



# South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter 10

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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## Tenth Edition

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

This newsletter replaced the fortnightly board manager bulletin when lockdown began, and we have decided to retain this format of newsletter going forward although the focus on Covid-19 will become less as we begin to move forward towards the new normal.

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

**SGSAB joint Annual Conference** with the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership is moving online...you can now book a place at any or all of the events – more information [here](#)

### Working with Fathers Webinar

Supporting family stress and inter-parental conflict - Community of Practice online event

29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 9:45 – 11:45am

[Register Here](#)



### Annual Report Publication

The first Annual Report for the Children's Partnership has been published on the Children's Partnership website.

This annual report covers the year April 2019-March 2020

Please share this report widely within your organisation

You can read the annual report [here](#)

## Multi Agency Learning & Development Opportunities

The full range of multi-agency training programmes run on behalf of both the South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and the South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership are now available again.

The courses are being delivered remotely in most cases, e.g. via Zoom Pro or Microsoft Teams.

Please let colleagues and staff members in your agencies know, and encourage them to book places as usual via the council's [Learning and Development website](#). In particular, there are upcoming courses available as follows:

### Safeguarding Adults:

[Recognising and Responding to Organisational Abuse & Neglect](#): is now run remotely in two parts - 3-hour sessions a week apart: September 7th and 16th; January 13th and 20th

[Effective Multi-agency Working in Adult Safeguarding](#): also being run remotely in two 3-hour sessions: September 14th and 21st ; November 10th and 17th ; February 3rd and 10th

[Undertaking Safeguarding \(Adults\) Enquiries](#): now a 2.5-hour webinar, next running on: November 27th, January 21st

[Hoarding and Self-Neglect](#): another 1-day course converted to two 3-hour remote sessions: October 14th and 15th ; February 3rd and 4th

[Domestic Abuse and Coercive Control](#) (a SAB course): a half-day webinar in Zoom, running on: October 13th ; December 7th ; January 8th

The full range of half-day Mental Capacity Act courses are available again too, i.e.: on MCA Essentials, Complex Best Interest Decisions, Deprivation and Detainment, and Planning Ahead.

### Safeguarding Children:

The three "core" courses are all running frequently now via Zoom, and there are places available at the moment: [Inter-agency Child Protection](#), [Advanced Inter-agency Child Protection](#), [Child Protection Update](#).

The 3-modules of Domestic Abuse training commissioned by the SGSCP are up and running again with additional dates scheduled now to meet demand, running frequently between September and March.

These modules are: [Understanding and Responding to Domestic Abuse and Coercive Control](#); [Working With Those Who Are, Or May Be Experiencing Domestic Abuse](#); and [Understanding and Responding to Perpetrators](#)

The range of courses focused on Child Exploitation are available for booking too. There are 3-modules being delivered as webinars:

[Raising awareness of Child Exploitation - A Contextual Safeguarding Approach](#); [Working with Parents through Child Exploitation](#); [Working with victims of Child Exploitation - Skills and Practice](#).

[FGM Awareness](#): a 3-hour webinar in MS Teams, running on September 11th and January 20th

Also, we have spaces on the inter-agency Signs of Safety courses on offer: the 3-hour [SoS Awareness](#) (an MS Teams course), and the [SoS In Practice](#) course (being run "in-person" on a strictly socially-distanced basis): on September 24th ; November 19th.

## Joint Bristol and South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Conference



For the past few years we have held a joint conference at BAWA in June during Stop Adult Abuse Week. This year we postponed until October because of the pandemic, and have now finalised our plans for the 2020 conference. Rather than hold a large one day event we are holding a virtual conference week in the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> October. The theme is **'Working with Families'** and each day there will be keynote addresses or workshops on this theme that you can attend using zoom, at no cost. These include keynotes from Michael Preston Shoot and Sue Mountstevens. In the next few weeks a flyer will be circulated with all the information you need to book a place on one or all of the events. You can attend as many as you wish. Book [here](#)

## Supporting Children to return to school

Local schools are advising parents of the steps in place when children return to their classrooms to minimise the risk to young people and their teachers. Individual schools have been supported to update their risk assessments and implement measures in line with national guidance:

- Grouping children – either by class or year
- Arranging classrooms to keep a safe distance between pupils and members of staff
- Regular hand washing and other good hygiene steps
- Children and staff with Covid-19 symptoms required to stay at home and get tested
- Guidance on how children should move around the school and outdoor spaces
- Staggered arrival and pick-up time

Additionally, there is a thorough local outbreak management plan in place for South Gloucestershire, advising what would happen in the event of cases within a school.

A [dedicated webpage](#) has further information, including an FAQ.