



South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter
March 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](#)

Could you attend a course and help us to quality assure the learning? Get in touch with [Catherine Charlton](#) if you would like to be involved.

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](#)

Dementia Safeguarding Scheme

The Avon & Somerset Dementia Scheme is now in its 8th year and is organised by Sergeant Stuart King (pictured). The website has a form to complete if you are concerned about someone going missing [here](#). This is also known as the Herbert Protocol.



There are four strands to the scheme:

- NFC assistance devices allocation: Free Wristbands, Hangtags and Lanyards
- GPS tracking pendant allocation allocated to people living with dementia who are the most at-risk of going missing in the future.
- Dementia Safeguarding Scheme registration (Herbert Protocol)
- 'Avon and Somerset Dementia Forum' support group

There is a downloadable poster available [here](#)

Exploitation



A new page has been created on the SAB website about **Exploitation of Adults**.

[You can see this page with the resources here](#)

It includes the Multi Agency Exploitation Guidance, information about SCAMs, Cuckooing, County Lines and Trafficking all in one place so practitioners can find what they need really quickly. If you have a resource that you think should be on this page please send it to [Sarah Taylor](#)



The Children's Partnership also has an exploitation page and you can find this [here](#)



Quick Question...Do you know what a Money Mule is?



Check out the answer [here](#)

Child Exploitation Awareness day – 18th March #CEADay23

Resources for the National awareness raising day are all available on [this link](#)

Learning from Case Reviews: Education

The NSPCC have produced a briefing based on learning from case reviews published between 2020 and 2022 which have highlighted lessons for the education sector to improve safeguarding practice.

See the briefing [here](#)

The Centre of Expertise for Child Sexual Abuse

The CSA have produced some online training on Identifying and responding to intra-familial child sexual abuse. Designed to complete in under 90 minutes - or in convenient shorter bursts - it is for all professionals working with children including social workers, police officers, education and healthcare professionals. [Click the link](#) to take the course – it's completely free.

Forced Marriage Partnership

The [Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Minimum Age\) Act 2022](#) came into force at the end of February. This raises the minimum age of legal marriage to 18 in all circumstances in England and Wales and expands the offence of forced marriage in England and Wales such that it is now illegal to do anything to cause a child to marry before they turn 18, even if coercion is not used.

The FMP have therefore:

- Published an updated version of the [statutory guidance/multi-agency practice guidelines](#)
- Published an updated version of the [‘What is forced marriage?’ leaflet](#)
- Updated the information on [this page](#).

There is also a [forced marriage resource pack](#). This brings together key information on forced marriage, guidance, leaflets, videos, other resources, case studies, details of support organisations etc., for the benefit in particular of front-line professionals

There is some Forced Marriage Unit training available [here](#)

Kooth – free webinars for professionals

Kooth webinars are designed for professionals supporting young people and/or adults. Click on the links to our upcoming sessions to find out more and reserve your free place.



How We Can Support Eating Disorders and Self Injury/ Harm: [Kooth - Tues 21st March 4-5pm](#) and [Kooth & Qwell - Wed 29th March 12-1pm](#) How We Can Support Neurodiverse and SEND Users: [Kooth - Thurs 20th April 4-5pm](#) and [Kooth & Qwell - Weds 26th April, 12.30-1:30pm](#)

Mankind Training

[ManKind: Train the Trainer on Promoting Positive Masculinity Tickets, Wed 15 Mar 2023 at 13:30 | Eventbrite](#)

ManKind is a cognitive programme that tackles negative male stereotypes and is structured to engage discussion. It is used with young males who have demonstrated thoughts, feelings or behaviours associated with toxic masculinity. The programme uses a range of easy to engage with activities including practical tasks and social media videos. The objective is for the young person to broaden their perspective, to listen and challenge the educator, as well as their own views.

This course is in partnership with the South Gloucestershire Violence Reduction Unit and Youth Offending Team.



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Fearless

The fearless website is a place young people can give information about crime completely anonymously.

[See the website here](#)



There is currently a competition running for 13-18 year olds – see [this link](#) for more info or scan the QR code

Local Multi Agency Audit Learning



Children's Partnership – the December audit theme was Working with Fathers – [see the learning here](#)

Safeguarding Adults Board – the November audit theme was Violence against Women and Girls – [see the learning here](#)

MiDoS MECC App Intro

In 2022 NHS Digital created NHS Service Finder which allows health and care professionals a way to access, search for and signpost patients to available services in their local area. In addition to this service, the South West NHS Digital Directory of Services North team have created the MiDoS MECC App – available to health and care professionals in BNSSG, BSW, Gloucestershire and Somerset.

A free, fast, reliable and accessible MECC resource available through any internet-enabled device. The MiDoS app allows users to search for local health and social care services to signpost patients to.

Users can search by location and service – from pharmacies to sexual health clinics, and many more.

For more information [register](#) and use the app, or email the team on DoSteam.southwest@nhs.net.

College of Policing – Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment Launch

The Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment (DARA) replaces the domestic abuse, stalking and honour based violence questionnaire (DASH) which most police officers use at every domestic abuse call. DARA has an increased focus on coercive and controlling behaviour. During a pilot there was a 38% increase in the proportion of officers coming to the same decision on risk as an expert in domestic abuse. Click [here](#) for more information.

The DARA will only be for use by police first responders, other professionals will continue to use the DASH form.

Want to know where to find more information about DASH? – [click here](#)



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