



South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter
May Edition

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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This May 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 Child Exploitation Sessions – [Book Here](#)

Bitesize Thresholds Workshop – [Book Here](#)

Bitesize Neglect Workshops – [Book Here](#)

Bitesize Private Fostering Training – [Book Here](#)

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

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



Safety in Mind – 6th-12th June

Child Safety Week will take place from 6th – 12th June and this year the theme is 'Safety in Mind'. Reducing childhood injury remains a priority for public health, unintentional injury, especially in and around the home for the under-fives is a major cause of ill health and disability. In 2020/21 104.6 (per 10,000) 0-4-year-olds and 71.9 per 10,000 0-14 year olds in South Gloucestershire were admitted to hospital due to an unintentional or deliberate injury. As the effects of injury can be devastating it's essential that we do all we can to avoid them, we can all take simple steps, consider the potential hazards and 'keep safety in mind' to avoid them.

Find out more [here](#)

South Gloucestershire Creative Solutions Board



A Creative Solutions Board (CSB) is an opportunity to bring complex individuals (over 18) and families, who have complex needs but for whom 'business as usual' or our local system of support is not working, to a multi-agency board of decision makers from key organisations. The CSB will then work together to come up with creative solutions to 'flex' the system and attempt to unblock some of the issues that exist.

Who is on the CSB? The CSB has an independent chair, and a core group of senior representatives from key organisations such as AWP, DHI, adult and children's social care, housing, police and preventative services as well as representatives with lived experience. Other organisations are also invited to input as appropriate. The CSB Coordinator supports the running of the board, manages the requests and supports practitioners who present at the CSB.

How does it work? The CSB aims to find and agree solutions for individuals and families with complex needs for whom the system has hit a 'block' in their support and outcomes, often due to processes and procedures. The CSB hears from practitioners supporting those individuals/families, talks through the challenges and issues and agrees actions and solutions. The CSB will also work to develop system change so that similar blocks are avoided in the future. The CSB takes place monthly, focussing on 1 or 2 individuals or families at each session. The practitioner will have support from the coordinator to bring together the correct information and present the individual/family to the CSB. Any actions agreed by the CSB will be led by the practitioner with support from the coordinator. In addition, other practitioners/organisations may be asked to feed into the information for an individual/family who being discussed at the CSB or even to attend if they can provide additional insight. *Please note – this process is to support those for whom 'business as usual' has not worked. It is not to replace any existing work, and it is not a referral to a new service or a new support worker. It is also not a funding stream.*

How do I get involved? If your team has an individual/family who you think would be appropriate to bring to the CSB, please email helen.cleugh@southglos.gov.uk or creative.solutions@southglos.gov.uk and we will come back to you to talk it through and share more information.

Practitioner Network A practitioner network is taking place virtually on the last Wednesday of every month. This is open to internal and external practitioners who are working with complexity and want to share best practice, build relationships and share any blocks or barriers they are facing. Feedback from practitioners will also be an opportunity for the CSB to work together to come up with creative solutions for these issues.

Looking for a new opportunity?



Early Help Partnership Strategic Lead - In this strategic role you will lead, shape, influence and coordinate the development and implementation of the wider Early Help and Prevention offer for children and families within South Gloucestershire. You will make a difference by implementing the Early Help Vision and Strategy 2019-2024 ensuring multi-agency commitment and delivery, including the development of the Family Hubs with partners in South Gloucestershire. This is a two year contract and more details are available [here](#)

Diocese of Bristol Safeguarding Case Worker – permanent part time post more details are available [here](#)

Explore the Safeguarding Website

The Children's Partnership and Safeguarding Adults Board have a joint website.

Never visited? [Click here to look](#)

To help you find your way around and know what is there – each month there will be a spotlight on a different area of the site in 2022.

This month the focus is on Domestic Abuse

Work with children? The website page you need is [here](#)

Work with Adults? The website page you need is [here](#)

These pages contain all the information you need about:

- ✓ Training
- ✓ Domestic Abuse Guidance and Toolkits
- ✓ MARAC – how to refer, what the process looks like in South Glos
- ✓ DASH Risk Assessment tools
- ✓ How to contact specialist support



Trauma informed Practice

Due to popular demand an extra date has been added for **Trauma Awareness and Recovery training on Friday 27th May**. Please find more info about the training and [book a place here](#)

Our next Ambassador Network and Learning session on the 8th June has a focus around Race, Trauma and Recovery and is booking up well. You can continue to book a space on this informal session via this link: [Ambassador Network and Learning Session Tickets, Wed 8 Jun 2022 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

CEOP – New Website for Teenagers



CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) has created a new website for teenagers called **'The Internet, Relationships & You'** and offers advice on socialising online, online safety, getting support and sexual content online. CEOP is a part of the National Crime Agency.

[Visit the website here](#)

Unique Voice Holiday Programme

My Future Self - A creative, aspiration focused project for young people, aged 12-16 years. Targeted priority given to children who have been affected by or experiencing domestic abuse, child protection, young carers, children looked after, pupil premium, parental offending, NEET, SEND, mental health, family bereavement or asylum seeking. Mon 30th May - Wednesday 1st June 10:00 - 2:00pm daily at John Cabot Academy, Woodside Rd, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 8BD. You can make a referral for a young person [here](#)

Adult Exploitation



The Safeguarding Adults Board has multi-agency guidance about Adult Exploitation.

Have you read it? Have you shared it with your team?

[Take a look here](#)

Remember that sexual exploitation of adults may have taken place even if the person being exploited believes they have given consent to engage in sexual activity.

Participants on this course have rated it 10/10 for skills and improvement in knowledge

Have you thought about training for you and your organisation? The SAB Self Audit in 2021 showed that practitioners lack confidence in working with adults at risk of exploitation. The multi-agency training course Exploitation of Adults has spaces on all of the upcoming sessions. [You can find out more and book a place here](#)

Free Workshops for Parents of Children awaiting Autism Assessments

Historically the autism diagnosis pathway has been a challenge with demand continually rising and overwhelming commissioned capacity. Across BNSSG, many young people are waiting for an assessment appointment. Young people regularly wait many months for an assessment which leads to enormous frustration for families, many of whom see diagnosis as an essential requirement to get their child's needs met.

There is a brand new project across BNSSG providing free workshops for parents online and face to face. All the details are [available here](#)



Working together for SEND families

SAY SEND and You Professionals Information Day

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This virtual event is for professionals working with children and young people with additional needs and their families. We would particularly like to welcome school staff to join us. It is an opportunity to find out how as the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS),

SAY, can work effectively with you to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families

Tuesday 12th July 2022 10.30am-11.30am. You can find out more and book a place [here](#)



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