



**A quarterly safeguarding newsletter brought to you by the Stockport Safeguarding Unit.**

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### **Who should read this Newsletter?**

Welcome to the third issue of the Stockport Safeguarding newsletter.

This newsletter is for anyone who has an interest in safeguarding, or works in safeguarding.

We hope you will find the content informative and useful to your roles and we welcome any feedback or suggestions for future content to [lsb@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:lsb@stockport.gov.uk)

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### **Message from the Independent Chair**

This is the fourth edition of our newsletter, and we hope those who have received copies since its launch continue to find it a useful resource and an interesting read. Since our last newsletter we have completed work on, and published, our 2018/19 Safeguarding Children's and Adults Annual Reports, which were both published September 2019.

To the new subscribers who have recently signed up to receive copies of our newsletter, a very warm welcome and our thanks for your interest in being part of the local safeguarding community. We always welcome suggestions for improvement, requests for future content or any contributions you would like to make.



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### **Launch of the new Safeguarding Arrangements for Safeguarding Children**

Stockport Launched its new Safeguarding Children partnership in June 2019 – Stockport Safeguarding Children Partnership SSCP. A new website has been developed to support the sharing of new information about the arrangements. There are also new seven minute briefings on the latest in focus topics available on the policy pages – such as Neglect of Older Children. You can access all of these and

more on the new arrangements via the [website](#). You can also find out more at our new Safeguarding Learning Hub event on December 5<sup>th</sup> where we will be sharing the latest partnership updates. If you would like to host one of the learning hub events moving forward please get in touch and we can deliver a brief 1 hour Partnership activity update at your office. Just get in touch via [lsb@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:lsb@stockport.gov.uk)

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## Annual Conference 2019

Our Joint Annual Conference was held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and was well attended by safeguarding leads from across a broad range of organisations that work with both children and adults in Stockport.

Sessions from the day included:

- Children and Young people when their parents are coping with dementia.
- Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) and the replacement of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) and how this can impact children 16 yrs +
- The impact of self-neglect on young carers.
- Hoarding

The Learning and Development Subgroup will start planning for the 2020 conference. One of the areas that people have also asked to be included is working with trauma, but if you have any other areas of safeguarding work that you would like to be considered for included on the agenda please let us know.

[View presentations from the day](#)

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## Office of Public Guardian OPG-LPA

A Power of Attorney is a legal document where a person gives another person or persons (the Attorney) authority to make certain decisions on his or her behalf.

A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) is a special type of Power of Attorney, in that it continues even if the person giving the powers becomes mentally incapable of dealing with their affairs.

There are two types of LPA as follows:

1. Property and Affairs (referred to below as an LPA Financial) which allows your Attorney power to deal with your property and finances.
2. Health & Personal Welfare (referred to below as an LPA-Welfare) which allows your Attorney to make welfare and healthcare decisions on the donors behalf, but only when they lack the mental capacity to make decisions themselves.

A two-minute summary can be [found here](#) – please share within your organisations.

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## Annual Report 2018/19

Both annual reports for SSCP & SSAB have now been published. They are both available to read on the safeguarding children and adult websites. It has set out the progress made in respect of our four key priorities.

- Transitions
- Neglect
- Domestic violence and abuse
- Complex Safeguarding

The report sets out our agenda for 2019/20. This will be towards transitioning to the new safeguarding partnership arrangements, understanding the effectiveness of our impact and developing a strategic plan for 2020/23.

Both reports can be found here:

[Stockport Safeguarding Children's Partnership \(SSCP\)](#)

[Stockport Safeguarding Adults Board \(SSAB\)](#)

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## National Safeguarding Awareness Week 2019

Get Ready for [National Safeguarding Adults Week 2019!](#)

We want to encourage participation from all organisations to encourage discussion about these issues with everyone they support.

When pushing messages through Social Media use the hashtag #SafeguardingAdultsWeek

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## Domestic Abuse All Age Basic Awareness Training

This course is aimed at all practitioners working with adults and children. It aims to raise awareness of practitioners understanding of domestic abuse and what signs to look for. The course also looks at the MARAC process.

Aims and Objectives

- Definitions of domestic abuse/Honour Based Violence/Forced Marriage
- To raise awareness of practitioners understanding of Domestic Abuse and what signs to look for
- How to respond
- How to ask questions safely
- Completing risk assessment (DASH/RIC)
- Referral pathways –MARAC
- Role of Stockport Without Abuse-IDVA
- Information sharing
- Sources of support

To book a place please follow the link below

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/workforce-development/e-learning>

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## Hollie Guard - Free Personal Safety App

Hollie Guard is a free personal safety app. It has been developed with victims of stalking, coercive control and domestic abuse in mind but has lots of functionality that can benefit anyone. For further details please see how to download the app, please [click here](#)

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## Contextual Safeguarding

Contextual Safeguarding simply means assessments of children and vulnerable adults should consider whether wider environmental factors are present in a child's or adult's life that are a threat to their safety and/or welfare.

Criminal exploitation of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a geographically widespread form of harm that is a typical feature of county lines criminal activity: drug networks or gangs groom and exploit children, young people and vulnerable adults to carry drugs and money from urban areas to suburban and rural areas, market and seaside towns.

Key to identifying potential involvement in county lines are missing episodes, when the victim may have been trafficked for transporting drugs.

For more information, please [click here](#).

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## Cuckooing

Drug dealers will often take over the homes of vulnerable people who may also be addicted to drugs, and use it as a base to deal drugs in the area. The vulnerable person may be being kept inside against their will.

- Have you noticed more people calling or staying at an address? Sometimes at unsociable hours?
- Have you noticed a neighbour has not been seen for a while?
- Are there suspicious smells coming from an address?
- Are there suspicious or unfamiliar vehicles outside the address?

Cuckooing could be taking place. Look out for your neighbours and report suspicions anonymously online to [Crimestoppers](#) or by calling 0800 555 111.

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## Stop Hate Crime Helpline

**STOP HATE. START HERE**  <sup>®</sup> <sup>©</sup>

Hate crime can take many forms, from physical attacks, threats, harassment or intimidation to criminal damage. There is lots of evidence of online hate crime too, where social media in particular is used to inflict abuse on others.

Stockport has commissioned a service from [Stop Hate UK](#), a 24-hour Helpline that was launched in May 2019. To report any hate crime incident, you can call direct on 0800 138 1625 or there are various other options available [online](#).

## Greater Manchester Hate Crime Plan



Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) have been working with many people and organisations involved in tackling hate crime to develop a set of priorities for the Greater Manchester Hate Crime Plan. Now, they want to know what you think so they can develop the 5 year GM Hate Crime Plan. GMCA want to hear from everyone in Greater Manchester, regardless of whether you have experienced hate crime or not. The best way to have your say is via the online

survey here: [www.gmconsult.org](http://www.gmconsult.org), and the closing date is 8th December.

A news article: <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/news/victims-and-witnesses-of-crime-asked-for-their-views-on-gmp-and-the-criminal-justice-system/>

## Information, guidance and websites

The next Safeguarding Newsletter will be circulated in the Autumn. If you have any news to share we would like to hear from you. Please call Lee Woolfe on 0161 474 3590 or email [lsb@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:lsb@stockport.gov.uk)



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