

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**Communities Committee & Children & Learning Committee**

**Angus Council Communities Team Online Safety- Guide for Parents and Carers**

**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Angus Council Communities Team Online Safety Guide for Parents and Carers Leaflet was the result of an initial identified gap in information for parents and carers through the delivery of Speakeasy sessions by the Communities team staff.
- 1.2 Staff also raised online safety as an emerging priority with the rise in online activity during lockdown March 2020.
- 1.3 Literature research was undertaken to assess what was already available. It was discovered that although there were extensive materials on a variety of themes the information could be difficult to find. Therefore, it was decided to design a short 'one stop' sign post guide that would assist parents and carers to navigate and have a pathway to find appropriate online safety advice when they require.

**2. SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION - Online Safety- Guide for parents and Carers**

- 2.1 The information in this leaflet was produced by the Communities Team to help parents and carers access information when they are planning or need to support their child around online safety.
- 2.2 Along with a short introduction that recognises the importance the internet has on connectivity with family and friends it also highlights areas that may raise cause for concern
- 2.3 The guide is laid out under 5 key themes that enable parents and carers to identify concerns and direct them to websites and information provided by organisations that support the online safety of children and young people.

The themes are:

- Conversations, Agreements and Controls
- Children and Young People Online
- Get advice when you have a concern and reporting to CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command)
- Relationships, Sex and Growing up
- Reviews of Movies, TV, Apps and Games

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