



# South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter  
August Edition

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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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](#)

Safeguarding Children who do not live at home – [Book Here](#)  
(private fostering)

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

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

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



### Stop Adult Abuse Week

The South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board will be joining with the other four SABs in the Avon & Somerset Area for Stop Adult Abuse Week this November.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

It might seem like a long way off but there will be five free lunchtime workshops through the week and bookings are open for these now – all free of charge!

Find the flyer [here](#) and to book a place...



## Summer Safety



### **DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY AT THE COAST**

Inflatables can quickly be pulled out to sea.  
Leave them for the pool.



When the weather is warm it's important to remember how to ensure children and young people remain safe in the sun. Anyone can be affected by sunburn but babies and children need extra protection as their skin is much more sensitive (children under 6 months of age should be kept out of direct strong sunlight) For more information visit [Sunscreen and sun safety - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Whether families are planning a trip abroad, in the UK or staying at home over the holidays, it is important that they are aware of the dangers that different bodies of water present and share this with their children. Understanding the risks that pool, beach and open water activities present is essential to keeping families safe, as well as being aware that over 50% of incidents involving water happen when no one expected to enter the water in the first place. Some key advice that parents and carers should be aware of:

- Inflatables can be fun but keep them for the pool. They can easily get swept out to sea by winds and currents
- Try to only swim from beaches with a lifeguard & check the meanings of the safety flags before entering the water
- Paddling pools and ponds are still a risk for children, even if they are very shallow – always ensure a child is supervised
- Research local tide times and plan activities accordingly – never try to beat the tide back to safety

## Online Safety for Women and Girls

The 'Online Safety for Women and Girls' webinar is aimed at educating attendees on how to keep their personal information secure as a prevention tactic against online abuse or harassment. It is part of a wider piece of work within our Violence Against Women and Girls strategy which, among other activity, looks to empower and educate women and girls.



The session covers staying safe online, managing your personal information, location-tracking enabled apps and tracking devices, and much more on how to recognise any safety concerns online. Although aimed at women and girls' safety, this session is open to anyone who feels at risk or wants to educate themselves, including parents, professionals, teachers, and young people themselves.

**To register and attend one of these webinars throughout August, please see below:**

**Thursday 15th August – 13:00 ([Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#))**

**Tuesday 20th August – 11:00 ([Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#))**

**Wednesday 28th August – 12:00 ([Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#))**

## Children Affected by Parental Offending (CAPO)

A FREE half day workshop for professionals working with children and families in South Gloucestershire on the impact of parental offending.

[Raising Awareness of Children Affected by Parental Offending \(CAPO\) Tickets, Tue 10 Sep 2024 at 12:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Tue, 10 Sep 2024 12:30 - 15:30pm at Patchway Children's Centre, 5 Epney Close, Patchway, BS34 5LN

## Section 11 Audit for 2024-2025

Every year there is a statutory audit undertaken by all organisations who work with children and young people in South Gloucestershire. Usually this involves strategic leads in each organisation completing a document that provides assurance about the safeguarding measures in place for the organisation and also giving a RAG rating (Red, Amber, Green) to indicate how effective the arrangements are for each area of the self-audit.

This year the five partnerships in the Avon and Somerset region are asking frontline practitioners to anonymously complete a questionnaire instead, this will help triangulate the information previously gathered. The survey is open now and will close on 13<sup>th</sup> September. Please make sure everyone in your organisation, whatever their role, completes this survey to give us the best understanding and oversight of safeguarding across the region.

It will take less than 10 minutes and [you can access the survey here](#)

## Child Exploitation Audits

Every six months there is a multi-agency audit focusing on Child Exploitation. In June the records of five children were reviewed to consider how effectively organisations within South Gloucestershire identify and respond to child exploitation in accordance with the [Tackling Child Exploitation \(TCE\) Practice Principles](#).

**You can read the audit learning brief [here](#)**

## Cool Packs Now Available

Cool packs are now available from any South Glos One Stop Shop or children's centre.

Included in the packs are items such as ice packs, caps, stainless steel water bottles and handheld fans. They also contain financial support info, low-cost activity ideas and advice on reducing food waste.

The packs are for adults and families who may not be able to keep their homes at a comfortable temperature during the summer months due to high energy costs. These packs are available while stocks last.

For more information on the financial support available, visit [Cost of living help](#).



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