

# Safeguarding Bulletin

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## Accessing support over the summer:

### - Wellbeing support for young people

Kooth app or [website](#)- practical advice, support and online counselling.  
The Children's Society (Checkpoint)- wellbeing drop ins, support and advice. [More information here](#).  
Childline- 0800 1111, online counselling and advice



CAMHS- 0330 0245 321  
NSPCC helpline- 0808 800 5000  
Samaritans- 116 123

### - If you have safeguarding concerns about a child

Torbay MASH can be contacted on 01803 208100 or 0300 456 4876 out of hours.

**If you believe someone is in immediate danger, please call 999.**

You can also report concerns or access advice via the [NSPCC](#).

### - There is lots of additional support, signposting and information on the [Torbay Family Hubs website](#).



## Social media

Whilst I am sure lots of young people are out enjoying the summer, for many this will also mean more time is spent on social media.

Southwest Grid for Learning have created downloadable checklists to guide you through the profile settings for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and more, helping to control how your profile appears, what friends and other people can see and how to report problems. They are a brilliant resource to help you keep your child safe online.

[Find the guides here.](#)



## Torbay HAF provision

HAF Holiday Activities are free for children who receive Benefit Related Free School Meals. Each child can book up to 16 sessions this summer. There are also some paid activities for children who are not eligible.

[Book your activities here.](#)



## Staying safe over the summer- a message from local police

We are pleased to report a significant reduction in the large gatherings previously seen locally on Friday and Saturday evenings, particularly in areas such as the Teignmouth Seafront, as the warmer weather brings more young people outdoors.

While the large gatherings of over 100 young people on Friday and Saturday evenings have significantly reduced in frequency since last year, we have still observed them on a few recent occasions. These instances have been associated with drug and noticeable alcohol use, with a high proportion of those involved being under the age of 18.

We are very encouraged that, due to the strong partnership working and targeted interventions aimed at disrupting drug supply and reducing demand, we have had no reports of hospitalisations related to suspected illicit drug use this year. This highlights the positive impact of our collaborative efforts.

While we recognise that most young people enjoy our outdoor spaces responsibly, there will be an increased police presence in key areas throughout the summer months. Our proactive patrols will focus on addressing anti-social behaviour, including underage alcohol and drug consumption, vandalism, fighting, excessive noise, and other disruptive actions. Any alcohol and drugs found will be seized by police, with positive action taken to assist individuals through follow-up visits to parents.

We ask for your continued support in the following ways:

- Open Communication: We urge you to have open and honest conversations with your child about responsible behaviour in public spaces. Discuss the potential consequences of anti-social behaviour, including the risks associated with drug and alcohol use and the impact on themselves and the community.
- Setting Clear Expectations: Please reinforce clear guidelines and expectations for your child's behaviour when they are out in the community. Emphasise the importance of respect, kindness, and empathy towards others and their surroundings.
- Awareness of Location and Activities: Please be aware of your child's whereabouts, particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings. Understand who they are with and what activities they are involved in.
- Seeking Assistance: If you have any concerns about your child's involvement in these gatherings or their behaviour, please do not hesitate to seek help.
- Understanding Consequences: Please be aware that any young person identified as being responsible for anti-social behaviour will be subject to our Anti-Social Behaviour escalation process. This may include warning letters and acceptable behaviour contracts, implemented in collaboration with schools and the police. Criminal offences will be dealt with directly by the Police.
- Support Responsible Travel: We strongly advise against dropping your children off in Teignmouth or supporting their use of public transport to get there on Friday and Saturday evenings, as this can contribute to the large unsupervised gatherings.
- We also want to highlight that intoxication can significantly impair young people's judgment and awareness, unfortunately making them more vulnerable to individuals who may seek to take advantage of them.

## Finally....

Thank you for all your support and engagement this year.  
Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer-

Miss Chitty and the safeguarding team. 😊