**Bulletin- 2**

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This bulletin is a summary of news, resources, research, events and all things to do with Digital Safeguarding in the Western Trust area and beyond.

**Coming soon!**

The Western Digital Safeguarding Steering Group are currently developing our very own webpage which will be a one-stop shop for information, resources and top tips! We will let you know when it goes live!

**In the News – Gaming and Gambling**

The founder of Paddy Power, Stewart Kenny, resigned from his job in 2016 over frustrations with problem gambling. Kenny now considers problem gambling as a public health issue. Read his comments regarding the [normalisation of gambling for children](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/stories-49941610). Read also about [www.gamfam.co.uk](http://www.gamfam.co.uk) which is a gambling charity set up by parents of a recovering compulsive gambler who note the link between simulated gambling through gaming sites.

**Report by Children’s Commissioner for England on Gaming**- <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/CCO-Gaming-the-System-2019.pdf>

The **Gaming or Gambling** resource pack from Parent Zone and GambleAware provides digestible information and expert advice on how to keep gaming fun and safer. Download your free resources [here](https://parentzone.org.uk/gaming-or-gambling?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=51069b37a6-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_11_06_11_48&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ee27d9000-51069b37a6-179067801), which include short films, top tips, a quiz, lesson plans for teachers and more!

**What parents need to know about ‘loot boxes’** Click [here](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/11-things-you-should-know-about-loot-boxes) to find out top tips from the UK Safer Internet Centre

**Online Gaming** information for parents click [here](https://www.childnet.com/resources/online-gaming-an-introduction-for-parents) **Gaming** advice for parents from CEOP click [here](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=f3e45b5b92-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_TUK_NOVEMBER_GLOBAL&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-f3e45b5b92-54973185)

**Gaming** affects a large number of children: 93% of 10-16-year-olds say they play online games regularly. Of these, 76% say games try to get them to spend money all the time, and almost half (49%) say that online games are only fun when they do spend money. Read more about [Rip off games](https://parentzone.org.uk/the-rip-off-games?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=302f0e6fe8-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_09_05_11_43&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ee27d9000-302f0e6fe8-179067801)

**Digital Resilience Framework**

The [UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/digital-resilience-framework) have developed a Digital Resilience Framework that organisations can use to embed into their organisations.

**Research/Reports**

Click [here](https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmcumeds/1846/1846.pdf) to read the Government’s Report into potential harms associated with the use of immersive technologies (e.g. virtual reality).

**Who knows more- Kids or Parents?**

**NSPCC/O2 Kids Versus Parents Quiz** is a useful interactive game to try with adults and children- <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc/parents-vs-kids/play#/>

**FREE Training and Resources**

**Teachers** ParentZone are coming to Belfast and are offering [Free Teacher Workshops](https://events.withgoogle.com/be-internet-legends/?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=51069b37a6-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_11_06_11_48&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ee27d9000-51069b37a6-179067801#content) on how to teach online safety in the classroom.

**Free Full-day Digital Safeguarding Training** for practitioners working directly with children and families on 11th February. Read more [here](http://www.westerntrust.hscni.net/pdf/HIEITrainingSept19-March20%20Final.pdf).

**Digital Parenting** is a free online safety guide, created by The Vodafone Foundation and Parent Zone and is free to order for UK schools and youth and family organisations (including free P&P\*), to distribute to the parents and carers they work with. [Order your copies here](https://parentzone.org.uk/digitalparenting?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=302f0e6fe8-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_09_05_11_43&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ee27d9000-302f0e6fe8-179067801)

**Guidance for parents**

Read some useful advice about [sharing pictures of your children online](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=f3e45b5b92-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_TUK_NOVEMBER_GLOBAL&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-f3e45b5b92-54973185). Also look at our own resource on ["Sharenting"](https://view.pagetiger.com/cuwjihv/1/SharentingFeb2018.pdf).

**Guidance for parents to stop their children becoming ‘money mules’**- sometimes targeted through social media- [Stop children becoming Money Mules](https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/news/help-stop-young-people-becoming-money-mules)

[Parent Info](https://parentinfo.org/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=f3e45b5b92-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_TUK_NOVEMBER_GLOBAL&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-f3e45b5b92-54973185) is a free information service offering parents help and advice for families in a digital world.

**Autism**

**4 Ways You Can Use Technology to Support Young People on The Autistic Spectrum** Watch the video [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yaelJdKNSpI&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=72473872&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9NJulEQ6Ujx-hbBXxi9ZKAFn_xCb7Mfne-3fR8HXTi4x1sGdpLUBFQ2TNcq4bvgbXqNQ3-LBccMIOfPXcBaN_4zwYzzkcbB33JaEaP8UMGUU1sU1k&_hsmi=72473872) and find out useful information from INEQE.