

Safeguarding Newsletter



NHS England and NHS Improvement - South West

Welcome to the October edition of the NHS England and NHS Improvement South West Safeguarding newsletter!

As COVID infection rates rise nationally and restrictions are put in place, safeguarding and looking out for one another have never been more important. Please take time to safeguard the safeguarders.

Children and Young People Safeguarding

Child Protection – Information Sharing (CP-IS) Newsletter

Edition 2 provides an update with a focus around the current Covid-19 pandemic. This [newsletter](#) has been created by both the National NHS England NHS Improvement Safeguarding team and NHS Digital.

Information and links around implementing CP-IS sharing using the Summary Care Record application, have been shared on the following [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) links.

Winter Planning – Support to Children and Families

Chief Nursing Officer of NHS England & NHS Improvement, Ruth May, Chief Nurse of Public Health England, Viv Bennett and Ian Huspeth, Chair of the Community Wellbeing Board of the Local Government Association have written to Directors of Nurses advising that where possible, professionals supporting Children and Families should not be redeployed. A copy of the letter can be found [here](#).

See, Hear, Respond

Barnardo's have produced some supporting information, for referring professionals within a new service called '[See, Hear, Respond](#)'. This is aimed at those children who do not meet the statutory thresholds therefore those not receiving support.



“It was hard to escape: Safeguarding Children from Criminal Exploitation” published by the Child Safeguarding Practice Review

Panel (2020)

A document investigating practice reviews involving 21 children from 17 different Local Authorities, where a child either died in 2018-19 or was seriously harmed owing to criminal exploitation, has been published. This is the national panel's first [publication](#) of its type and focuses upon just a nine month period.



Guidance produced which aims to raise the awareness of online harm

Guidance around '[Online Sexual Harm Reduction](#)' and '[How I Can Help My Child](#)' has been produced by The Marie Collins Foundation and NWG. Information is given around what online harm looks like and ways you can effectively help and support children. It gives advice and support with contact information should you have any concerns.

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

Please follow this link to read the [latest FGM Newsletter](#) produced by the NHSE/I Safeguarding London Region leading on this workstream.

['People who tackle FGM need support; how can we reduce burden and support them?'](#) is a published piece of research which was undertaken by Astrid Fairclough- now a Churchill Fellow. In doing this research, she identified that those involved in the work to End FGM do face professional and personal burdens as a result of their involvement. Please do read the report to find out more.

Department of Education are developing teacher training modules to support the teaching profession to feel confident and competent in delivering sex and relationship education. 'Being Safe' is the module which includes FGM. The National NHSE/I FGM Group will be kept informed on these developments and the regional SW NHSE/I safeguarding team will communicate key messages through this newsletter.

Adult Safeguarding

Mental Capacity Act (MCA) and Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS)

With the Liberty Protection Safeguards implementation on the horizon, the Safeguarding Adults National Network is convening a MCA/LPS task and finish group. Our South West Regional representative on this group as a MCA/LPS subject matter expert will be Rebecca Evans, Mental Capacity Act and Court of Protection Professional Lead for NHS Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group. The SW regional team will be establishing a LPS group with representation from all the SW systems to start in the New Year with the purpose to ensure we have a robust regional approach to implementation and will bring the national work into the region in order to support the local system

implementation.

The DHSC have updated their COVID-19 guidance on MCA DoLS. For information please see the link [here](#). The changes relate to self-isolation rules and the impact of the local COVID alert level system on face-to-face visiting:

National SAR Analysis project

The first national analysis of Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) in England has taken place, looking at 231 SARs from April 2017 to March 2019. The final drafts of the [report](#) and [Executive Summary](#) are available to SAB partners and will be published on the LGA website at the end of the month, with a webinar to launch them sometime in November.

National Safeguarding Adults Week: Monday 16-Sunday 22 November 2020

Every year, Safeguarding Adults Week is used to draw attention to certain key safeguarding themes:

- **Monday** – Safeguarding and Wellbeing
- **Tuesday** – Adult Grooming
- **Wednesday** – Understanding Legislation
- **Thursday** – Creating Safer Places
- **Friday** – Organisational Abuse
- **Saturday** – Sport & Activity
- **Sunday** – Safeguarding in Your Community

[You can read more about these themes and our wider areas of focus here.](#)

Contextual Safeguarding

Prevent Rapid Read

The Department of Health and Social Care have produced their first edition of an ongoing '[Prevent Rapid Read](#)'. This aims to reach all NHS staff and includes information on 'what is Prevent' and 'what to do if you are concerned' with contact details. Feel free to disseminate to colleagues.



Modern Slavery

The Modern Slavery Annual Report 2020 has been published earlier today (19 October 2020). The report outlines the progress made by the UK Government to tackle modern slavery and support victims to rebuild their lives over the last year. It also highlights the rapid response to the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure victims are supported and feel safe. The report has been written in collaboration with the Northern Ireland Executive, the Scottish Government and the Welsh Government. The full

report can be found [here](#).

16 days of Action- Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Campaign

Many of you will be familiar with the '16 days of action' campaign which begins on 25th November and ends on 10th December each year and aims to raise awareness of domestic abuse and similar issues. Please forge links with your local partners and domestic abuse partnerships to play your part in raising awareness of these important issues. For more information please contact the NHSE/I SW Safeguarding Team.

Additional Information

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

The DBS have recently announced an ambitious 5-year strategy focussing on three key area's; quality, profile and people. You can find the link [here](#) which details their vision for the future and work that will be undertaken.



Organisations are being asked to take part in early 'discovery' work to improve the Barring Portal. Contact details can be found within the link above.

Local System Shout Out



A great visual and innovative read-out from a Serious Adult Review (SAR) in South Gloucestershire.

This month's great BIG Shout Out is given to our colleagues in the BNSSG system for their excellent read out from a SAR rapid review. This is a really illustrative approach to sharing learning and recommendations so we would like to share [here](#).

Save the Date!

We want you to join us for our Safeguarding Together Week.

NHS Safeguarding are delighted to invite you to join a range of events being held between Monday 2nd and Friday 6th October 2020. Anyone can join so please feel free to share amongst your colleagues, further details can be found [here](#).



And finally...

Next month's newsletter will be circulated on Friday 27th November 2020

Newsletter compiled by the NHS England and NHS Improvement South
West regional Safeguarding Team.

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