



South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter
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SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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March Edition

This March edition of the newsletter is a combined newsletter for both the South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership and the Safeguarding Adults Board.

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.

South Gloucestershire latest information about the support that is available during the Covid period is published online [here](#)

Multi Agency Safeguarding Training

Both the Safeguarding Adults Board and the Children's Partnership commission a programme of multi agency training open to all who work with adults and children in South Gloucestershire. These helpful guides have been produced by Joanne Worthington - to see at a glance what is available and how to book.

Top Tip: Keep the links, because the content will be updated but the links will remain the same

[Safeguarding Children Training](#)

[Safeguarding Adults Training](#)



Raising Safeguarding Adults Concerns

A new South Gloucestershire flowchart has been developed to help with the understanding of when to raise a safeguarding concern about an adult with the local authority.

You can find a copy of the flowchart [here](#)

The flowchart is based on the ADASS guidance about understanding what constitutes a safeguarding concern. You can read the full guidance [here](#)

Drive Project – *NEW DATE*

Drive is a high harm/high risk perpetrator response that is launching in South Gloucestershire in March 2021. Please see below for details of a training day that may be of benefit for you/your colleagues who may be working with service users/families that are open to Drive.



Date of event: Wednesday 7th April

This is a 2 ½ hour event including a 15 minute comfort break: Part 1: 10:00 – 11:15 and Part 2: 11:30 – 12:30.

This event is designed to provide an overview of the Drive Model, the Perpetrator Panel and the local referral pathways. There is information about how Drive will map with the existing multi-agency domestic abuse response in the area and information sharing. The event also explores our understanding of individuals who perpetrate abuse, which includes input on perpetrator/abuse typologies.

Please see event details, including how to book a place on this Zoom hosted event:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/drive-frontline-practitioners-workforce-briefing-south-glos-tickets-146645289007>

For more information on the Drive Project: www.driveproject.org.uk. The independent evaluation from the University of Bristol <http://driveproject.org.uk/about/research-evaluation/>. Or e-mail info@driveproject.org.uk.

Polaris Children's Services

Polaris Children's Services- formerly known as Core Assets children's services are running a service in South Gloucestershire for young people displaying harmful sexual behavior. The service offers assessments of children aged 12-18, can offer advice and support to families and support and consultation to professionals.

You can access information about the service [here](#)

There is also training available and information about this is available by contacting Monique Williamson at south.gloshsb@coreassets.com

JTAI – What do I need to know?

What does JTAI stand for? Joint Targeted Area Inspection – this is a joint inspection of multi agency arrangements based on a theme – the current theme for inspections is Child [Exploitation](#). Follow the link for full details.

Will my organisation be inspected? Organisations working with children across South Gloucestershire will be part of any inspection here.

When will it happen in South Gloucestershire? We don't know, because inspections are unannounced, but South Gloucestershire has not had a JTAI and so may be chosen.

How can I find out more? Each of these partnership newsletters will have a section about JTAI, helping you to prepare. Next time there will be section about our South Glos JTAI audit process.



The England Illegal Money Lending Team has launched a new campaign warning people about the dangers of loan sharks on dating apps and social media sites. Loan sharks are using dating apps and social media sites to trick people into taking out loans. These criminals are trapping victims in a cycle of debt and misery and enforcing repayment by blackmail and threats of violence.

You can read the full press release on our website:

www.stoploansharks.co.uk/warning-as-loan-sharks-turn-to-dating-sites-to-target-victims/

The Stop Loan Sharks helpline is open 24/7 on 0300 555 2222. Live Chat is also available on the website between 9am and 5pm weekdays at www.stoploansharks.co.uk.

Ofsted Visits



Ofsted have announced, following a suspension of inspections in December and January, that they are carrying out restart focused visit inspections of local authority children's services (ILACS) and we are expecting an inspection in South Gloucestershire imminently. Our last South Gloucestershire inspection, a full ILACS, was in March 2019 when we received a "Requires Improvement" rating.

There is new specific guidance for these ILACS focused visits during the restart of routine inspection. These restart focused visit inspections:

- have a broader scope than a usual focused visit and will have a particular focus on quality of decision-making for children during the Covid-19 pandemic and how we have joined up services whilst schools were closed to stop vulnerable children slipping through the net
- will involve four social care inspectors and one schools inspector
- can be announced on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning, giving two-weeks' notice of a two-day period of "field work"
- will involve inspectors talking to Council staff, schools, foster carers, young people and a range of partners
- are likely to involve a mix of on-site and off-site activity, with most of this being off-site in the next few months

We have an established communication plan to inform partners when we are notified of an inspection

The ILACS framework which provides the guidance for these inspections, including the evaluation criteria is available at the following link [Inspecting local authority children's services - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-local-authority-childrens-services)

Ofsted have indicated recently that they are looking to move towards a full resumption of the ILACS framework from June 2021 when the usual arrangements for a focused visit would apply.