



# South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter  
September Edition

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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## September Edition

This September 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](#)

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

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

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

Could you attend a course and help us to quality assure the learning? Get in touch with [Catherine Charlton](#) if you would like to be involved.



### Last Minute Bookings available for Local CSPR Learning Event

This Thursday – 14<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am there is a free online learning event about two Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews that have been published in South Gloucestershire in 2023.

The two reviews are:

[Family A](#) and [Baby M](#)

It is vital that all organisations ensure they have professionals booked on this event to help with the dissemination of learning from these two reviews.

Click here to

[Book Now!](#)

## Stop Adult Abuse Week

Stop Adult Abuse Week is coming soon!

*When is it?* Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November

*What is the Theme?* Safeguarding Yourself and Others

*What will be Happening?* We will have a series of

lunchtime workshops (12 noon- 1pm) – all of them are free to attend for professionals working with adults in South Glos, North Somerset, Somerset, Bath and North East Somerset and Bristol.

**Monday - What's My Role in Safeguarding Adults?**

**Tuesday - Taking The Lead on Safeguarding in Your Organisation**

**Wednesday - Who Cares For the Carers? Vicarious and Secondary Trauma**

**Thursday - Adopting a Trauma-Informed Approach to Safeguarding Adults**

**Friday - Listen, Learn, Lead: Listening to the Voice of Adults**

They are all open for booking now – [so click here to get yourself a place](#)



The third annual ICON week (25 to 29 September 2023) aims to raise awareness of infant crying and how to cope to support parents/carers and prevent serious injury, illness and even death of young babies as a result of Abusive Head Trauma that happens when someone shakes a baby.

ICON is a programme to provide information about infant crying, including how to cope, support parents/carers, and reduce stress.

This year's ICON Week is once again focussing on sharing ideas and best practices. Many webinars are taking place throughout the week and are open to everyone. There is a great range of webinars available to book onto for practitioners from all agencies. [Find all of the information here.](#)

## \*BRAND NEW\* Multi-Agency Domestic Abuse Training

The Children's Partnership and Safeguarding Adults Board have recommissioned brand new domestic Abuse training for practitioners from all agencies. This training is for professionals working with children and adults. This is 1.5 days training – the first session is delivered by Microsoft Teams and the second session is face to face. The training incorporates local learning from reviews and in relation to the Domestic Abuse Act.

Book a place and get the full details [here](#)



## Policy Updates



**Non-Mobile baby Policy:** This policy has been updated. The non mobile baby policy is for all professionals working with babies across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

[Non Mobile Baby Injury Policy 2023](#) and [Early Years Addendum](#)

[Congenital Dermal Melanocytosis Advice \(Blue Spots\)](#)

[Parent Leaflet](#) and [Accessible Format](#) Parent leaflet

**Regional Joint Safeguarding Adults Policy:** This safeguarding adult policy covers the whole of the Avon & Somerset region and the five Safeguarding Adults Boards within it. The 2023 update has been published this summer – [Read it here](#)

## Reviews and Audits

### Child L Review

A multi agency learning event was held in July about 'Child L'. Child L is a baby under one who suffered injuries thought to be due to physical abuse and where there were concerns about faltering growth. Child L didn't meet the criteria for a Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) but there was a learning event held to look at how we can learn from what happened to this child.

*What should I do?* Please read the single page briefing [here](#) and share it with your Team.

### Exploitation Audits

Twice a year there are multi agency child exploitation audits undertaken, and the learning from these audits is summarised in a single page briefing for professionals. The latest audit took place in June 23 and the learning is available [here](#).

The SAB Multi Agency Quality Assurance Audit took place in August with a theme of Adult Exploitation. The single page learning brief is available [here](#)

## Annual Reports



The South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership has published the 2022-23 Annual Report. [Have a read here](#)

The South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board has also published their 2022-23 Annual report. [Have a read here](#)

The National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel publish an annual report and the children's partnership have produced a short summary document with the key findings – [you can read it here](#)

## Clutter Rating Tool

Do you visit people in their homes and sometimes worry about hoarding – or how much clutter is ok? Avon Fire and Rescue have a brilliant tool called the Clutter Rating Tool – it's very practical and helps identify when you should be concerned and what to do. [You can see the tool here](#). If you make a referral to social care because you are worried always include the clutter rating tool rating.

## Safeguarding Adults Forum



**SAFEGUARDING FORUM**

New Quarterly Safeguarding Forum for all Care Providers in South Gloucestershire.

- Network with other care providers
- Speakers on variety of safeguarding themes
- Free refreshments (bring a mug)
- Two spaces available per provider – please book!

No charge to attend

01454 866273 for more information

The Adult Strategic Safeguarding Team will be hosting the next Safeguarding Forum for all care providers in South Gloucestershire on **Wednesday 4th October**. 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 how to carry out Section 42 Safeguarding Enquiries. In order that we can properly plan for this event we would ask that you book a place via Eventbrite and that places are limited to 2 per care service.

[Book a place here](#)

## Training Opportunities

**Safeguarding Disabled Children** the course taking place on 10<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am-4pm has lots of space – it would be great to get this session filled up. You can find out more and book a place [here](#)

**Modern Slavery First Responders** course to help understand the National Referral mechanism (NRM) and strengthen the Quality of Referrals – 19<sup>th</sup> October 10am-12noon, more details and book a place [here](#)

**South West Regional Honour Based Abuse Conference (HBA)** 27<sup>th</sup> September 10am-2.30pm at Avon & Somerset Police Headquarters (and available over Teams) To request a place email [Punita.bassi@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:Punita.bassi@avonandsomerset.police.uk) with your name, job title and organisation and specify if you wish to attend in person or virtually.

**Safeguarding Adults Train the Trainer workshop** 4<sup>th</sup> October. Complete the [Expression of Interest form](#) if you would like your organisation to become part of the network and deliver safeguarding training in house for your staff

**Technology Enabled Domestic Abuse** – book a place for [13<sup>th</sup> October 12 noon here](#) or [Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> October here](#)

## The Bridge SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centre)



From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September The Bridge has a new email address – [TheBridge@uhbw.nhs.uk](mailto:TheBridge@uhbw.nhs.uk)





The Child Injury Prevention pages on the children's partnership website have been updated and are filled with useful information for [professionals](#), [parents/carers](#) and [children/young people](#).

As we head towards Autumn, it is particularly important to think about the 'Be Bright, Be Seen' message.

Look at these images – both have a child in the same position. Find helpful tips and advice for pedestrian, cyclists and drivers on the CHIP pages [here](#)



### Police and Crime Commissioner recommissioning of Victims' Services in Avon & Somerset

There is currently a Victims Needs Assessment and Victims Voice Project underway. They would love to hear from professionals and victims of crime.

The services in scope for the recommissioning are:

- Emotional Support Service for Victims of Crime and ASB – provided by Victim Support
- Adult Advocacy Service – provided by VOCAS
- Children and Young People Support Service- provided by the Young Victim's Service
- Restorative Justice Service- provided by Resolve West
- Independent Sexual Violence Advocate service- provided by SafeLink
- Modern Slavery Support Service- provided by Unseen

There is a short online survey victims or professionals can completed using this link <https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/avso>

**Professionals** can sign up for a **confidential interview** (approx. 30-45 minutes): <https://avso.youcanbook.me>



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