



# South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter  
August Edition

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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## August Edition

This August 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 MARAC Workshop – [Book Here](#)

Bitesize Child Exploitation Sessions – [Book Here](#)

Bitesize Thresholds Workshop – [Book Here](#)

Bitesize Self- Neglect Workshops – [Book Here](#)

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

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

Could you attend a course and help us to quality assure the learning? Get in touch with [Catherine Charlton](#) if you would like to be involved.



### Technology-Enabled Domestic Abuse, Stalking & Harassment

This 90-minute workshop addresses the issue of technology enabled abuse, stalking and harassment. The session will cover:

- Legislation
- Being tracked
- Unauthorised access to devices and accounts
- Security of internet connected devices
- Wi-Fi and landline security
- Staying cyber aware

Open to all – whether you work with adults or children. Use the links to book a place.

[Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 12 noon](#)  
[Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 11am](#)



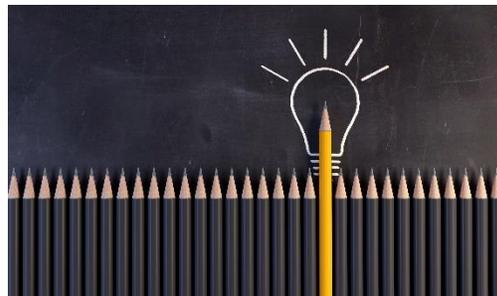
**Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)** The presentation of the Annual Report 2022-23 is taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> September 12noon -1pm. Open to professionals from all agencies and taking place online. [Request a place here](#)

## South Gloucestershire Local Learning

### Multi Agency Audit – Self Neglect

Do you work with adults? We know that self-neglect is identified as an area for learning in both Local and National Safeguarding Adults Reviews.

The Quality Assurance sub group looked at six cases where self-neglect was identified.



← Click the icon to read the single page summary.

Make sure you and your staff know where to find the multi agency self neglect guidance – [click here](#)

Worried about hoarding? Use [this clutter rating tool](#) from Avon Fire & Rescue

### Multi Agency Audit – Ethnicity and Child Protection

The Quality Assurance sub group for the children’s partnership looked at 10 children aged between 5 months and 16 years.



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## New Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) Published



‘Baby M’ is a CSPR undertaken jointly with Bath & North East Somerset. Baby M is a three month-old baby who experienced serious and significant injuries, thought likely to be to be non-accidental.

[Read the review here](#) There is also a single page learning brief [available here](#)

The Children’s Partnership are hosting an online multi agency learning event on 14<sup>th</sup> September that will look at learning from Baby M and another local CSPR Family A. [Book a place](#) and tell your team!

[Find the flyer for the event here](#)



### \*BRAND New\* Resource from the Best Start in Life Workstream

The Knowledge and Skills Toolkit has been published this week. This tool has been developed to give you information and links to tools to support practice, including training all in one place! [Access the toolkit here](#)

## Stop Adult Abuse Week

November seems a very long time away, but wanted to give you a Save the Date for Stop Adult Abuse Week!

*When is it?* Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November

*What is the Theme?* Safeguarding Yourself and Others

*What will be Happening?* We will have a series of lunchtime workshops (12 noon- 1pm) – all of them are free to attend for professionals working with adults in South Glos, North Somerset, Somerset, Bath and North East Somerset and Bristol.

**Monday - What's My Role in Safeguarding Adults?**

**Tuesday - Taking The Lead on Safeguarding in Your Organisation**

**Wednesday - Who Cares For the Carers? Vicarious and Secondary Trauma**

**Thursday - Adopting a Trauma-Informed Approach to Safeguarding Adults**

**Friday - Listen, Learn, Lead: Listening to the Voice of Adults**

They are all open for booking now – [so click here to get yourself a place](#)



## Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Summer Activities Support



School may be out for the summer but nurseries, children's centres, holiday clubs and learning providers will be staging activities – and providing supervision – for hundreds of thousands of children across the country.

DBS wants to help organisers of extra-curricular activities stay clued-up on necessary steps they should take to ensure the highest levels of safety for school-age children under their supervision. Here are some vital safeguarding considerations:

### 1. Have DBS checks been carried out for your employees and volunteers?

- You can find out which DBS check is the right one for your employee via our checker tool [here](#)
- Volunteers operating in roles involving contact with children will be eligible for a **free** DBS check. Detailed DBS guidance on the application process for volunteers can be found [here](#)

### 2. Are you aware of the 'legal duty to refer' where an individual may have harmed or put a child or vulnerable adult at risk of harm?

- Information around how to make a Barring referral can be found [here](#)

**3. If you are unsure whether you are following best practice safeguarding processes, check out support and guidance provided by DBS**

- [DBS Regional Outreach Service](#) advisers work closely with organisations and networks within their designated regions. They offer free workshops, training and resources, to help support and inform organisations on how to safeguard children and other vulnerable groups.
- Follow us on Twitter: [@dbsgov](#) and LinkedIn: [Disclosure and Barring Service](#)

*Local Support for groups in South Gloucestershire* → Did you know you can access free safeguarding training for volunteers? Commissioned by the children's partnership for community groups. More information and booking is available [here](#)

**\*BRAND NEW\* Request for Help Form**

This brand new referral form was designed and agreed by partners as part of the ART Partnership Forum.

It was launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, you will no longer be able to use the old form after 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Please share widely with your colleagues- the key areas which this form hopes to improve is getting **consent** right, the **child's voice** and identifying the **need not the service**.



*Not seen the new Form?* Click the picture →



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