



South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter 15

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

13TH NOVEMBER 2020

Fifteenth Edition

This Fifteenth 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](#)

Practitioner Event: Learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews

Thursday 10th December 9.30am – 11am. An opportunity to explore the learning from local SARs and Learning Reviews for practitioners working with adults in South Gloucestershire. You can book a place at no charge [here](#)

Practitioner Event: Learning from Serious Case Reviews

Wednesday 20th January 2021 9.30am-11am. An opportunity to explore the learning from local SCRs for practitioners working with children in South Gloucestershire. You can book a place at no charge [here](#)



Resolution of Professional Differences (Escalation Policy)

The Children's Partnership have updated the policy for resolution of professional differences and it was published this week. You can find it [here](#)

The Safeguarding Adults Board also has a similar policy for those working with adults. You can find this [here](#)

It is a regular theme in our auditing and review processes, that practitioners had concerns about a decision in another organisation but did not escalate this. Please read and share these within your organisation.

Children's Partnership One Year On – Have your say



It is now just over a year since South Gloucestershire launched the Children's Partnership. We always want to hear your views about our partnership arrangements, but at this time we are holding a virtual drop in day, so that you can give feedback. You only need to call in for a few minutes to talk to us. What do you like about the partnership? What worries you? What do you think should happen differently? Please tell us! You may be a member of a work stream, part of the Stakeholder Network or a practitioner working in South Gloucestershire.

Thursday 26th November 2020 from 9am until 5pm – you can join us using this link at any point during the day. Just drop in and have your say. [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

If you wish to give feedback but don't have any availability during the day then please email us [here](#)

Safe Places Scheme

Safe Places is a scheme to help people with communication difficulties feel safe when they are out and about. When someone joins Safe Places they are given a card and key fob which has a dedicated telephone number and a unique reference number on.

The card will hold details of a trusted contact such as a parent or carer and information about the best way to communicate with the cardholder. For example, by speaking slowly or using sign language.

They can also visit a Safe Places building for help. A Safe Place is a location where cardholders can find help and reassurance. Safe Place buildings can be identified by the Safe Places window sticker. All police stations with enquiry offices are Safe Places. Designated Safe Places in South Gloucestershire include the council office at Badminton road, One Stop Shops and libraries.

The Scheme is open to anyone who has communication difficulties, such as dementia or a learning disability and frequents or resides in the Avon and Somerset force area. The Safe Places scheme has no age limit.

To sign up for the Safe Places scheme and for more information visit the [Avon and Somerset police website](#).



Our Frontline

Support for education, health and social care staff – this organisation offers round-the-clock one-to-one wellbeing and mental health support, by call or text for health and social care workers, emergency services, essential workers and educators. See details [here](#).

**Our
Frontline.**

Essential Digital Skills Qualification

There are spaces available for a new Essential Digital Skills qualification course in Yate, which is aimed at adults over 19 who have low skills/qualifications. Please advertise the flyer via your social media channels/newsletters etc? Or maybe you work with someone who would benefit from this opportunity. This is a great opportunity for people to increase their confidence and skills in an area which is becoming increasingly important in order to stay in touch and take advantage of cost savings

Find out more

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***FREE Level 1 Qualification
Essential Digital Skills –
for work and life**

Digital skills are a key employability tool needed for work today. If you want to boost your confidence with computers for this reason – or just want to explore online tools for keeping in touch with loved ones and/or online offers and opportunities, this is the qualification for you. Available up to Level 1, this course will cover:

- Email / chat communication
- Purchasing online, including tools to find the best deals
- Using different devices and handling information
- Basic word-processing and Excel skills
- Being safe and responsible online
- Introduction to Google Classroom online learning platform

Where:	Yate Library, Tuesdays from 6 – 8pm
How long:	15 weeks
Starts:	Tues 17 th Nov 2020

For further details and to book your place, please contact Sam Jones, Community Learning Development Worker on 07769 233842 or email samantha.jones1@southglos.gov.uk
You will need to be 19 or over, have no qualifications, or experience other than GCSEs.

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Are you listening?



Leicestershire police have created a short film with their partners about knowing the signs of child criminal exploitation. It is a powerful and impactful tool. Please take time to watch and make use of the film however you can in helping us all tackle this complex topic affecting many of our most vulnerable.

You can watch the three minute film [here](#)

Children won't often just tell you if they are in trouble but there are often some obvious signs that could indicate they might need help. The most obvious sign is a change in a child or young person's behaviour from what is considered 'normal' for them.

Other signs include:

- Withdrawal from usual group of friends and a mention of older or new friends
- Having gifts, a new phone or money that can't be accounted for
- Becoming withdrawn or secretive
- Receiving a large number of calls or messages to their phone or being worried about being away from their phone
- A drop in grades or performance, as well as suspension or exclusion from school
- Going missing from home or not showing up to school or regular afterschool groups or clubs
- Become involved in low level criminality such as antisocial behaviour