness to parents that this could happen to their child.”*

As a community, we can all potentially make a difference to the safety of a child by knowing the signs to look out for. Some of the common signs shown in the film include changes in 'normal' behaviour, increased messages or calls, and having new belongings or money that can't be accounted for.

**Other signs include:**

- **Being away from home more and being in places they wouldn't usually be**
- **Spending time with older people**
- **Committing ASB / low level crime**
- **Changes in emotional wellbeing**
- **Unexplained injuries**
- **New and expensive possessions**
- **Deterioration in school performance or going missing from school**
- **Having more than one phone**

**We encourage our families to take 2 minutes to become more aware by viewing the film at: <https://youtu.be/lpgqEyRGggA>**

If something doesn't feel right, it might not be. If anyone is worried that a child is being exploited please report your concerns. Contact Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency. Or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. You can also contact NSPCC 0808 800 5000.

For more information visit [www.northants.police.uk/childexploitation](http://www.northants.police.uk/childexploitation)



## All About Northamptonshire Mental Health

Ask Normen is a website to guide parents and families to get help from their GP, School Nurse, or mental health services in Northamptonshire, so that all young minds are supported and empowered whatever their challenges. Their aim is to help support children's emotional health: the way children think and feel, and the ability to cope with difficult things in life. There are links to Northamptonshire based organisations that you can see below. Find them at: <https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/children>



### Out of Hours Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child, who is not in immediate danger of harm, please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child outside of school hours, please contact the MASH team on 0300 126 7000 (option 1) or e-mail them at [MASH@nctrust.co.uk](mailto:MASH@nctrust.co.uk). If you think a child is in immediate danger or missing, please contact the police and/or an ambulance directly by phoning 999