



South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter
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SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

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This June 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 Neglect Workshops – [Book Here](#)

Bitesize Private Fostering Training – [Book Here](#)

Full programme of Safeguarding Adults Training is [here](#)

Full programme of Safeguarding Children Training is [here](#)

Private Fostering

Are you a social worker? A teacher? A Health Professional? A Youth Worker? A Police officer? An Early Years professional?

If you work with children and families in any role, then you need to know about Private Fostering – and understand your responsibilities.

It couldn't be simpler to refresh your knowledge – free, online 45-minute sessions are now available to book.

Even though you might be super busy – please find 45 minutes between now and Christmas to attend a session.

What do you need to do?

Tell your colleagues. Book today.

[All the dates are open for booking by clicking here](#)

Avon Fire & Rescue



Avon Fire and Rescue Service offer advice and guidance on how to reduce the risk of fire within the home. Through our

targeted prevention work we provide further support to the most vulnerable members of our community, i.e. those who may be more at risk of having a fire in their home and therefore need us most. In these cases we may carry out a free Home Fire Safety Visit.



This is a free pre-arranged visit to the home to carry out a fire safety assessment and provide advice on how to stay safe from fire, including:

- how to prevent fire happening
- what to do in the event of a fire
- cooking and electrical safety
- planning an escape route
- and a night time routine

If we find the adult needs smoke alarms fitting in the home or that existing faulty alarms need replacing, we will do this free of charge during our visit. There may also be other help we can offer specific to the circumstances, such as additional fire safety equipment or referring the adult (with consent) to an organisation or agency that may be able to offer further support.

To find out more, please go to our webpage <http://www.avonfire.co.uk/>

Fire Safety: Practitioner Training Sessions

Avon Fire & Rescue Service (AF&RS) aim to prevent further fatalities by working with local agencies and practitioners who engage with vulnerable members of the community.

This free training which will take around 1 hour 15 minutes, aims to help practitioners understand the risk and dangers of fire for those most vulnerable. It will cover topics including; cooking practices, hoarding, candles and smoking safety, electrical safety and how to make a referral into AF&RS.

Training is held virtually via Zoom, and tickets are booked via Eventbrite, please visit our website to book your place: <https://avonfire.gov.uk/our-services/fire-safety-practitioner-training-sessions>

Firesetter Intervention Scheme

Avon Fire & Rescue Service (AF&RS) offer free training to organisations who work with children and families to understand the risks of firesetting and the intervention scheme we offer to support children and young people who display this behaviour. Our trained Firesetter Advisors work with children and young people up to the age of 18 (or 25 if the young person has special education needs and disabilities (SEND) and/or an education, health and care (EHC) plan is in place) to increase awareness of the dangers and consequences of fire and establish a cause behind the actions.

More information and referrals for the scheme can be made through the website <https://www.avonfire.gov.uk/safety-advice/advice-for-parents/firesetters>, for training requests please email Fire.Setters@avonfire.gov.uk.

Young People and Drug Use – Free Webinar

The webinar will be delivered on the following dates.

Monday 13th June 10.00- 11.30

Tuesday 28th June 15.30-17.00

This webinar is a practical and informative session covering :

- Drug Trends: What drugs are teenagers in South Gloucestershire using?
- Why do some teenagers use drugs?
- When does drug use become problematic?
- Myth busting and challenging drug misinformation.
- Top tips for talking to teenagers about drugs
- How to help young people who are at risk of, or currently using drugs?



Both sessions will be delivered by Joanna Mallinson of the BE Project (www.beproject.co.uk), She is currently working in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council delivering the Young People's Engagement consultation. At the end of the session you will be asked to complete a short consultation survey.

There will be opportunities to ask Joanna questions, and staff from YPDAS will also be attending to answer any questions about drugs support in South Gloucestershire.

[Please use this link to find out more information and to book your place.](#)

Explore the Safeguarding Website

The Children's Partnership and Safeguarding Adults Board have a joint website.

Never visited? [Click here to look](#)

To help you find your way around and know what is there – each month there will be a spotlight on a different area of the site in 2022.

This month the focus is on Exploitation

Work with children? The website page you need is [here](#)

Work with Adults? The website page you need is [here](#)

These pages contain all the information you need about:

- ✓ Training
- ✓ Exploitation of Adults Guidance, SCAMs and Cuckooing
- ✓ Child Exploitation Resources
- ✓ Details of the Risk Management Pathway and PIMM
- ✓ Access to the Exploitation Identification Tool (EIT)



Strangulation Prevention Training

FREE Online Sessions in two parts: 1pm-4.30pm Tuesday 28th June & 1pm-4.30pm Wednesday 29th June 2022

Strangulation and suffocation are sadly widespread (estimated at 20,000 cases per year in the UK). Being strangled not only leads to potential serious medical consequences that should be identified early on, it also raises by seven-fold the risk of becoming a future domestic homicide victim. It is also widely experienced in rape. A 2021 study from Saint Mary's SARC Manchester showed that 1 in 5 adults presenting for a forensic medical examination following a report of rape by a partner or ex-partner gave a history of strangulation as part of that assault.

A new specific offence of non-fatal strangulation and suffocation will come into force in England and Wales in June 22 so this training will help staff prepare for managing these assaults.

Training is suitable for NHS frontline including Paramedics, GP Practices ENT, ED; Police; Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Services; Judges and Magistrates, Prosecutors; Social Workers; Public Health; Probation.

It is relevant for all front-line NHS staff as we know from the USA that it is often for example GP practice nurses or A&E staff who pick up that someone has been strangled when they present with eye, throat, ear or other problems. This is particularly true for those victims who are wary of reporting to the criminal justice system.

[More information is available here.](#) [Book a place here](#)

Listening to Young People – Understanding Confidentiality



The most recent Pupil Survey found that 58% of young people didn't feel comfortable seeking mental health support as they didn't want their parents to know.

The Youth Board have considered this and have asked that practitioners give more information to young people about the rules of confidentiality. What will be shared? What never will?

The Youth Board hope this will enable young people to make an informed decision about whether they seek out support.

What can you do differently to help young people understand this better?

Personal Care in Dementia Booklet

Produced by The Alzheimer's Society and the University of East Anglia a brand new resource for family carers has been published in April 2022 - Assisting People with Dementia with their Personal Care: Ideas and Tips for Carers You can access the resource [here](#)

Preventative Services in South Gloucestershire – Interface Document

This new document is designed to describe the interface between Preventative Services and other partners, colleagues/teams, including our Early help partners. The core purpose of Preventative Services is to support families with children from pre-birth to 18, with multiple and/or complex needs which have not been able to be addressed by universal services. The aim is to work with families to help them improve their resilience, achieve positive outcomes and reduce the chance of problems getting worse. You can read the new interface document [here](#).

New Publications

South Gloucestershire – What's New?

Multi Agency Quality Assurance Practitioner Briefing – Safeguarding Adults – Theme Transitions - [Read it here](#)

Multi Agency Quality Assurance Practitioner Briefing – Safeguarding Children – Theme Neglect – [Read it here](#)

Multi Agency Quality Assurance Practitioner Briefing – Safeguarding Children – Theme Children Looked After – [Read it here](#)

National – What's New?

Child Protection In England: The National Review following the Deaths of Arthur Labinjo Hughes and Star Hobson.

On 26th May 2022, the National Panel published its latest national review, which looked at the tragically short lives of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes and Star Hobson.

The review was the first of its kind and aimed to understand what happened to Arthur and Star. It considered how agencies acted to safeguard both children, and what factors enabled or limited their ability to protect them, in order to identify improvements for the future.

[Read the full report here](#)

[Read the National Panel Briefing Note here](#)

Independent Review of Children's Social Care – Josh MacAlister May 2022

Described as a once in a generation opportunity to transform the children's social care system and provide children with loving, safe and stable families.

[Read the full report here](#)

[Read the Executive Summary here](#)

[Read the NSPCC Briefing here](#)



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