



South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

COVID-19 Newsletter 6

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

1ST JUNE 2020

Sixth Edition

This sixth edition of the Covid-19 newsletter is a combined newsletter for both the South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership and the Safeguarding Adults Board

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

SGSAB joint Annual Conference with the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership is scheduled to take place on 6th October 2020, save the date!

Two metre distance poster for children is available free [here](#)

Women's Aid have released community resources for this covid period and these are available in 15 languages and British Sign Language. You can access the resources [here](#)

Getting help with Domestic Abuse is available at the following places



[South Gloucestershire](#)

[Next Link](#)

[Home Office Advice](#)



Child Safety Week
1st-7th June

This year's theme is 'Safety makes Sense' and includes a downloadable pack for parents to consider the hazards in their home and minimise risk. During the current situation this is especially important to highlight with families.

Resources are available:

[child home safety checklist](#),

Injury prevention [pages on the website](#)

[Child Accident Prevention Trusts pages](#).

Stop Adult Abuse Week: 15th – 19th June 2020



This year our focus is “Looking after your community” as we all work together to support our neighbours during the national pandemic and its aftermath. Resources to use during this week will be sent to you on 8th June. Please make use of these and promote them during the week.

Themes for the week are as follows:

Monday: What is Safeguarding Adults/How do I report a concern

Tuesday: Scams

Wednesday: Domestic Violence and Abuse

Thursday: Cuckooing

Friday: Self Neglect

Crimestoppers National child neglect campaign

It's estimated that 1 in 10 children have experienced neglect. That shocking figure is likely to increase during the global pandemic and lockdown as families who are already struggling are likely to face even more challenges in the current climate. Put simply, neglect often includes where children are not getting enough to eat or drink, are exposed to danger and violence and not protected, or where, for example, their clothes are disheveled or dirty. Parents or carers such as foster carers have a responsibility and legal duty to ensure the basics of child welfare are covered.

It's feared that during the lockdown, whilst children are not as visible, they could be exposed to home environments with domestic abuse, or where their parents or carers have increased drink or drug abuse problems, or unsupported mental health issues.

Mark Hallas, Chief Executive of the charity Crimestoppers, said:

“Imagine being a child or young person, being hungry, no food in the house, not knowing if you'll be fed that day. Imagine not knowing when your parent or carer will come home, if at all, or if they're high on drugs, drunk, abusive and angry. Abused children are at risk of being invisible during the pandemic lockdown. We know that people see and hear things that concern them about child welfare. Indeed, a shocking 1 in 10 children have experienced neglect. *Maybe you are worried about a child's welfare and fear they are suffering from neglect, but feel awkward about flagging it up to the authorities.* Abuse during childhood can leave long-lasting negative impacts into adult life and impair development and ability to achieve. Remember it's better to be safe than sorry. Help is out there. If you have concerns, you can always tell our charity whilst staying 100% anonymous.”

Watch the short Crimestoppers animation [here](#)

Signposting

NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/neglect/>

Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/abuse-safety/neglect/>

Barnardo's: <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/>

The Children's Society: <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/>