



# South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter  
March Edition

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. 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](#)



### Working with Fathers

The 'Including Fathers' Self-Assessment is now available to use with your organisation.

It provides the key descriptors of evidence-based ways of working with fathers/male caregivers. This can include partners, stepparents, males in same sex partnerships and any male with caring responsibilities in the child's life.

This tool is available on the Children's Partnership website [here](#).

There is also a video to support this which is available [here](#).

Once you have used this tool with your organisation please give your feedback [here](#)

There is a special Working with Fathers Newsletter available too – [read that here](#)



### Safer Sleep Week – 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March

Safer Sleep Week is an awareness campaign from the [Lullaby Trust](#) which supports families to make the safest sleeping space for their baby. Sadly, babies still die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) so raising awareness of how to create the safest place is important to reduce the risks. Evidence shows that raising awareness and having a safe space to sleep can decrease the number of babies dying.

There is a wealth of information on creating the 'safest place' and reducing the risk of SIDS on [The Lullaby Trust - Safer sleep for babies, Support for families](#) and [Safe sleep advice for babies - Start for Life - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

South Gloucestershire Council has developed sleep toolkits for babies 0-5 years, children 5 -13 years and young people 13-18 years, to view these please visit [Sleep Support | One You South Gloucestershire \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

### BRAND NEW ICON Workshops

ICON is an evidenced-based programme aimed at preventing abusive head trauma injuries to babies caused by shaking. This 60 minute session is **for anyone** who works or volunteers with children and families in Bristol, North Somerset or South Gloucestershire.

[Book a place on one of the free sessions here](#)

[Download the flyer here](#) or [Read more about ICON here](#)



### Best Start in Life – Knowledge and Skills Toolkit



This toolkit was developed through close engagement with partners to identify relevant resources. It is not intended to be prescriptive; individual partners and organisations can decide which, if any, of the development opportunities are appropriate for their staff teams. We hope you can make use of the Toolkit to both support and develop your workforce, so they can continue to provide the Best Start for Life for children, young people and families in South Gloucestershire.

Access the Knowledge and Skills Toolkit [here](#)

Once you have used this toolkit there is a feedback form – please tell us what you think [here](#)

### Safeguarding Adults Review – Adult K



The South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board have published a new SAR called Adult K.

Adult K was a young woman who died in October 2022.

You can read the SAR [here](#)

There is a single page learning brief you can read [here](#)

We are holding a [learning event](#) to look at the learning from the Adult K SAR – [book a place here](#)

## National Safeguarding Adults Review Analysis

This open access webinar will present the results of the second national analysis of Safeguarding Adult Reviews in England. It will present a detailed analysis of the types of abuse and neglect, and the nature of adult safeguarding concerns as reported in 652 reviews.

2pm on Wednesday, 27 March 2024 To register please click [here](#)

### Reminder: Think about the language you use to write about the children and adults you work with

It is easy to attribute blame to someone in the way we record information about them.

Here are some tools to help you think about the use of language.

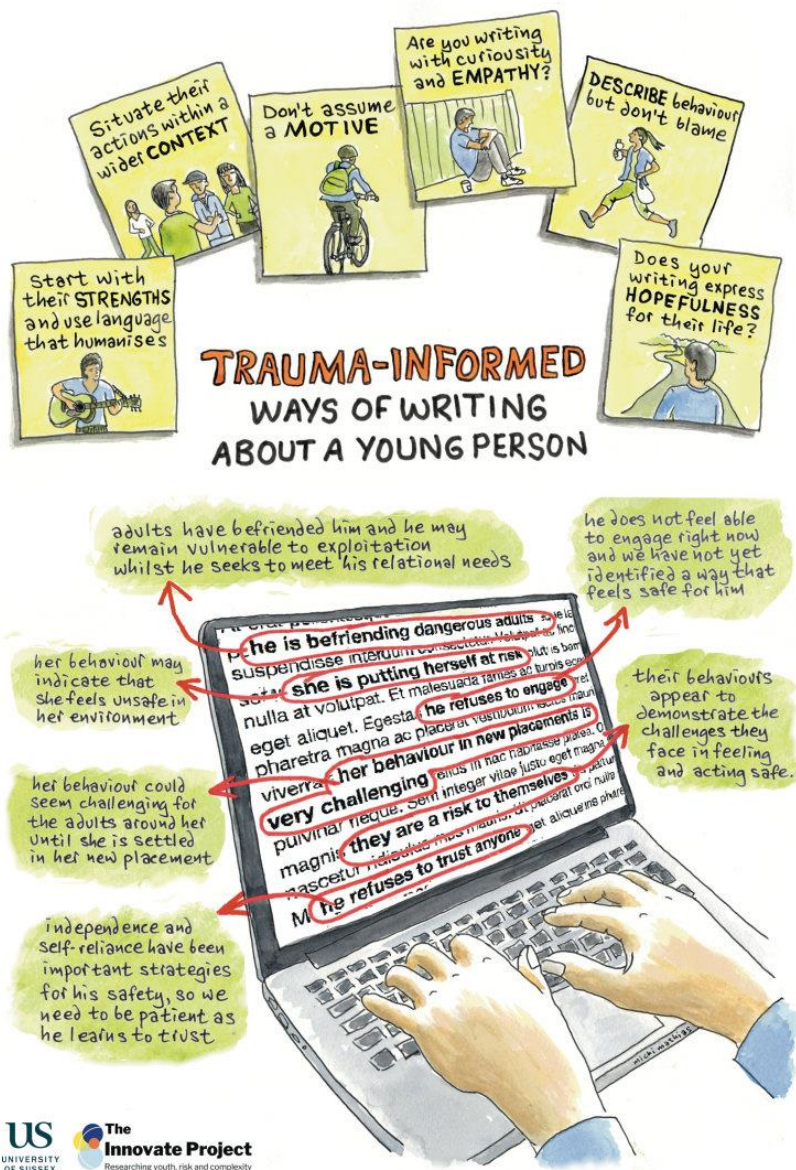
The infographic used on the right is available to download [here](#)

National Police Chiefs Council Appropriate Language Guide is available [here](#)

The Children’s Society Appropriate Language guide is [here](#)

The children of Waltham Forest have made a video about victim blaming language – you can watch it [here](#)

The NSPCC have a series of articles called why language matters on a range of themes – you can find there [here](#)



### Bitesize Fraud Prevention Session (if you work with Adults) – 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Do you work with Children in Care or Care Leavers?

Did you know that there is an independent organisation who can work with young people in care and care leavers up to the age of 25?

Reconstruct provide Independent Visiting and Advocacy to children and young people in South Glos. Our Independent Visitor Service provides volunteer befrienders to children and young people.

Independent Visitors (IVs) are positive adult role models who make a commitment to establish a supportive and long-term relationship built on trust.

You can find out more [here](#) or make a referral for a young person [here](#)



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