



# South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter  
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SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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## April Edition

This April edition of the newsletter is a combined newsletter for both the South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership and the Safeguarding Adults Board.

This newsletter, and back copies from the last few months are now available on the website. You can find them all [here](#) on the Children's Partnership site and [here](#) on the Safeguarding Adults Board website.

South Gloucestershire latest information about the support that is available during the Covid period is published online [here](#)

### Multi Agency Safeguarding Training

Both the Safeguarding Adults Board and the Children's Partnership commission a programme of multi agency training open to all who work with adults and children in South Gloucestershire. These helpful guides have been produced by Joanne Worthington - to see at a glance what is available and how to book.

**Top Tip:** Keep the links, because the content will be updated but the links will remain the same

[Safeguarding Children Training](#)

[Safeguarding Adults Training](#)



### FGM Training

Multi Agency Training is available to equip practitioners from all agencies with an understanding of their roles and responsibilities regarding Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and safeguarding.

- To gain awareness of FGM guidelines and how to access them.
- To consider how FGM relates to the safeguarding agenda.
- To understand the background, signs, symptoms and health implications of FGM.
- To know how to make a referral when FGM is identified as a possible or definite concern

To book a place [Click Here](#)

## Clare's Law

Have you thought about talking to families about this?

Clare's Law is the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme. It's named after Clare Wood, who was murdered in 2009 by her ex-boyfriend who had a history of violence against women. The scheme allows a member of the public to ask the police with a simple call to 101 about the information held on a person in relation to domestic abuse offences and convictions. Disclosures can be made to help safeguard adults and/or children.

Avon & Somerset Police information about how an individual can request information is available [here](#)

## JTAI – What is happening now?

**What does JTAI stand for?** Joint Targeted Area Inspection – this is a joint inspection of multi agency arrangements based on a theme – the current theme for inspections is Child [Exploitation](#). Follow the link for full details.

**What are we doing to prepare?** We have multi agency operational and a strategic groups who meet regularly to prepare for any future JTAI inspection.

In January 2021 we held a dry run checking that we are able to gather the information needed from all agencies within the timescales.

In March 2021 we held a dry run of the multi-agency audit of children's files on the theme of adolescent mental health. There will be a learning brief published soon with the findings from the audit. Details will be included in the next newsletter.

In the event of a JTAI inspection if the name of a child your organisation is working with is chosen for audit, you will need to be able to complete a template for the audit and attend the audit at very short notice.

**Do you have questions about JTAI and what this might need for you?** Send your questions to [Sarah Taylor](#) and we will publish some frequently asked questions in future newsletters.

## Concealed Pregnancy in Lockdowns

There have been a number of cases of concealed and denied/cryptic pregnancy across the BNSSG region over the last year.

This may partly be due to patients having fewer face to face consultations because of Covid-19 restrictions.

**Concealed pregnancy:** A woman is aware of her pregnancy but keeps it secret and hidden.

**Denied or cryptic pregnancy:** A woman is unaware or unable to accept that she is pregnant until the 3rd trimester.

In most cases of concealed pregnancy the woman will state that she was unaware that she was pregnant. Estimated frequency is about 1:2500 pregnancies. Both concealed and cryptic pregnancies are associated with poor outcomes for the baby and mother. You can find more information about indicators and risks in the South West Child Protection Procedures [here](#)