



# South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter  
May Edition

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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## May Edition

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 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](#)



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for Education

### Information Sharing Guidance published May 2024

The DfE has published updated guidance about Information for all organisations to use, and is for anyone who works with children, young people and their families in any capacity.

This new publication replaces the 2018 guidance of the same name.

Please ensure this is shared with practitioners in your organisation and old versions are removed from documents and intranets/websites.

[Read the new guidance here](#)

## Safeguarding Adults Forum



The Adult Strategic Safeguarding Team will be hosting the next Safeguarding Forum for all care providers supporting people who live in South Gloucestershire on **Wednesday 15th May 2024**. The forum is an in-person event and will provide an opportunity to network with council and other colleagues and listen to a range of speakers on a variety of topics linked to adult safeguarding. It will take place between **10am and 12pm at Crossbow House in Frampton Cotterell** (arrivals from 9.30am - tea and coffee will be available, but please bring your own mug). Our topic will be Back to Basics - what is abuse, when to report to safeguarding and what makes a good referral. This will be an interactive discussion with case examples to discuss and opportunities to ask questions. In order that we can properly plan for this event we would ask that you book a place by emailing [adultstrategicsafeguarding@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:adultstrategicsafeguarding@southglos.gov.uk) and that places are limited to 1 per service.

## Staying Safe Outdoors

Now that the days are getting longer, and the weather is getting warmer children will be spending much more time outside in their local play area. Playing out of doors is an important part of a child's physical and mental development, and play areas provide the equipment and space with which they can challenge their abilities in a partially controlled environment. Outdoor play carries some risk, after all this is part of the learning experience, but there are some additional risks in the summer months that parents and carers should consider to help prevent avoidable accidents:



- Metal equipment, particularly slide chutes can become very hot in sunny weather. Very young children are at particular risk as they may not have the ability to remove themselves from a hot surface without help. Test the equipment with the back of your hand before letting a child use it.
- Children should always wear sensible footwear when playing outdoors to avoid slipping or tripping. Although sandals, flip flops and crocs are popular footwear in the summer, securely fitting rubber soled shoes with a closed toe are more suitable for a play area environment.
- Time flies when kids are having fun and it's easy to be out in the sun for too long without realising it. Provide them with sunscreen and a hat, and keep them hydrated to avoid sunburn and sun stroke.
- South Glos play areas are inspected on a regular basis, but we cannot be there all the time. If you spot any issues e.g. broken glass, damaged equipment, dog faeces, or offensive graffiti, please report it. South Gloucestershire Council play areas have a sign at the entrance which includes our contact details and the site name and address. Anything of an urgent nature should be telephoned through 24/7 on 01454 868000.

## Float to Live Campaign

- Even if a child can swim they must be actively supervised – half of children who drown have some swimming ability
- Make sure everyone in the family knows how to 'Float to Live' to mitigate the effects of cold water shock if someone accidentally enters the water
- Be extra careful when taking part in activities near the water – walking, cycling, jogging – as footpath conditions will change rapidly in poor weather.
- Know what to do in an emergency – call 999 and ask for the Fire Service for inland water or the Coastguard at the coast.



## Spotlight on Multi Agency Training

*Did you know?* There is a programme of safeguarding training commissioned by the Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership. Anyone working in South Glos from any organisation can book and attend.

*What's On?* Here are a few themes covered in the training package...

**Domestic Abuse** Training is for people who work with either adults or children – [Find courses and book here](#)

**Safeguarding Disabled Children** training – [Find courses and book here](#)

**Adult Exploitation Training** – [Find courses and book here](#)

**Child Exploitation Training** – [Find courses and book here](#)

*Want more?* To see all of the multi agency safeguarding training available for those working with adults [click here](#) and for children [click here](#)

## Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) Consultation

A public consultation has been launched seeking views on an updated version of the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Statutory Guidance. The guidance was last updated in 2016, and first published in 2011 when DHRs were operationalised. The Home Office have therefore updated the document to ensure it is clear, reflects current practices, and does all it can to actively promote high quality outputs from DHRs.

The consultation will be open from 1<sup>st</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 and can be accessed [at this link](#)

The consultation offers an opportunity to feedback on how the methodology and structure of DHRs can be improved and they would very much welcome your feedback.

## Stronger Protections for Stalking and Harassment Victims

The Government recently announced new guidance which makes it easier for police to obtain stalking protection orders for victim-survivors. [Learn more here](#)

## Allegations – our LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer)

After many years of service with South Gloucestershire, Tina Wilson has left the world of Allegation Management and has taken the plunge into retirement. Her replacement is Jon Goddard. Jon has previously worked as a LADO in a different authority and plans to continue both Tina's positive work whilst utilising his previous knowledge and experience in Allegations Management within South Glos.

As well as introducing himself, Jon wants to ensure that all agencies working with children continue to utilize the Allegations Management service to seek advice and guidance when they have concerns regarding staff and volunteers working with children.

The contact details for LADO remain the same [LADO@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:LADO@southglos.gov.uk) or via 01454 868508

More information is available on the Children's Partnership Website [here](#).



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