

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	18th September 2025 7 pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
FROM	White Ribbon Working Group		
ITEM NUMBER TITLE	13 Growing Up Wired – parents’ event in Congleton Town Hall 30th September		
SITUATION	<p>A time of great concern for many parents is the transition to high school, when young people are exposed to situations, both in real life and on social media, that may be challenging. As the drama ‘Adolescence’ and the website ‘Everyone’s Invited’ has shown, and as our Cheshire crime data shows, problems of bullying, harassment, misogyny and sexual violence are real for young people.</p> <p>In response, the White Ribbon Working Group has asked a number of specialists to help Congleton parents navigate the complex world their children face, and provide tools and strategies to support their young people.</p>		
RESPONSE	<p>We are running an event on 30th September 2025 (6-8 pm) in the Bridestones Suite called:</p> <p>Growing Up Wired – supporting your child through adolescence in a complex world.</p> <p>This event brings together professionals, experts, and young people themselves to help parents better understand the digital and emotional challenges facing today's 10-16-year-olds, and how to support them.</p> <p>The evening will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation from Cheshire Police on online safety, providing practical advice on how to protect your child in the digital world. • Visyon, the young people’s mental health service, will host a workshop on supporting emotional wellbeing. • A White Ribbon Ambassador will share insights into the prevalence of gender-based abuse and crime, and how we can all encourage respectful attitudes and safe relationships. • Young people will share their own lived experiences — including how they’ve navigated issues such as online bullying, misogyny, incel culture, and peer pressure. <p>The event is free for parents and caregivers, and so far more than 50 have signed up.</p>		
Financial Implications	None		
Environmental Implications	None		

Equality and Diversity Impact	The event aims to support young people and build resilience in order to challenge and prevent bullying, harassment and sexual violence.
DECISION REQUESTED	For information only - note the report.