13th March 2019

Dear Colleagues,

Sandwell School Nursing Service

We are pleased to announce that Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust has been awarded the long-term contract to deliver the Sandwell School Nursing Service from 1 April 2019.

We recognise that our Primary and Secondary schools represent a huge opportunity to influence the future of health outcomes in Sandwell.

The core service model will have minimal changes in the short term with the existing town based and Vulnerable Children's Team clusters continuing, briefly consisting of;

- The community offer; including national and local campaigns
- The universal offer; health reviews, supporting transition from primary to secondary school, NCMP programme, healthy lifestyle information for secondary school including assemblies, thematic road shows, weekly drop-ins, PSHE support and input
- The universal plus service; holistic assessment and active interventions, long-term conditions, medical plans, supporting Sandwell Community School, Youth Offending Service, those Not in Education, employment or Training and the STEPS centre (Sandwell Transitions Education and Partnership Service)
- Universal partnership plus; annual LAC health reviews and safeguarding responsibilities

This is an exciting opportunity to further integrate School Nursing into our existing Sandwell community consultant, nursing, health visiting and therapy teams.

Potential future developments include utilising new digital platforms and the introduction of mid-year LAC health reviews. However, for any significant changes, relevant stakeholders will be involved in this process.

We aim to keep the transition as smooth as possible and maintain a high-quality service for schools. Therefore, schools should continue to contact their current cluster team, named contacts and generic email address.
From 1st April 2019 the generic email address will change to:

swbh.shnsandwell@nhs.net

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Yours sincerely,

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