



# South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter  
January Edition

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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## January Edition

This January 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](#)



### Brand New Corporate Parenting Session

*Do you have a good knowledge of what being a corporate parent means?*

*Do you know what is available to Care Leavers?*

*How would you respond to a young adult who tells you they are a Care Leaver?*

Family A and Baby M Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews both told us we need better understanding about what it means to be a Care Leaver. This bitesize is for everyone!

It's just an hour and there is no charge to attend

*Book Now!*

## Safer Internet Day

**Inspiring change?  
Making a  
difference,  
managing  
influence and  
navigating  
change online.**



Save the date!  
6th February 2024  
Safer Internet Day

COMING SOON: videos, top tips and more!

Safer Internet Day is taking place on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

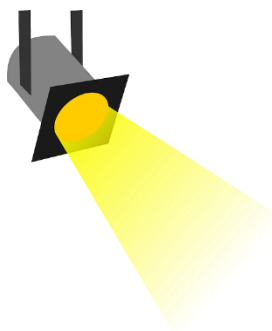
[Safer Internet Day](#) is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety and an opportunity for all to raise awareness of safe, responsible, and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

Safety education charity, [Lifeskills](#) are excited to mark the occasion by launching a brand-new interactive area within

their mock village to demonstrate the importance of being [SMART](#) online.

Visit [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) or [Childnet](#) for information and resources.

## Spotlight on Policy Updates



### Mental Health & Suicide Prevention

This is new guidance developed by the South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and has now been published on the website.

[Read the guidance here](#)

### Organisational Abuse Guidance

This existing Guidance has been refreshed and updated and is available [here](#)

## \*BRAND NEW\* Fraud Prevention Bitesize Sessions – no charge to attend



### Bitesize Fraud Prevention Session (if you work with Children) – 28<sup>th</sup> February [BOOK HERE](#)

The session will look to address the scale of fraud in the UK, how children and young people are most likely to be targeted in fraud and key signs to look out for. Advice and guidance on how to protect children and young people from becoming victims, including being recruited as money mules, will be provided.

### Bitesize Fraud Prevention Session (if you work with Adults) – 13<sup>th</sup> March [BOOK HERE](#)

The session will look to address the scale of fraud in the UK, detail common fraud types within the UK, tactics used by criminals to target vulnerable victims and key signs to look out for. Advice and guidance on how to protect vulnerable adults from becoming victims of fraud will be provided.

## Lighthouse Safeguarding Unit (LSU) Branding Survey

Avon & Somerset Police would welcome your views about the LSU – there are just five quick questions – please share your views [here](#)

## Fire Service issue to warning to help keep children safer around water

As temperatures drop in our waterways and the risk of cold water shock increases in the winter months, Avon Fire & Rescue Service (AF&RS) have issued important advice.

Whether it's a family stroll or a brisk dog walk, getting outside in the winter months is important for our wellbeing. With our local area being full of picturesque waterside spots, it's tempting to take a walk near the water to get some fresh air. AF&RS say that it's important to consider how you can keep your family safe when heading outside at this time of year.



AF&RS advice:

- If you're walking near the water, hold little ones' hands, and keep pets under close control. Don't allow children to wander along the edge of the water.
- Make sure your children know about the dangers associated with water like cold water shock, deep water, currents and tides and sharp rocks or litter.
- Teach children about the risks of ice too, and make sure they know not to walk onto frozen water. You should never trust ice to support your weight.
- Make sure children know how to 'float to live' – stretching out their arms and legs and lying on their back in the shape of a starfish. They can use this technique if they ever fall into water. Once their breathing returns to normal, they can call for help.
- If someone does fall in, do not go in after them. This includes pets as well as people. Instead, call 999 and offer help from a safe distance away such as using a River Rescue Station to offer a throwline or life-aid.

For more water safety advice, visit the [AF&RS dedicated page](#).

## New Statutory Guidance – Working Together to safeguard Children 2023

The new update to Working Together to Safeguard Children was published just before Christmas. See below a link to the guidance and also a summary of changes published by the NSPCC.

[Working together to safeguard children](#)

[Working together to safeguard children 2023: summary of changes](#)

## Training for practitioners about Anxiety, Self Harm and Mental Health – click the links for details

[January 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-11am Anxiety in 5 to 11-year-olds](#)

[January 25<sup>th</sup> 10am-11.30am Urgent Mental Health concerns \(to include hearing voices & psychosis\) - Focus children and Young people](#)

[March 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-13:00pm Self-harm Awareness \( For professionals working with children\)](#)



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