



# South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

## Safeguarding Newsletter 17

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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## Seventeenth Edition

This Seventeenth 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 Serious Case Reviews

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](#)



### South West Child Protection Procedures

When was the last time you visited this site? Maybe you see the initials SWCPP and are not sure what they stand for?

In the past practitioners have commented that this site is hard to navigate, but did you know it has had an update and now looks completely different?

Take a look at the new site [here](#)

Or go straight to the South Gloucestershire part [here](#)

You can register for updates [here](#)

## Kinergy



Kinergy is a specialist counselling agency offering support for survivors of sexual abuse & sexual violence for those aged 16+

You can visit the website [here](#)

Follow Kinergy on social media [here](#)

Or become a #kinergyhero [here](#)



### Domestic abuse is on the rise throughout the pandemic – Training Opportunity

Do staff in your team feel confident to support families, older adults and those with disabilities experiencing this?

Can staff spot the signs?

Do staff know when and how to refer to Safeguarding in relation to Domestic Abuse?

Staff can sign up for an account and book on our upcoming half day session 8th January [here](#).

### Are you working with Parents who are worried about their child being exploited?

Missing People are offering a facilitated social group online for parents/carers/guardians of children affected by exploitation. The link provided takes parents to a booking page for the online support sessions and link in with others going through what they are. It's a chance for them to talk about and share experiences. The sessions are free and take place monthly. Access [here](#)



## New Safeguarding Adults Board Learning Brief



Yesterday the Safeguarding Adults Board published a learning brief about a Learning Review/Domestic Homicide Review called Family S. The review was completed this Autumn. You can read the learning brief [here](#), please share this within your organization.

## Brook Traffic Light Tool



Brook have withdrawn their Traffic Light Tool, and updated it. The new tool can only be accessed by professionals who have attended Brook training. If you have copies of the old traffic light tool which has been available for the past 12 years, please can you stop using it and remove from any policies or toolkits that it is referenced in with immediate effect.

## Learn about your local SENDIAS service and how we can work together

**Supportive Parents** provides the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) in South Gloucestershire, Bristol and North Somerset.

SENDIAS service provides information, advice and support (IAS) to children and young people with any type of special educational need and/or disability (SEND) and their parents and carers that is FREE, CONFIDENTIAL & IMPARTIAL

Our goals at **Supportive Parents** are to provide information, advice, support and training, work together, promote participation and enable decision-making.



### Who Can Use the SENDIAS Service?

- **Children and young people** with SEND can use our service independently to ensure their views are shared, they understand educational processes and can contribute in decisions about their future. Resources are available ([Videos](#) about SENDIAS services for CYP, Easy Read [factsheets and resources](#), [How to get in touch](#) with us.)
- **Parents and carers** with parental responsibility can use Supportive Parents' service to understand their rights and the rights of their children and young people with SEND, as well as to learn about processes and policies, and voice their views. They can also use our service to support them with practical guidance and support. More information on our [website](#) and our [range of resources](#) on a variety of topics
- **Professionals** are able to use the information, advice and support on offer to build their own knowledge and understanding as well as enabling parents and carers, and children and young people with SEND to access the SENDIAS service.
  - Our [trifold leaflet](#) gives information about who we are and what we do;
  - The [contact form](#) on our website;
  - Our information [resources](#) and [toolkits](#)
  - [Support Group](#) and events.

### Professionals Working with Service Users Who need Additional Support

We rely on professionals' expertise and experience regarding those they work with to ensure an effective IAS service delivery.

Where professionals tell us about potential users of our service, being clear about the type of support families, including parents and carers, foster parents or others need, will help us make adjustments where necessary, when offering IAS.

### What We Cover

Our service covers all aspects of special educational needs and disabilities, including social care and health concerns, appeals, complaints and exclusions where SEND may be identified or suspected.

Examples of the range of information we cover are:

- Statutory work, which may lead to an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and beyond.
- concerns from the earliest stages of getting help
- SEN Support in schools
- Ways of accessing services to support education
- Signposting to other services
- Disagreement resolution

### Additional useful Information

We have a **Volunteer Project Lead** who works to recruit and support volunteers in a variety of roles. We encourage anyone to apply to volunteer with the Supportive Parents team if they are interested in working within a SENDIAS service or have knowledge and skills that they would like share.

We have also recently recruited a **CYP Practitioner** to increase the profile of Supportive Parents among children and young people (CYP) with SEND. We are keen to increase the amount of children and young people making contact with us directly for information, advice, support and advocacy.

Please get in touch if you would like to find out more [here](#).

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