



South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter
February Edition

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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This February 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](#)

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

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

ICON Half Day Event



Date: Wednesday 19th April

Time: 9am-12 noon

Online half Day Conference for practitioners from all agencies across South Gloucestershire, North Somerset and Bristol.

This conference is for you if you work with families whether you talk about ICON everyday or have never heard of it.

Places are completely free but do need to be booked.

See the flyer and share it [here](#)

[Book a place here](#)

Job Opportunity: Participation Manager

South Gloucestershire Council are currently recruiting to the post of Children's Participation Manager. There is one full time, permanent position available. This is a very exciting opportunity to join the Children's Participation Team and to lead them through a period of development as we work to establish closer links with Children's Social Care and Preventative Services. Within South Gloucestershire we have several active participation groups for children and young people. Part of the role of the Children's Participation Manager will involve raising the profile of the work completed within the groups, reporting on this in a number of forums and ensuring the voices of children and young people are represented, heard and lead to change.

For an informal discussion regarding the role please contact [Emma Collings](#), Interim Strategic Safeguarding Service Manager. Closing Date for applications 23rd February.

[Children's Participation Manager in Yate - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](https://www.southglos.gov.uk)

Violence Against Women and Girls

South Gloucestershire Council and South Gloucestershire's Safer and Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership are working together to tackle violence against women and girls.

As a first step, we have **launched a survey** to find out more about women and girl's safety in South Gloucestershire and to understand what local people and organisations think about tackling violence against women and girls in our area.



There are two surveys:

- Professionals, organisations, partners and those working with women and girls: www.southglos.gov.uk/womens-safety-survey-organisations
- Residents of South Gloucestershire. In particular we want to hear from women and girls but the survey is open to all residents: www.southglos.gov.uk/womens-safety-survey-residents

We would really value your thoughts and experiences in a professional capacity, or personal one if you would like to share your experiences and opinions. If you work with people who may have been affected, please share the link to the resident survey and ask them to fill it in.

The surveys will close on Friday 24 February 2023.

Engagement events: As well as the survey there will also be a series of pop-up engagement events taking place throughout February. You can sign up to attend the one-hour online engagement events taking place on 23 February at 12pm and 6.30pm here: <https://council.southglos.gov.uk/documents/s141304/FlyerwithLink.pdf>

Commissioning of Drug and Alcohol Services

There is a consultation happening now - and we are particularly keen to hear from people who are impacted by substance use and those individuals who belong to a community that has an under-represented voice.

[Drug and alcohol treatment services commissioning - South Gloucestershire Online Consultations \(southglos.gov.uk\)](https://www.southglos.gov.uk)

South Gloucestershire Youth Board



The Youth Board have created a survey to ask young people about their opinions of knife crime in the area.

Please share this with young people you work with widely to help gather responses.

[Knife Crime Survey](#)

Support Worker Training

Healthier Together

Improving health and care in Bristol,
North Somerset and South Gloucestershire



Healthier Together are offering fully funded training opportunities for Care Workers in both residential and nursing homes to undertake a **Care Home Assistant Enhanced Skills Course**

This is a part time 8-week course of face-to-face training one day a fortnight along with work-based competency support by the training provider.

Start dates in January, March and April 2023 based in venues across Bristol South Glos. and North Somerset

Please contact Wendie Smith wendie.smith@nhs.net to express interest in this training or if you would like further information.

Body Confidence for Young People

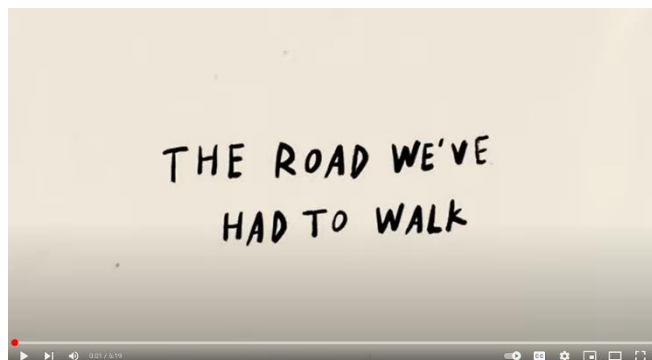
Childline have produced a new web resource for children and young people called 'How you Look' to support worries about body image and confidence and identity.

[Find the resources here](#)

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Women's Aid – New Film



The Road We've Had to Walk is a new #DeserveToBeHeard film produced by the Survivor Advisory Board. The aim of the campaign is to ensure that the mental health needs of women, who are all too often not listened to and not believed, are heard and responded to effectively.



Watch the film by clicking the picture

Safeguarding Training – Out of Hours

We know that not everyone can come to daytime training. Here are details of sessions running in evenings and at the weekend

Introduction to Child Protection

- [Sept 9th \(Saturday\) 9.30 – 1.30](#)

Advanced CP

- [29th April 2023 \(Saturday\) 9.00 am – 1pm](#)
- [\(Monday evening\) 16th October 2023 - 6.00pm – 10:00pm](#)

Advanced CP Update

- [20th May 2023 \(Saturday\) - 10.00am – 12.30pm](#)
- [\(Monday evening\) 20th November - 6.30pm – 9pm](#)

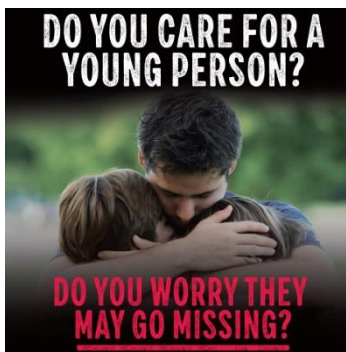
NSPCC Volunteers

The NSPCC are recruiting volunteers with a passion for safeguarding to join our team of **NSPCC Schools Service Volunteers** in Bristol & South Gloucestershire. Full details on link below

NSPCC Schools Service Volunteers deliver our **Speak Out. Stay Safe** safeguarding workshops in local primary schools. **Speak Out. Stay Safe** helps children to understand abuse in all its forms and recognise the signs of abuse; know that abuse is never a child's fault and that they have the right to be safe; and know where to get help, including our Childline service. We are looking for people with experience of delivering activities in an educational or safeguarding setting who are passionate about helping to keep local children safe.

Find out more... We are running a series of virtual **Volunteer Information Meetings** throughout January and February. Learn more about the volunteer role and sign up here [NSPCC Volunteering | Job description](#)

The Philomena Protocol



The Philomena Protocol is an initiative supported by Avon and Somerset Police, to help locate and safely return a young person as quickly as possible when they are missing. The basis of the scheme is for vital information about the young person to be recorded on a form which can be used to locate them safely and quickly.

You can find out more information on their website [here](#)

[Download a poster here](#)



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