



# South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter  
November Edition

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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## November Edition

This November 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](#)



### Stop Adult Abuse Week

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

The South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board will be joining with the other four SABs in the Avon & Somerset Area for Stop Adult Abuse Week this November.

[There is a regional newsletter available here with all the details here.](#)

There will be five free lunchtime workshops through the week and bookings are open for these now – all free of charge!

Find the flyer [here](#) and to book a place...

[CLICK HERE](#)

## Domestic Abuse Training

The Children's Partnership and Safeguarding Adults Board jointly commission multi-agency domestic abuse training. This training is for everyone working with children, adults and families in South Glos. It runs over 1.5 days – one day online and the second day is face to face.

This course provides an opportunity to refresh and develop your knowledge in relation to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and key learning from Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews, Safeguarding Adult Reviews and Domestic Homicide Reviews. The importance of trauma informed practice underpinned by professional curiosity will be explored. The course covers best practice within the landscape of effective multi-agency work. A broad range of topics are included, e.g. intersectionality, child-centred practice within a whole family approach, effective risk assessment/monitoring and safety planning, professional self-care.

Its highly recommended training on a key issue. Share this opportunity with your team/organisation.

[Find out more and book here](#)

## E-Learning Opportunities

Last month we shared the updated e-Learning package available for everyone.

This month the focus is on two of the brand new modules:

If you work with children – have a look at **Fabricated and Induced Illness**

If you work with adults have a look at **Self Neglect**

To access the training then you will need to register via this [link](#)



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If you have already registered [this is the link](#) to access the site.

to you.

When you log on to the site  
- click here to look at the  
modules



Learning



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If you belong to an organisation that doesn't contribute financially to the children's partnership, then there is a small charge of £20 to undertake an eLearning module.

## Exploitation in construction awareness video



In collaboration with 11 leading construction companies and labour agencies, Unseen has created a powerful short film that highlights the everyday reality of victims and demonstrates key signs for construction site teams to look out for. This film will be used across the built environment sector, as part of training programmes and site inductions, to raise awareness and increase the chances of exploitation activity being reported.

[Construction industry partners join forces to campaign against modern slavery](#)

## Pension Credit

### Are you working with an adult who could be missing out on pension credit?

Please remind people of State Pension age (66+) who are not receiving certain benefits\* that they should check their eligibility and apply for Pension Credit, as they could qualify for WinterFuel Payment\* and other support like help with housing costs, help with Council Tax and a free TV licence for those aged 75 and over. It is also possible to apply for Pension Credit and have the claim backdated by up to 3 months - so long as there is entitlement during that time. This means that the latest date to apply and still qualify for Winter Fuel Payment is 21st December 2024.

Did you know that additional to Winter Fuel Payment, Pension Credit also provides extra support for heating costs such as [The Warm Home Discount Scheme](#) and [Cold Weather Payments](#)?

It is estimated that up to **880,000** households are missing out on Pension Credit, and it is worth, on average, **£3,900** per year, providing additional benefits such as help with Council Tax and Housing Benefit and a free TV licence for those over 75.

Raising awareness of [Pension Credit](#) could make a difference to an older person's life: [www.gov.uk/pension-credit](http://www.gov.uk/pension-credit)

If you have State Pension Age customers or service users and would like to boost yours and your colleagues' confidence in talking about Pension Credit, **watch our explainer video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kD9e4mAAGdc>

DWP also have some availability for our visiting officers to support the completion of applications at group events, if this would be useful to you then please contact [Sue Lancaster](#).

## Your Voice Matters: Domestic Abuse Survivor Voice Survey

Bath & North East Somerset, North Somerset, Somerset, and South Gloucestershire Community Safety Partnerships have been working together to conduct a Domestic Abuse Survivor Voice Survey aimed at gathering insights from individuals about domestic abuse services across the four local authority's areas. Your support in sharing this survey is critical to ensure we hear from as many voices as possible.

The survey is open to individuals aged 16+ who live in Bath & North East Somerset, North Somerset, Somerset, and South Gloucestershire, and aims to:

- Demographic: Understand who is using the services
- Capture Survivor Voices: Gather insights from survivors of domestic abuse about their experiences.
- Assess Current Provision: Evaluate how well existing services are meeting the needs of survivors.
- Identify Barriers: Understand the obstacles that prevent people from accessing support services.
- Ensure Inclusivity: Check if services are culturally sensitive and accessible to everyone.
- Highlight Gaps: Identify areas where current services may be lacking or need improvement.

The survey closes at midnight on Sunday 18th November and can be accessed [here](#)

## Coercive and Controlling behaviour Training

Join Safer Futures and Refuge4Pets for a FREE training opportunity to develop your understanding of Coercive and Controlling Behaviour. The training session is in honour of 16 days of action and will act as a pilot to inform training about Coercive Control in the future. **Thursday 28th November 10am-1pm.**

The session will cover:

- The dynamics and impact of Coercive Controlling Behaviour for adults, children and animals.
- How to identify and respond to Coercive Controlling Behaviour.

[Book a place on this free session here](#)

## Children's Partnership Stakeholder Network



We had a great development afternoon in September and the Executive would really like to keep meeting up with practitioners and managers from across the partnership at in-person events twice a year. We would like to widen our invitation to professionals from all agencies and organisations across South Glos to come and contribute to the partnership.

Our next event is at **1pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February** at BAWA, Southmead Road. Just so we know how many people are coming this time we are asking everyone to book a place.



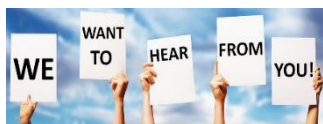
We will give more information as the date approaches but for now – please secure your space by [booking here](#) and save the date in your calendar

## Parent and Infant Emotional Wellbeing Support

Your go-to resource for pregnancy and postnatal wellbeing support in Bristol, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire.

A wide range of support is available for anyone who is considering a pregnancy, pregnant, has a child up to the age of 24 months, or is going through the loss of a baby.

[Find out more here](#)



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