



South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter
December Edition

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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This December edition of the newsletter is a combined newsletter for both the South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership and the Safeguarding Adults Board. Please share widely within your organisation.

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.

Spotlight on Training

Bitesize Child Exploitation Session – Jan 5th [Book here](#)

Bitesize Thresholds Workshop – Jan 20th [Book here](#)

Free Zero Suicide Alliance Training – starting in 10 minute sessions available [here](#)

CSPR – Learning Event: Cross Border Peer-on-Peer and CCE Review practitioner event – 26th January – [Book here](#)

Full programme of Safeguarding Adults Training is [here](#)

Full programme of Safeguarding Children Training is [here](#)



Stop Adult Abuse Week

Stop Adult Abuse Week took place in November.

It is now possible to watch back the recording of the week of webinars that were hosted during the week.

They are available here:

[Emotional Health & Wellbeing](#)

[Trauma Informed Practice](#)

[Gambling Awareness](#)

[Exploitation of Adults](#)

[Safer Cultures](#)

Please do give us your feedback about the week, and tell us how you used the resources [here](#)

Focus on Published Reviews and Learning



The Children's Partnership has published a CSRP about Knife Crime. This is a thematic review commissioned across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire and is available to read and download in the following ways:

[Cross Border Peer-on-Peer Abuse and Criminal Exploitation \(full report\)](#)

[Cross Border Peer-on-Peer Abuse and CCE Practitioner Learning Brief](#)

[Keeping Young People Safe from Harm – Easy Read Version](#)

There is a practitioner event you can attend in January to hear about the learning – it is free to attend and is taking place on 26th January at 1.30pm. Book a place [here](#)

The Safeguarding Adults Board has published learning from a Discretionary SAR called 'Holly' – this is about a lady who died by suicide last year in South Gloucestershire and there is a learning brief for professionals available to share within your organisation. You can read the learning about Holly [here](#)

Learning from Multi-Agency Audits

The Safeguarding Adults Board's Quality Assurance Sub group meets every quarter to undertake a multi-agency audit. The most recent audit was about Adult Exploitation. The learning is available [here](#)

The Children's Partnership also has a Quality Assurance Sub group and that meet quarterly to undertake multi-agency audits. The most recent audit was about the Voice of the Child and the learning is available [here](#)

Annual Reports

Both the Safeguarding Adults Board and the Children's Partnership have now published Annual Reports for 2020-2021

Read the Children's Partnership Annual Report [here](#)

Read the Safeguarding Adult's Board Annual Report [here](#)



Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)



Did you know about the support available for families in the Christmas period? There is a Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) offer for the Christmas holidays. Parents and carers will need to apply directly to providers. Everything you need is in the following link: [Supporting families in school holidays | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

Eligibility criteria: this is for children and young people that are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, however there is a

little flexibility to provide places for children and young people assessed as being in need, looked-after children, children with an education, health and care plan (EHC), children assessed as otherwise vulnerable, or children living in areas of high deprivation. If you know of any families who may benefit from this provision over the holidays, please refer them to the website. Any direct queries from parents can go to the dedicated HAF mailbox:

HAF@southglos.gov.uk

Signs and Indicators of Sexual Abuse Template



Research suggests that just **one in three** children who had been sexually abused by an adult told anyone about it at the time. For those abused by another child it is even less, with **five out of six** not speaking to anyone. We know that there are many (understandable) barriers to children sharing their experiences of sexual abuse, with many not speaking about it until they are adults.

The Centre of Expertise on CSA has published a brand new tool, it is available [here](#)

On this link you will also find a short film for further information.

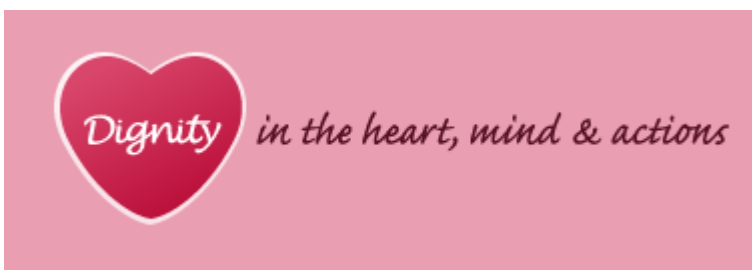
Child Marriage – Change in the Law

On Friday 19th November, MP's voted to ban child marriage in England and Wales at the second reading of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill, a private member's Bill introduced by Pauline Latham MP. The Bill has won government support and once in force, will be a historic change to outdated law that has been in place since before the second world war.

The new law will mean that the minimum age that a marriage can be registered will be 18-years-old, with no exceptions and that child marriage (including both civil and religious child marriages) involving under 18-year-olds, will be illegal in England and Wales. The law will have extra-territorial effect, making it illegal to take a child who is domiciled in England and Wales out of the country to be married, or for a child who lives outside of England and Wales to be married by someone who lives here.



Dignity in Care – 2022 Activity Calendar



As we come towards the end of 2021, thought turn to opportunities in the new year. This activity calendar contains a different location each month with activity ideas and many different dates for you to celebrate - Who knew it is World Penguin Day on 25th April! You can download the calendar [here](#)



See you in 2022