



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 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](#)



Children's Mental Health Week

The theme for the week (5th-11th Feb) is 'My Voice Matters'

National resources available [here](#)

Free face to face workshop – My Voice Matters – Friday 9th February [book a place here](#)

Trauma and Attachment training is also available via Teams on 27th February – [book a place here](#)

Local Resources:

[Mind You](#)

[Happy Parent Happy Child](#)

[Mental Health Quick Guide](#)

[CYP Mental Health & Wellbeing Directory](#)

Safer Internet Day

**Inspiring change?
Making a
difference,
managing
influence and
navigating
change online.**



Safer Internet Day is taking place on 6th February 2024.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety and an opportunity for all to raise awareness of safe, responsible, and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

The Safer Internet day films to use with children of all ages have been released [here](#)

Visit [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) or [Childnet](#) for information and resources.

The NSPCC has also published a new webpage full of resources about online safety - [click here to view](#)

Supporting survivors of Modern Slavery

8th February 10.30am – 12pm Microsoft Teams

[Unseen UK](#) will be hosting an online event open to all **adult safeguarding, child safeguarding** and local authority **housing** professionals in the South West. Local authorities hold a range of statutory duties to victims and survivors of Modern Slavery.

This event will set out those duties and how Unseen UK can support their delivery.

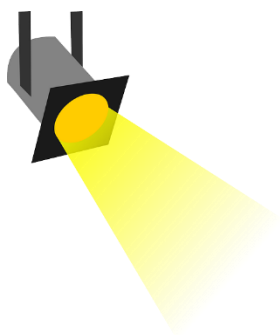
The webinar will cover:

- Modern Slavery and the National Referral Mechanism
- Local authority statutory duties
- Survivor stories and survivor needs
- Working together

There will also be opportunity for Q&A with Unseen's frontline workers. To register for this event email Hilary Agg h.agg@unseenuk.org.



Spotlight on Policy Updates - ESCALATION



Resolution of Professional Differences

Did you know we have multi agency policies in place when there is a need to escalate concerns whether you work with adults or children?

[Resolution of Professional Differences – children](#)

[Resolution of Professional Differences - adults](#)

2Wish Support for Professionals

2wish was established to provide bereavement support for families who have suddenly and traumatically lost a child or young person aged 25 years and under. This service has now been extended to provide support for professionals from any field that may be experiencing grief and trauma. [You can find out more here.](#)



BRAND NEW Fraud Prevention Bitesize Sessions – no charge to attend



Bitesize Fraud Prevention Session (if you work with Children) – 28th February [BOOK HERE](#)

The session will look to address the scale of fraud in the UK, how children and young people are most likely to be targeted in fraud and key signs to look out for. Advice and guidance on how to protect children and young people from becoming victims, including being recruited as money mules, will be provided.

Bitesize Fraud Prevention Session (if you work with Adults) – 13th March [BOOK HERE](#)

The session will look to address the scale of fraud in the UK, detail common fraud types within the UK, tactics used by criminals to target vulnerable victims and key signs to look out for. Advice and guidance on how to protect vulnerable adults from becoming victims of fraud will be provided.

Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel

If you were at the Children's Partnership Development Afternoon this week, you will have heard Sally Shearer talk about the Annual Report from the National Panel. It has now been published – [you can read it here](#)

Safeguarding Adults Thematic Review – Mental Capacity Act

Barry Graves (South West Liberty Protection Safeguards Implementation Lead) has written a SAR thematic review looking at regional themes from SARs in relation to the Mental Capacity Act.

You can read this [here](#).

There will also be a series of learning events aimed at practitioners based on this Review – you can book a place for any of these sessions on [this link](#).



If you would like to be added to the distribution list for newsletters or have something you would like to include in a future edition please get in touch with Sarah Taylor [here](#)