



Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board, North Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board, Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership, South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Bath & North East Somerset Community Safety & Safeguarding Partnership

Stop Adult Abuse Week Newsletter

Joint Safeguarding Adults Boards

21st – 25th November 2022



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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Stop Adult Abuse Week

This special edition newsletter is a combined newsletter for combined Safeguarding Boards across the Avon & Somerset region and has a specific focus on resources, workshops and information for all organisations relating to Stop Adult Abuse Week for professionals working with adults within the five local authority areas.

Locally, Stop Adult Abuse Week has followed this combined approach for a number of years, and this year is taking place in November to align with the National Safeguarding Adults week led by the Ann Craft Trust.

Book NOW! – Stop Adult Abuse Week of Webinars

Monday 21st November at 12.00pm – Adult Exploitation [BOOK HERE](#)

Extra Workshop: Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking -2:30pm – [BOOK HERE](#)

Tuesday 22nd November at 12.00pm – Self Neglect [BOOK HERE](#)

Wednesday 23rd November at 12.00pm – Safeguarding in Everyday Life [BOOK HERE](#)

Thursday 24th November at 12.00pm – Elder Abuse [BOOK HERE](#)

Friday 25th November at 12.00pm – Domestic Abuse & Technology [BOOK HERE](#)



Safeguarding Adults Week 2022

21- 27 November
#SafeguardingAdultsWeek

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National Safeguarding Adults Week

We are joining Stop Adult Abuse week with the National Safeguarding Adults Week.

This is an opportunity for organisations to come together to raise awareness of important safeguarding issues. The aim is to highlight safeguarding key issues, facilitate conversations and to raise awareness of safeguarding best practice. So we can all be better together. You can access the resources from Ann Craft Trust on the link below:

[Ann Craft Trust Resources](#)

Safeguarding Adults Week 2022 – Responding to Contemporary Safeguarding Challenges



Each day we'll be focusing on a different safeguarding theme to explore how we can respond to contemporary safeguarding challenges.

From our work with organisations and practitioners, we are becoming increasingly aware of many new potential sources of harm. As safeguarding advocates it is important that we stay aware of how circumstances might impact people's experiences and their risk of harm and abuse.

Safeguarding Adults Week is a time for practitioners and organisations to develop their safeguarding knowledge. We hope the themes for 2022 will raise awareness of new forms of abuse and different ways of recognising and responding to safeguarding concerns in contemporary society.

Monday – Exploitation and County Lines



Workshop One: Adult Exploitation – [book a place here](#)

Download the Poster for the Day [here](#)

Research indicates that lockdown has increased the number of people at risk of exploitation. This is largely due to economic concerns and increased isolation.

Extra Workshop: Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking 2.30pm – [Book here](#)

[Crimestoppers](#) is an independent UK charity that allows anyone to share information anonymously. Learn more about their campaigns on county lines [here](#).

Read the National Crime Agency's detailed primer on County Lines [here](#).

The County Lines Programme was launched by the Home Office in November 2019. Learn about the Home Office's County Lines Programme [here](#).

The University of Central Lancashire published a report in May 2022 on [County Lines and Criminal Exploitation of UK University Students](#).

Oxford County Council have produced a [guide](#) about how to spot the signs of cuckooing and what to do if you have concerns someone could be affected.

Message from Avon & Somerset Police: If you are concerned someone may be a victim of county lines or cuckooing, report it:

- Online – fill in our [inform us of a suspected crime form](#)
- By phone – call us on 101
- In person – visit your [local police station](#)
- Anonymously to Crimestoppers – visit the [Crimestoppers website](#) or call them on 0800 555 111

Tuesday – Self-Neglect



Click the image to learn more about Self Neglect

Workshop Two: Self Neglect – [book a place here](#)

Download the Poster for the Day [here](#)

Read [this brief introduction to Self-Neglect](#) from The Social Care Institute for Excellence.

Elsie's Story – [a short Self-Neglect case study.](#)

Wednesday – Safeguarding in Everyday Life



Workshop Three: Safeguarding in Everyday Life – [book a place here](#)

Download the Poster for the Day [here](#)

Read our short guide – [What is My Role in Safeguarding](#) – to find out how you can make a difference.

Watch our [short video guide](#) to what you should do if you have safeguarding concerns.

Read our guide – [What Should I say...? Responding to Personal Accounts](#)

[About a Traumatic Experience](#)

Explore our guide for advice about [starting difficult conversations.](#)

Thursday – Elder Abuse



Workshop Four: Elder Abuse – [book a place here](#)

Download the Poster for the Day [here](#)

The World Health Organisation has found that rates of elder abuse have increased since the pandemic. Read this [fact sheet](#) by the WHO to find out more.

HourGlass, the Safer Aging charity, is committed to stopping elder abuse. [Take a look at some of their resources for safeguarding elderly people.](#)

AgeUK have a hub of safeguarding resources, you can access them [here.](#)

[7 Types of Elder Abuse and How to Prevent It.](#) This is a US resource, so it may refer to legislation that doesn't apply to the UK. But it still features lots of useful information.

Friday – Domestic Abuse in Tech-Society



Workshop Five: Domestic Abuse & Technology – [book a place here](#)

Download the Poster for the Day [here](#)

This day marks the start of 16 Days of Action for Violence Against Women and Girls – [read more here](#). To support this campaign, we awareness of the role technology has in exacerbating instances of domestic abuse.

[Refuge](#) has published resources to support people at risk of tech-abuse.

[UCL](#) have illustrated how smart devices present new risks for victims of domestic violence and abuse.

[SafeLives](#) have produced a guide for practitioners to support them to have conversations with adults at risk about using technology safely.

Explore our [introduction to digital safeguarding guide](#) which explains what digital safeguarding is and provides tips and advice for staying safe online.

AVA, CAST and Comic Relief collaborated on a comprehensive [Digital Safeguarding Resources Pack](#).

Local Websites:



Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership – [find the website here](#)

South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board – [find the website here](#)

North Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board – [find the website here](#)

Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board – [find the website here](#)

Bath and North East Somerset Community Safety & Safeguarding Partnership – [find the website here](#)

What Can I share on Social Media?

The table below will help you to share what is happening in Stop Adult Abuse Week. Please use these templates and ideas within your organisation and your personal accounts.

Please follow @AnnCraftTrust and retweet them.

Please use the following hashtags:

#SAAW2022

#SafeguardingAdultsWeek



Date	Theme	Our Tweets	Things you might want to tweet about
Monday 21 November	Exploitation and county lines	<p>County lines can refer gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into areas across the UK. They are likely to exploit children and adults at risk and will often use coercion, intimidation and violence. #SafeguardingAdultsWeek</p> <p>Today is day one of the @AnnCraftTrust #SafeguardingAdultsWeek and the focus is on exploitation and county lines.</p> <p>Today is day one of #SafeguardingAdultsWeek. For 2022 the focus is on 'Responding to Contemporary Safeguarding Challenges'. Check out @AnnCraftTrust for free resources!</p>	<p>Share definitions of what county lines, exploitation and cuckooing is. Use our social media assets to help!</p> <p>You can share tips for how to spot the signs someone may be at risk of exploitation – see our resources page.</p>
Tuesday 22 November	Self-neglect	<p>Self-neglect is when</p> <p>A person neglects to care for their own personal health, hygiene, or surroundings. It</p> <p>can involve a refusal to seek medical assistance. #SafeguardingAdultsWeek</p> <p>It's day two of #SafeguardingAdultsWeek and the focus is on self-neglect. Follow @AnnCraftTrust for the latest resources!</p> <p>It's day two of #SafeguardingAdultsWeek and @AnnCraftTrust want to encourage individuals and organisations to learn more about self-neglect. Do you know how to spot the signs and respond?</p>	<p>Share definitions of self-neglect and resources about how to spot the signs and respond if you are concerned about someone.</p>
Wednesday 23 November	Safeguarding in Everyday Life.	<p>It's day three of #SafeguardingAdultsWeek and the focus is on safeguarding in everyday life! See great resources from @AnnCraftTrust to learn more about your role in safeguarding.</p> <p>Do you know what your role in safeguarding is? The @AnnCraftTrust want to highlight that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.</p> <p>It's the third day of #SAAW2022! Tell us about how you are developed #safeguarding initiatives in your community!</p> <p>Today we'll be sharing resources about the actions you can take if you witness incidents of discrimination or bullying in everyday life. Check out @AnnCraftTrust to learn more. #SAAW2022</p>	<p>Make sure you know your role in safeguarding</p> <p>Share resources about how employers, employees, volunteers and members of the community can contribute to good safeguarding practice and safer cultures.</p> <p>Have you developed initiatives to support people in the local community? This could be about tackling loneliness or how to respond if you are concerned about someone in your neighbourhood. We would love to hear from you!</p> <p>Book onto one of our e-learning courses to develop your knowledge.</p>

<p>Thursday 24 November</p>	<p>Elder Abuse</p>	<p>It's day four of #SafeguardingAdultsWeek and @AnnCraftTrust are raising awareness of elder abuse. See the @AnnCraftTrust for great resources!</p> <p>Elder abuse is a single or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust, which causes harm or distress to an older person. Check out @AnnCraftTrust to learn more.</p> <p>People can experience elder abuse in a wide range of contexts. Learn about how to spot the signs this #SafeguardingAdultsWeek through resources from @AnnCraftTrust</p>	<p>Share resources to raise awareness about elder-abuse and how to respond.</p> <p>Tell us about any initiatives you have developed in your organisation to support older people.</p>
<p>Friday 25 November</p>	<p>Domestic Abuse in Tech-Society</p>	<p>Today marks the start of 16 Days of Action for VAWG. To support this campaign, we are raising awareness of the role technology has in exacerbating instances of #domesticabuse #SAAW2022</p> <p>Technology can help to keep people safe. But abusers can also use technology to cause harm. #SafeguardingAdultsWeek</p> <p>Do you know about the role technology can have in relation to domestic abuse? Check out @AnnCraftTrust resources to learn more. #SafeguardingAdultsWeek</p>	<p>Share resources about how to spot the signs a person may be at risk through their technology and how to respond.</p> <p>Do you know how to turn off location sharing or how to protect your passwords? Sharing information such as this can be helpful in learning how to stay safe online and minimise the extent to which people are at risk through their technology.</p>
<p>General Tweets</p>		<p>We are supporting @AnnCraftTrust #SafeguardingAdultsWeek 2022!</p> <p>This #SafeguardingAdultsWeek marks the 30th anniversary of the @AnnCraftTrust! Check out their range of free resources to improve your #safeguarding knowledge!</p> <p>This week we are supporting #SafeguardingAdultsWeeks run by the @AnnCraftTrust!</p>	