



# South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter  
May 2021

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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## May Edition

This May edition of the newsletter is a combined newsletter for both the South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership and the Safeguarding Adults Board.

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.

South Gloucestershire latest information about the support that is available during the Covid period is published online [here](#)

### Multi Agency Safeguarding Training

Both the Safeguarding Adults Board and the Children's Partnership commission a programme of multi agency training open to all who work with adults and children in South Gloucestershire. These helpful guides have been produced by Joanne Worthington - to see at a glance what is available and how to book.

**Top Tip:** Keep the links, because the content will be updated but the links will remain the same

[Safeguarding Children Training](#)

[Safeguarding Adults Training](#)



### Signs of Safety Update

The most recent Signs of Safety update briefing is available on the partnership website [here](#)

This briefing keeps you informed of what's happened so far in implementing the Signs of Safety Approach in South Gloucestershire.

This includes details of the Family Finding approach, new bitesize workshops now available and all the dates for partner signs of safety training that is available to all practitioners.

For any information about Signs of Safety in South Gloucestershire please contact

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## Life Skills Prevention Centre - Survey

As a professional working with young children and/or families, can you spare 5 minutes to help reduce the number of accidental injuries occurring to young children?



Did you know that accidents are a leading cause of death and serious injury for children? In 2018/2019 across the former Avon area, 36,000 children under the age of four attended hospital because of an accidental injury, most of which occurred in the home.

Lifeskills is a Bristol based charity that has been providing safety education for over 20 years. As a professional working with families and young children, we'd value your input on an exciting new early years project. By completing a short online survey, you can help us understand what more we can do to protect young children from accidental injuries in the future.

Please [click here](#) to complete the survey.

This will only take about 5 minutes and all responses are completely anonymous. Even if you have never received safety education training, or feel it is not relevant to your role, your response is important and will help us build a complete picture of what is happening in the area.

It is important that children learn by playing and exploring, but for some, the injuries gained from accidents at home, are severe. Thankfully, most of these accidents are entirely preventable. We believe that it is always better to offer proactive solutions rather than dealing with the consequences of an accident. Your feedback will help determine how injury prevention in the area can be improved and allow us to tailor services to local needs.

## Multi Agency Quality Assurance Audits



Both the Children's Partnership and the Safeguarding Adults Board have sub groups that complete multi agency audits each quarter.

Themes are chosen for the audits. The most recent Children's Partnership multi agency audit was on the theme of Adolescent Mental Health. You can read the findings in the practitioner learning brief [here](#).

The most recent Safeguarding Adults Board audit was on the theme of Hoarding and you can read the findings in the practitioner learning brief [here](#).

## South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership Business Plan on a Page

Each year there is a Business Plan for the whole Children's Partnership outlining work to be done and progress is monitored by the Executive.



You can see the priorities for the Children's Partnership for 2021-2022 [here](#)

## The Big Ask Survey

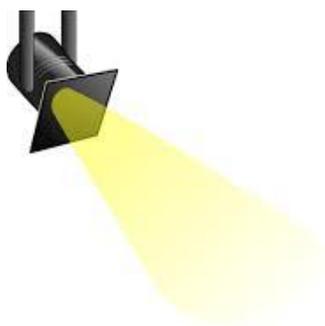
The Big Ask Survey will run from 19 April to 19 May 2021. 'The Childhood Commission' will identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their full potential, propose policy and services solutions and develop targets by which improvements can be monitored. The Children's Commissioner is asking children how the pandemic changed their lives for better or worse, what their aspirations are and the barriers to reaching them, how things are at home, how their communities and local environment could be improved, and how they feel about the future and the challenges facing the world.



To view the full press release click [here](#).

Encourage children you work with to take the Big Ask survey [here](#)

## Spotlight on Policies



When you are working with an adult and you are worried about Self Neglect or Hoarding what tools do you use?

Did you know we have Multi Agency Self-Neglect Guidance available?

This really useful guide helps identify what signs to look for and provides a flow chart and risk assessment tool. You can view the guidance [here](#)

There is also a really helpful clutter image rating scale from Avon Fire & Rescue available [here](#) to help you identify how worrying the hoarding you have seen is and what action you can take.

## Private Fostering

### What is Private Fostering?

Private fostering is when a child under the age of 16 (under 18 if disabled) is cared for by someone who is not their parent or a 'close relative'. This is a private arrangement made between a parent and a carer, for 28 days or more.

### Who is a 'close relative'?

Close relatives are defined as step-parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, uncles or aunts

### What do I need to do?

If you identify a child is living in a private fostering arrangement you should notify the local authority on **01454 866000**

You can read more about Private Fostering in [this leaflet](#) or by visiting the website [here](#)

