



# 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](#)

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](#)



### Publication of a Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR)

The children's partnership has published a new CSPR called 'Children Exposed to Serious Youth Violence.'

You can read the CSPR [here](#)

There is also a single page learning brief to accompany the review and you can read this [here](#).

**Please make sure that the learning from this review is shared with practitioners in your organisation.**

There is also an online learning event on 2<sup>nd</sup> October about Serious Youth Violence and Drill Music the flyer is [here](#) or you can book directly using this link:

**[BOOK HERE](#)**



### Stop Adult Abuse Week

The South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board will be joining with the other four SABs in the Avon & Somerset Area for Stop Adult Abuse Week this November.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

It might seem like a long way off but there will be five free lunchtime workshops through the week and bookings are open for these now – all free of charge!

Find the flyer [here](#) and to book a place...



### ICON Awareness Week 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September



ICON Week 2024 is dedicated to raising awareness about infant crying and how to manage it, supporting parents and carers, and preventing serious injuries, illnesses, and even fatalities caused by Abusive Head Trauma, often resulting from shaking a baby.

Want to know more about ICON? – Book onto one of the regional awareness sessions – they are free to attend and for everyone – find out more [here](#).

Our website has more information about ICON [here](#) and the ICON website is [iconcope.org](http://iconcope.org)

### Adult Safeguarding 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 11th September 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 **Financial Abuse**. 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 2 per service. If we are overbooked, we may need to reduce this to 1 per service.

Venue: Crossbow House, School Road, Frampton Cotterell BS36 2DB



### Last minute training spaces!

Working with victims of Child Exploitation: Skills and Practice - 16<sup>th</sup> September.

[Book here to attend](#)

## Free Prescriptions for Care Leavers

Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board are committed to improving the support provided to young people leaving care in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

As part of this commitment, the Integrated Care Board now offers free prescriptions to eligible care leavers aged 18 until their 25th birthday.

To access the service, eligible care leavers need to apply for a certificate which can be shown to pharmacists when collecting prescriptions.

To check eligibility and apply, please download the application form available at [Free prescriptions for care leavers - NHS BNSSG ICB](#)

## Gas Safety Week – 9th-15th September

As the days start to grow shorter and temperatures begin to drop, it'll soon be time to start thinking about getting our homes ready for winter. [Gas Safety Week](#) is the perfect opportunity to ensure your home is safe and warm for the colder months ahead.

### Why gas safety matters

Gas appliances, if not properly maintained, can pose serious risks, including gas leaks, fires, and carbon monoxide poisoning. Regular checks and maintenance are crucial to keep your home safe.

### Top tips for a cosy, safe and worry-free winter

1. **Check appliances:** Ensure all gas appliances are in good working order. Look out for warning signs like yellow flames, black marks, or unusual smells.
2. **Book an annual service:** Always use a registered engineer to service your boiler and other gas appliances.
3. **Ventilation is key:** Make sure vents and chimneys are clear to allow proper ventilation.
4. **Know the signs of a gas leak:** Familiarise yourself with the smell of gas and know what to do in case of a leak.
5. **Install and check carbon monoxide alarms:** These alarms can save lives by detecting dangerous levels of carbon monoxide so check that yours are in date. Play [Crack the Code](#) to learn more about carbon monoxide safety.

## Private Fostering

Do you know what Private Fostering is? Do you understand your responsibilities in this area? Check out these resources:

[Quick Guide for Professionals](#) [Private Fostering Leaflet](#) [Young Persons Guide](#) [Bitesize Workshop](#)



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