



South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter
July Edition

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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This July 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](#)



Homelessness Guidance

The South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board have a policy and procedure sub group and the most recent project for this group has been to review and update the Homelessness Guidance.

This is multi agency guidance for professionals from all organisations who are not housing specialists.

It provides guidance for dealing with concerns in relation to adults who are, or who are at risk of, homelessness.

You can read the Homelessness Guidance by clicking below.





What Training is available for me?

Click the links to make a booking.

Last Minute opportunity for Mental Capacity Act (MCA) Training – 17th July

[More details and book here](#)

Safeguarding Children courses in July & August:

[Introduction to Child Protection – 18th July](#)

[Introduction to Child Protection – 28th August](#)

[Advanced Child Protection – 6th August](#)

[Advanced Child Protection Update – 21st August](#)

[Bitesize: Safeguarding Children who do not live at home \(Private Fostering\) – 6th August](#)

[Bitesize Awareness Training Reducing Parental Conflict – 14th August](#)

Safeguarding Child and Adults Training:

[Bitesize MARAC Workshop 9th September](#)

Safeguarding Adults Training is mostly full for July & August but later dates are available for:

Raising Safeguarding Concerns [here](#)

Recognising and Responding to Organisational Abuse [here](#)

Hoarding & Self Neglect [here](#)

Relationships Matter Resources — A review is underway of the current Relationships Matter offer and would be grateful if you could complete an evaluation of the resources using [this link](#). It is a short survey and should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

Sun Safety

Now that the summer months are here 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 [Sunscreens and sun safety - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



NSPCC Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) Why Language Matters

NSPCC Learning has published a blog as part of the Why language matters series on why it's important for professionals to consider the language they use when talking about child criminal exploitation. The blog explores how the terms 'recruited' and 'working' minimise children's experiences of criminal exploitation. It also discusses how professionals can approach the topic of criminal exploitation with other professionals and the children they work with.

[You can read this blog here](#)

Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Please could you share the following information with parents and highlight that this fully funded provision is for those children and young people that are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.



The Holiday activities and Food (HAF) programme is running again during the summer holidays for children and young people in South Glos.

Dates are generally between Monday 29 July and Friday 30 August but will vary by provider.

The HAF programme is for children and young people aged 5 to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals.

- Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF for full information on the HAF programme and further support available to families.
- Click on **'book a space for your child now'** – this will take you directly to our booking platform with full listings of all the available activities and clubs.
- You will need to **register your child on this system** unless they have previously attended a HAF programme– in which case you will already have an account, so you will simply need to book the dates.
- The system will run an eligibility check to ensure that your child is registered on our benefits-related free school meals list. The list is kept up to date on a weekly basis, so it's best to build in time to apply for benefits-related free school meals ahead of booking HAF places.
- The booking system is mobile friendly so should be accessible to most families.

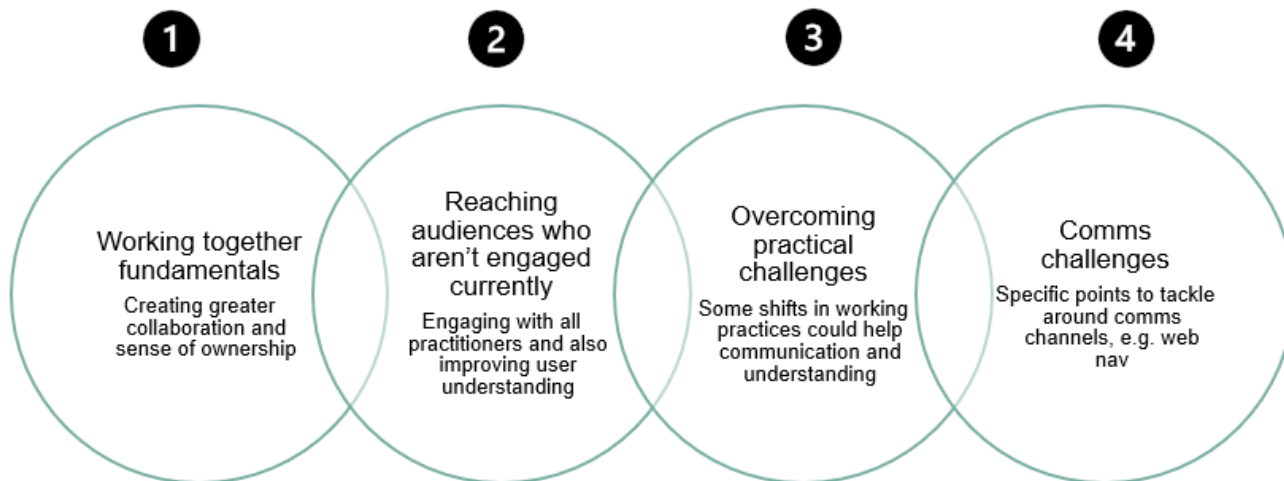
Children's Partnership Communications Project



The Children's Partnership have been looking at communication, with the objective to improve the way communications work, to support inter agency working.

As part of this, an independent consultant has undertaken interviews, led focus groups and there has been a practitioner survey to look at what we do well and what could be better.

There are four areas for improvement:



What is Next? There will be a special edition newsletter coming soon. We will be clearer about how we understand and describe the children's partnership to help everyone know what the partnership does. We will also be improving some of the ways we communicate and connect with you.

Oliver McGowan Training

The Health and Care Act 2022 introduced a requirement that regulated service providers ensure their staff receive renewable training on learning disability and autism. The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training is the government's recommended training.

Please make sure you book on the correct training. There have been lots of instances of providers attending the incorrect level.

- Tier 1 is for non patient / non client facing staff, i.e. back office staff who do not have any direct contact with clients.
- Tier 2 is for patient facing / client facing staff who have contact with clients – this includes contact by phone, video call or face to face.

[You can find out more here](#)

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 13th 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](#)



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