Leaders and Managers Briefing

Event title: Online Termly Briefing

Audience: Childminders, PVI settings, Schools

Agenda: Updates and information (local and from the wider Early Years sector)





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Release dates

Summer 2025 - 14th May 2025

- Leaders and Managers Briefing: Click here to view recording
- Presentation slides: L&M Briefing Summer 2025 (PDF)

Target Audience: Childminders, School EYFS Leads, Leaders, Managers, Owners, Registered providers in PVI settings Overview: Updates and information: locally and from the wider Early Years sector

Cost: FREE

Useful information: Leaders and managers

Please provide feedback on the Leaders and Managers Briefing to help shape future briefings: Click here to

complete

Previous L&M Recordings

Spring 2025

- · Leaders and Managers Briefing: Click here to view recording
- Presentation slides: L&M Briefing - Spring 2025 (PDF)

Autumn 2024

- · Leaders and Managers Briefing: Click here to view recording
- Presentation slides: L&M Briefing-Autumn 2024 (PDF)

Clickable links to resources and information are available on the PDF presentation slides.

Document images are hyperlinked to the webpage

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Agenda

Local and national updates

- Department for Education
 - Working with babies and toddlers
 - Nutrition guidance
- Ofsted inspection consultation inclusion
- Play Matters

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- Recruitment flowchart
- Apprenticeships Solihull college

Safeguarding updates

- Bright Beginnings Birmingham/ Solihull Women's Aid
- Family helpline
- Online Safety
- Safeguarding scenario whistleblowing

Training

- SSCP
- EY Team
- SEND

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Local and national updates





Research and analysis

Getting it right from the start: how early years practitioners work with babies and toddlers

Published 30 April 2025

Applies to England



- •The role of a key person is essential for young children.
- •High-quality adult-child interactions are crucial from birth.
- •More support is needed to help practitioners foster physical development in babies and toddlers.
- •Practitioners holding qualifications at or above level 4 are more likely to demonstrate a higher level of knowledge and understanding about high-quality education and care from birth than those who hold a lower qualification
- •Misconceptions and staffing challenges can hinder quality care.

Getting it right from the start: how early years practitioners work with babies and toddlers - GOV.UK

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Babies - Further resources and information

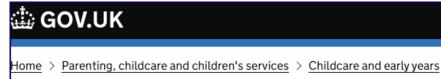
- Click here to hear from Active Angels Day Nursery and their approach to helping children settle in to nursery.
- Responding to Babies' Cries A Guide for Early Years Educators – Foundation Years
- The Importance of Positive Interactions on Baby Brain Development – Foundation Years
- Listening as a way of life: Listening to babies



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Guidance

Early Years Foundation Stage nutrition

Helping early years providers offer healthy, balanced and nutritious food.

Early Years Foundation Stage nutrition guidance

Guidance for group and school-based providers and childminders in England

April 2025

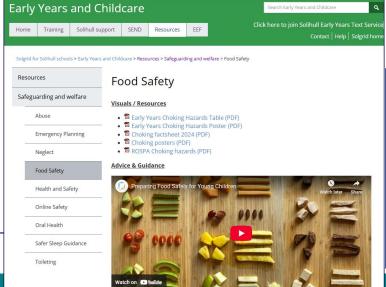
Free online event



Get your tickets here

Thursday 22nd May 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

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Ofsted inspection consultation and the early years inspection toolkit



Ofsted webinar for early years providers: improving the way Ofsted inspects education

Our working definition of inclusion

Inclusive providers are at the heart of their communities. They have high expectations and aspirations for every child and learner. They are particularly alert to the needs of those who need the most support to achieve well, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Inclusion

Inclusion				
Breaches in EYFS requirements		Meeting EYFS requirements		
Causing concern	Attention needed	Secure	Strong	Exemplary
Leaders' actions to foster inclusion and belonging are likely to be causing concern if one or more of the	Inclusive practices (across all toolkits)			Where the setting is
	Aspects of the setting's inclusive practices need attention.	Across the setting's work, inclusive practices are secure so that all children feel safe, welcome and supported.	Across the setting's work, inclusive practices are strong.	secure in all evaluation areas, and strong across all the themes in inclusion, inspectors may consider a feature
following applies:	Identifying and meeting needs to remove barriers to learning			of leaders' work to be exemplary.
Across the setting's work, inclusive practices do not enable children who are disadvantaged and/or those with SEND to receive an acceptable quality of education and/or care. Leaders fail to identify children who are	Leaders' support for children is imprecise or not sustained. As a result, its impact on children's learning and/or care is inconsistent. Providers and/or leaders have not paid sufficient attention to making sure that the setting's practices are inclusive. Some children are not	Leaders quickly and accurately identify children who have additional needs or face barriers to their learning and/or well-being. Leaders make sure that these children receive effective support, drawing on external agencies and specialists, where necessary. A suitable, graduated approach meets children's needs effectively.	Leaders have established a culture in which all staff are highly vigilant in identifying pupils who may need additional support. Staff are relentless in their approach to breaking down the barriers that individual children face. They tackle these confidently and precisely, reviewing any	All considerations of exemplary practice will be moderated and confirmed by the national quality and consistency panel. This will include whether th practice is: • embedded and sustained over time
hose with SEND. They all to support and neet children's needs. eaders do not make Reasona	sufficiently included in the life of the setting and/or families do not feel valued within its community. Reasonable adjustments have	The progress check at age two and practitioners' knowledge of children's progress across the curriculum support the accurate and timely identification of children's special educational needs.	adaptations systematically and adjusting them as needed to optimise children's learning and care.	making a tangible difference to children's learning, development and well-being being used and/or adapted internally to support and improve other areas of the setting's work
sufficient adaptations to the experiences and/or opportunities they offer to all children to ensure that they are accessible and	not been fully considered to support children's access to the same opportunities as those of their peers. As a result, barriers to their learning remain. These			

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Play Matters | Early Years Reviews

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Safeguarding updates

- Bright beginnings
- Reminders
- Online safety
- Sexual Abuse





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Bright Beginnings

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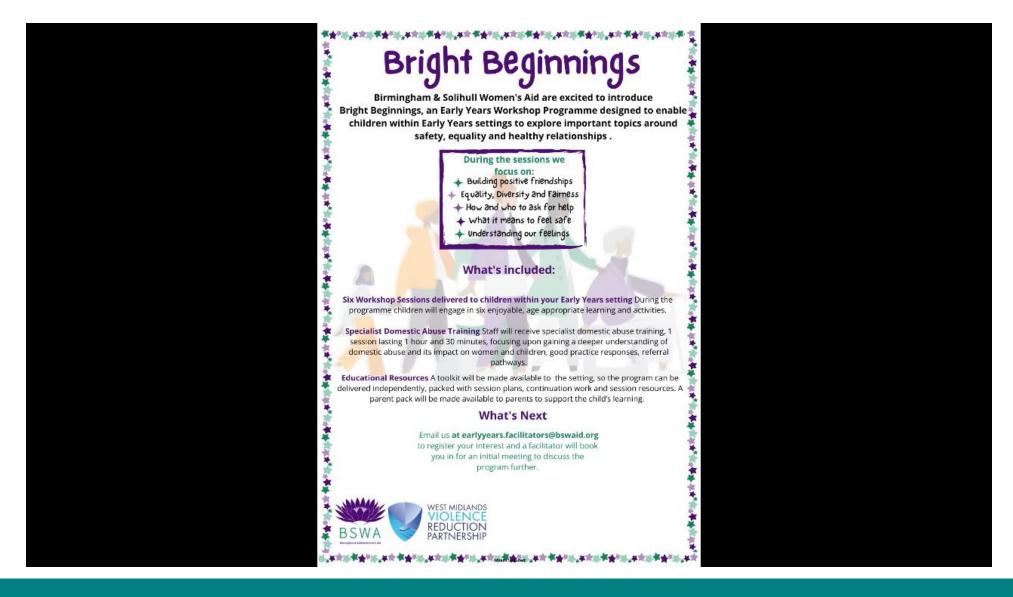
earlyyears.facilitators@bswaid.org

Bright Beginnings Bright Beginnings, an Early Years Workshop programme designed to enable children within Early Years worksnop Programme designed to enable children within Early Years settings to explore important topics around What's included:

Bright Beginnings Programme BSWAID - news

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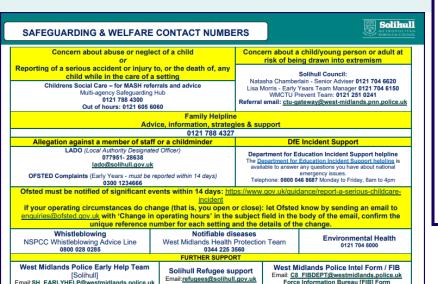




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Reminders



olihull Early years Team March 2025



Previous Recorded Presentations

Spring 2025 DSL brief -

Safeguarding Reforms Click here to view recording

Supporting resources:

PDF Slides with clickable links

to resources (PDF)

New permanent LADO, Kenny **Edgar starts on Monday 2nd June** 2025

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EYFS safeguarding reforms - Vodcast

Early Years & Education Safeguarding Subgroup feedback Form

Search Early Years and Childcare

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New posters promoting button battery safety -**GOV.UK** [link]

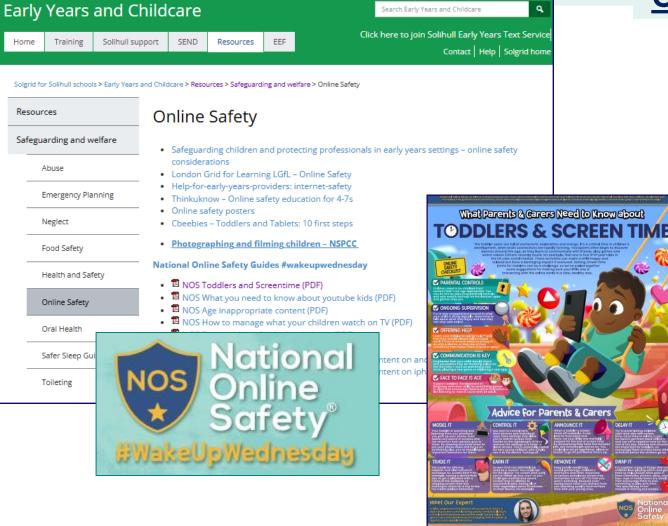
New posters promoting button battery safety provide 5 top tips to keep children safe. Ensure that you and your community are aware of the risks to young children. button-batteries-poster-2025-print (PDF)

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Online safety in early years



Online Safety in the Early Years | LGFL





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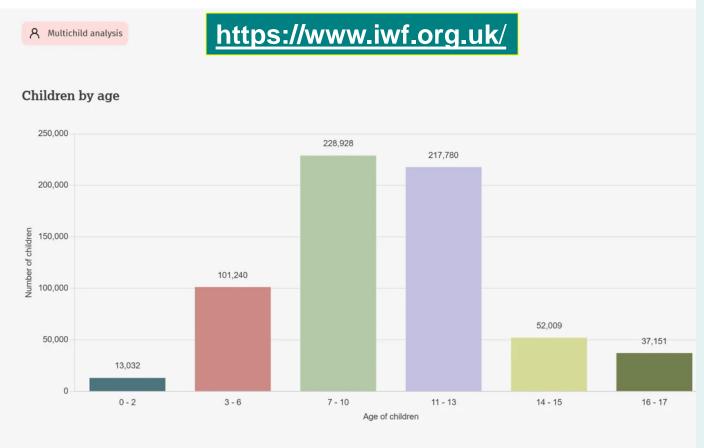
. . . Online Safety Act: What's Changing in 2025? **NOW: Illegal Content** From July: Porn From July: New Still to Come Measures **Duties In Force Child Safety Duties** Later in the year, Ofcom will Any app, site or game 'likely to be Since March 25, search and user-to-user From July, there must be 'highly announce which providers will be accessed by children' must (U2U) services must assess, manage, effective age-checks' to prevent Category 1, 2A or 2B services. implement a range of new and mitigate the risk of illegal content children from accessing porn. moderation and safety measures. and take down such content. These will require further This includes porn sites and If content is not suitable, 'robust protections, which will be clarified 'user-added content eg on social age checks' are needed to by the end of the year. media. prevent access. LGfL SafeguardED

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Sexual Abuse - CSAM (child sexual abuse material).



Please note that severity, age, and sex are recorded for all single images; videos and collages comprising multiple images have been excluded from the above chart.

What can we do about it?

- What training [SSCP & Events | CSA Centre] and information do you need to share with staff to continually develop their knowledge and understanding of risk to children
- How can you keep parents up to date with the risks?
- How may you need to adapt your curriculum to support children's understanding of using devices and to never get undress near a device?

Useful resources:

- LGfL's <u>Undressed song and animation</u> is a good way to teach children never to get undressed near a device (and its camera)
- NSPCC resources Pantosauras.

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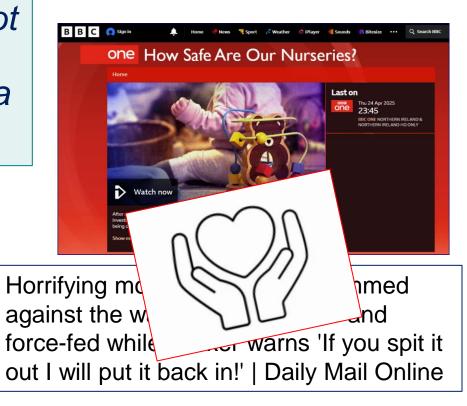


Safeguarding Scenario: Whistleblowing

A nursery practitioner witnesses a colleague consistently ignoring children's needs, such as not changing nappies regularly, leaving children in soiled clothes for long periods, or failing to feed a child on time.

Questions to consider

- 1. What would you do immediately?
- 2. Would you record any of this, and if so where?
- 3. What actions would you take in the longer term?
- 4. If you felt that you needed to take further advice who would you speak to?



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Advice/what to do

- Follow your whistleblowing policy and procedure.
- Record the concerns,.
- Report to the DSL or manager immediately regarding these concerns.
- If your concern is not taken seriously you can report to the <u>NSPCC</u> whistleblowing line or <u>Ofsted</u>.

As a manager you should:

- Take these concerns seriously;
- Log the conversation and concerns;
- Investigate these concerns within the setting, following the whistle blowing policy and procedures, This may also include following your disciplinary policy and procedures.
- What actions do you take across the year to ensure staff are reminded of their responsibilities when caring for children?



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Whistleblowing for employees

Whistleblowing for employees: What is a whistleblower - GOV.UK

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Business Support

- A guide to the childcare works hub
- Recruitment support
- Simpler recycling and climate action



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A quick reference guide to the Childcare works HUB

The Childcare works website is split into two separate resources The LAB, for local authorities and The HUB, for providers and schools. The HUB is a reliable source it prov trustworthy and evidence-based expertly curated content. With the HUB, search to find relevant information. The HUB is a one-stop shop for all curelating to the new childcare entitlements and wraparound care program

Next click on the go to resources button, the button looks like this below.

Go to resources

This then takes you to a choice click on either Early Years or Wraparou

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Are you a Solihull settings looking to recruit?



Contact me jenna.handley@solihull.gov.uk Business Adviser, to discuss your business needs. I can support you through the process and offer you business advice.

SMBC Employer Engagement Team can take care of the advertising and recruitment process, **free of charge**. I can pass on your details, including information regarding qualifications and experience of your ideal candidate. Or you can contact them directly, via email. **employerengagementteam@solihull.gov.uk**

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Business Management & Support

- Business Health Toolkit form (Word)
- Pinancial Planning (Word)
- 🔁 Catering options (PDF)
- What is Early Years Pupil Premium and how to best use it to support young children (PDF)
- Solihull-Local-Authority-Records-Retention-Guidance nov 22 (Word)
- HUB for Providers childcareworks.org.uk
 - A quick reference guide to the Childcare works HUB (Word)

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Solihull College have a collection of students ready to complete their Level 3 Apprenticeship. If you are interested in taking on an apprentice, or would like to find out more information, please contact Elaine Reeves at Solihull College.

Elaine.Reeves@solihull.ac.uk

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Simpler recycling



Guidance

🕮 GOV.UK

Simpler recycling: workplace recycling in England

Environment > Waste and recycling > Waste management

Workplace recycling in England changed on 31 March 2025. Guidance for all businesses, charities and public sector organisations on separating recyclable waste.



<u>Home</u> > <u>Environment</u> > <u>Climate change and energy</u> > <u>Climate change adaptation</u>

Guidance

Sustainability leadership and climate action plans in education

The Department for Education's (DfE) sustainability leadership and climate action plans initiative.

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Training

- Early Years Team
- Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership [SSCP]
- Heart Midlands Early Years Stronger Practice Hub



Training: Early Years Team

Leading and managing continual improvement Part 1&2

Please note this course is run in two parts.

Cohort 3

Part 1: Tuesday 17th June 2025 & Part 2: Wednesday 24th

September 2025

Time: 1:30-4:30pm **Cost:** FREE

Where: LG-12 Council House Meet at Orchard House

Reception

Booking Link: Booking form

Audience: Leaders and managers:

- New to role
- Less experienced
- Leading a change in approach

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Briefs

Summer 2025

Date: Thursday 19th June 2025 Time: 1:30pm - 3:00pm Cost: FREE

Agenda

- Parental Responsibility & Parent Consent Wendy Hillier
- Bright Beginnings Programme BSWAID
- What support is available for Families in Solihull? Ben Turner – Community Development Team
- Local and National Updates

No Booking required - Please join our DSL Briefs on the MS

Teams link below.

Safeguarding Awareness Training

Training Dates:

Summer 2025: Wednesday 25th June Time: 6:30-8:30pm Where: Civic Suite **Booking link: Booking form**

Cost: £28

Target Audience: All practitioners who are new to safeguarding or who require a short refresher session, including apprentices, room leaders, key person, kitchen staff, and cover staff.

SENCO Briefing

Summer 2025:

Working with parents

Date: Monday 19th May Cost: FREE

Time:1:30pm

Where: Microsoft 'Teams'

Audience: Setting SENCOs, Setting Managers.

Transition Event - North Solihull

Date: Monday 9th June 2025 Cost: FREE

Time:1:30pm

Where: Smith's Wood Primary Academy – Nursery. Burtons

Way, Smiths Wood B36 0SZ

Transition Events

Transition Event - West/East Solihull

Date: Thursday 12th June 2025 Cost: FREE

Time:1:15pm

Where: Monkspath Family Centre at Monkspath Primary School, Farmhouse Way, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands, B90

4EH.

Childminder Network Meeting

Summer 2025

Date: Thursday 3rd July 2025

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm (arrival from 6:15pm)

Booking Link: Booking form

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Training: Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership



Neglect Roadshows

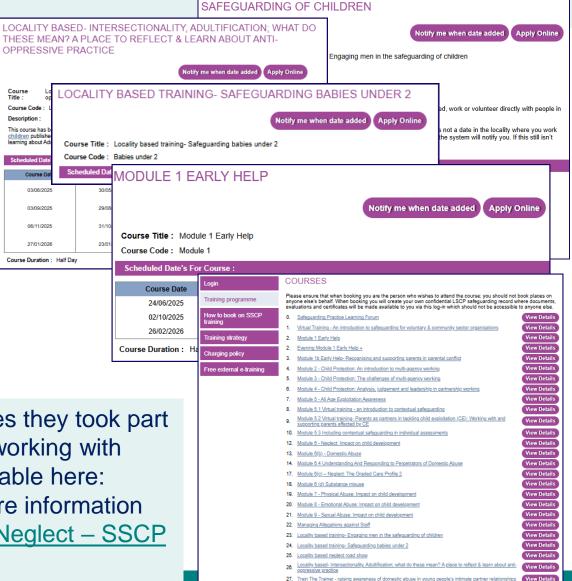


Young people have produced a resource with some of the activities they took part in, so they can be used by Teachers, Youth Workers, and others working with young people to help raise awareness of neglect. The film is available here:

Young Peoples Project - Neglect (Solihull) The resources and more information about neglect and the young people's project are available here: Neglect – SSCP Children and Young People's page.

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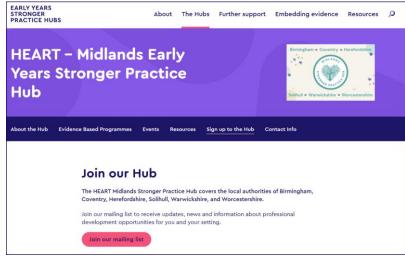
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LOCALITY BASED TRAINING- ENGAGING MEN IN THE











West Midlands Childminder Network - Supporting Self Regulation



Helping Early years practitioners to Apply Research into Teaching and learning



https://youtu.be/EJM3d0l0-4A?si=7FC_YE2MZWBo1-aO

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5 ways to wellbeing at work



Health in Mind | 5 ways to wellbeing

Research by the New Economics Foundation has found there are five ways to look after your mental wellbeing. Following these simple steps at work is just as important as at home:



Feeling valued and having meaningful relationships with those around us, such as our colleagues, has been shown to be related to feelings of wellbeing.

- · Speak to your colleagues, rather than emailing them
- · Ask how someone's weekend was and really listen to their answer
- . Go for a coffee or have lunch with a colleague



Moving our bodies has been shown to look after both our physical and our mental health.

- · Go for a walk during your lunch break
- · Walk or cycle to work
- . If you can, take the stairs not the lift



Taking notice of our thoughts, emotions and surroundings is a great way to stay present and pay attention to our needs.

- . Bring a plant to work and watch it grow
- Take your headphones out and pay attention to what is going on around you



Learning new things while at work is a good way to boost our self confidence, which in turn improves our mental health and wellbeing.

- · Take part in training opportunities
- · Read a book or listen to a podcast on your lunch break
- · Organise a book club with colleagues



Research has found a link between doing good things and an increase in wellbeing.

- . Do a colleague a favour such as making them a cup of tea
- Become a Health in Mind Hero by giving your time through volunteering/ fundraising

www.health-in-mind.org.uk



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Next Leaders and Managers Briefing:

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