



South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter
December Edition

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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This December 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 Self- 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](#)

STOP ADULT ABUSE WEEK 2022

What did people tell us?  94% said sessions were excellent or very good

 779 people from across all five SAB areas attended the lunchtime workshops

ADULT EXPLOITATION - YOUR KEY LEARNING

Mon

- I learned about the importance of community relationships
- Understanding about county lines
- How to recognise and define exploitation

SELF NEGLECT - YOUR KEY LEARNING

Tue

- The importance of working together
- Being aware of impact of past trauma
- Learning from a local SAR
- Ensure a person centred approach

SAFEGUARDING IN EVERYDAY LIFE - YOUR KEY LEARNING

Wed

- Fire safety visits available
- Web based resources available in all 5 areas
- How much partnership working is already happening

ELDER ABUSE - YOUR KEY LEARNING

Thurs

- Different types of elder abuse and prevalence
- The high incidence of Elder Abuse
- Importance of professional curiosity

DOMESTIC ABUSE & TECHNOLOGY - YOUR KEY LEARNING

Fri

- The complexity of tech abuse
- One of the most valuable sessions I have ever attended
- How to help survivors, where to get help

Getting More Resources

Regional Newsletter with links [here](#)
Workshop recordings are coming soon

Bristol, Somerset, Bath & North East Somerset, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset
Working Well Together



Enough Campaign – Domestic Abuse

As part of the next phase of the government's 'ENOUGH' campaign to tackle violence against women and girls, the Home Office has added a resources page for teachers and school staff to the campaign website. This includes [guidance](#) on responding to, and prevention of, abuse in a school setting as well as resources for teaching about sexual harassment, sexual violence, and abuse. [Enough Campaign website is here.](#)



Help for Families in the Christmas Holidays

The link for the Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme is now live and providers are taking bookings. The main eligibility criteria for the HAF programme is children and young people that are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. We are allowed to spend up to 15% of our budget on those children and young people that may be considered vulnerable. Please get in touch if you are unsure about eligibility

The link to the website is here: [Supporting families in school holidays | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

NEW Bitesize Sessions about Thresholds

The Children's Partnership Bitesize Sessions about [The Right Help in the Right Way at the Right Time](#) have been updated and revised as a response to feedback from the recent Partnership Survey and workshop. These sessions are online, just one hour in length and help with understanding of Compass, Preventative Services and Children's Social Care and are essential for practitioners from all organisations. Places available on a number of dates and times [here](#)



Resources for Schools and Education Settings



Schools and professionals in education settings play a pivotal role in identifying and responding to concerns about children and supporting them to be safe. Half a million children are estimated to experience some form of sexual abuse each year, yet research indicates only around one in eight cases of child sexual abuse ever reach the attention of statutory services. Currently very few children tell anyone that they have been sexually abused and if they do, they are most likely to tell someone they know and trust, so it's incredibly important that education professionals have the knowledge and skills to confidently have these conversations and best protect children. There are brand new resources for schools available [here](#)

Brand New Cyber Bullying Resources: PROJECT EVOLVE

South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) and UK Safer Internet Centre have designed new anti-bullying resources focused around online bullying. The resources are aimed at 3- to 11- year-olds and include information on: questions to ask; statements to support children with recognising online bullying; as well as activities for the classroom. Everything you need is [here](#)



Unwanted Prisoner Contact (formerly Victims Helpline)

This is a national service that prevents victims including survivors of domestic abuse, or any member of the public, receiving unwanted contact from prisoners. It protects victims and witnesses from unwanted contact. This is especially important if the victim is vulnerable or subject to controlling or coercive behaviour, exploitation, harassment, or intimidation.

Preventing contact is critical in stopping further harm or trauma, maintaining confidence, and supporting prosecutions. It can be used by anyone who wishes to STOP contact from prisoners. This includes

- stopping unwanted letters,
- blocking phone calls,
- texts or
- messages from a prisoner.

Scan the QR Code for more information or go to www.gov.uk/stop-prisoner-contact

West of England Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)

In a review of actions from the West of England CDOP the risk of more parents choosing to co-sleep to keep their babies warm as fuel bills increase was raised.

The Lullaby Trust has some useful resources you might want to consider including in comms to parents about cost of living and winter warmth: [Safer sleep in winter - The Lullaby Trust](#)

The risk of burns from electric heaters may also be increased as they are used more instead of whole house central heating. [Burns and scalds - Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](#)

Gambling Increases at Christmas and the Bills come in January

One in 12 adults are now directly or indirectly affected by problematic gambling in the UK (National Gambling Commission 2021). This is often a silent hidden addiction, particularly among women, who may present with debt, mental health issues, domestic abuse or family breakdowns. Professionals report that gambling harm isn't something they hear much about in their line of work, as women are reluctant to discuss it due to stigma and a feeling of shame. GamCare offer a free 90 minutes webinar, CPD accredited training, funded by the National Gambling Commission, the dates are listed below. Feel free to choose a date and email

Clare.Leahey@gamcare.org.uk to receive the zoom link.

Wednesday 11th January 10am; Thursday 19th January 10am; Wednesday 25th January 10am; Monday 30th January 10am; Wednesday 1st February 10am; Wednesday 8th February 10am; Monday 20th February 10am

Have a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year



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