

COVID-19 E-Bulletin

Stockport Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) and Stockport Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) update for information

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Introduction

Welcome to issue 11 of the safeguarding e-bulletin. This week sees us enter into the school summer holidays. Whilst this may be a time for celebration for some families and professionals it will also create challenges. Our education settings have worked closely with partner agencies to ensure that vulnerable children and families have access to familiar forms of support during covid-19 restrictions. This has been vital in the efforts to tackle Covid-19 by enabling many of our NHS staff to work and supporting safeguarding efforts.

This year education settings will be busy preparing for a “new normal” approach to school for Stockport young people and children. During this time other agencies will be offering support to those adults juggling caring and work responsibilities, such as sports camp activity providers, alongside all of our other universal services. As you will read below efforts are being made to make sure that staff and families in Stockport have accessed to alternative support services.

Many of you will be continuing to work over the coming weeks and we want to thank you all for the work that you do. If you have a summer break planned, we hope you and your family are able to enjoy it and for those of you with a little way to go before a break we say Thank you for your tireless efforts. Keep safe and stay alert!

Department of Health & Social Care Newsletter

The Department of Health & Social Care have circulated their newsletter with a focus on the Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS). This document offers an overview on progression of the LPS in light of Covid-19. You can access it via:

www.safeguardingchildreninstockport.org.uk/practitioners/newsletters/

This document outlines a revised timetable for LPS which has been pushed back from October 2020 to April 2022. It is suggested new roles

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and training will occur before this date. The next key stage is a public consultation in 2021 on the Code of Practice for LPS. Once the feedback has been considered the practice will be laid in Parliament.

The LPS team have encouraged people to direct any questions or feedback to the team inbox at lps.cop@dhsc.gov.uk

Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel

The national panel that oversee any themes for national child safeguarding practice reviews have published their second report into the Sudden and Unexpected Death in Infancy (SUDI). You can access the report at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-at-risk-from-sudden-unexpected-infant-death



SUDI represent the largest group of cases reported to the national panel. A large feature of these deaths is often co-sleeping in unsafe environments, substance misuse, wider neglect based safeguarding concerns, domestic abuse and parental mental health. The report has identified the need to use a co-production approach to embedding safe sleep guidance in parental practice. Alongside this they are proposing a behavioural insight model of approach.

Locally our Safer Sleep work group will be exploring the learning from the report and ensuring our local action plan takes account of its recommendations.

Mask & Social Distancing Exemptions

The Challenging Behaviour Foundation have produced some materials for individuals with severe learning disabilities and their families.

These materials aim to support the individual to be able to safely leave their home and not experience challenge around their behaviour that will not fit with current government guidance around safe distances and face coverings.

Please share these materials with teams so that families and carers can access the documents for use. Although the government guidance clearly states there are exceptions not all members of the public or workforce will have recognised these exemptions and so may challenge people inappropriately.

The infographic is a rounded rectangle with a blue border. At the top, it says 'PLEASE DO NOT SHOUT AT ME!' in red, followed by 'Please be kind & respectful' in blue. Below that, it states 'I have a Severe Learning Disability' with 'Severe Learning Disability' underlined. This is followed by 'This means I can't understand Social Distancing.' The main body contains two bullet points: 'I cannot tolerate wearing a face mask and therefore am not required to do so' and 'My supporter(s)/carer helps me to keep 2 metres apart from anyone who is not my carer, a member of my household or part of my 'social bubble''. Below the bullet points, it explains that people with severe learning disabilities who display certain behaviours may be unable to comply with the requirement to cover their nose and mouth. It then quotes government guidance: 'The government guidance states that 'those who may find it difficult to manage them correctly' are not required to wear a face mask or covering.' A final line states: 'A formal decision to allow me to have close contact with people outside of my household may have been made in my best interests.' At the bottom, there is a small rainbow logo and the text 'For more information see our 'Government guidance our plan to return' To find out more about people who have severe learning disabilities visit' followed by the logo and name of 'The Challenging Behaviour Foundation'.

You can access the materials at:

www.safeguardingadultsinstockport.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Face-covering-exemption-card.pdf

www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk/learning-disability-assets/facemaskcardandinfosheet12thjune.pdf

If you are working with children or individuals with Learning Disabilities and/ or Autistic Spectrum disorders then please access the government guidance - www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-supporting-adults-with-learning-disabilities-and-autistic-adults/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-care-staff-supporting-adults-with-learning-disabilities-and-autistic-adults

Summer Activities for Young People



Now that the summer holidays are upon us there are going to be a lot of parents and children unsure what is going to be available to them during this six-week break. Agencies have worked together to ensure there is a range of activities on offer to make this summer fun and relieve the pressure on families after the restrictions of Covid-19 lockdown.

You can access the document and other useful information at:

www.safeguardingchildreninstockport.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Activities-for-young-people-in-Stockport-Summer-2020.pdf

www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/activities-for-children

It contains information about digital courses, gardening competitions, young people groups, sports camps, football coaching and free packed lunches. Please share the information with teams and service users.

NHSE Regional Safeguarding Newsletter

This newsletter has updates on a range of useful topics including some insight into the impact of Brexit on the legal frameworks we have to address Modern Day Slavery (MDS). Below are some of the key topics of note.

MDS - The University of Nottingham have reviewed the labour rights the EU directives provide and has identified that vulnerable workers, such as those in casual or migrant or part-time roles may face some loss of protection. This could leave gaps for exploiters to utilise in implementing MDS. Read the article to find out more:

www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/beacons-of-excellence/rights-lab/mseu/mseu-resources/2020/june/briefing-brexit-policy.pdf

DoLS and 16-17-year olds - Guidance has been issued by Research in practice and Essex chambers to support professionals to identify DoLS in the case of young people. Read more at www.researchinpractice.org.uk/media/4461/joint_deprivation-of-liberty-and-young-people_web.pdf

MCA and Covid-19 testing - A webinar looks at the law, dilemmas and good practice in testing, focusing in particular on those with impaired decision-making capacity. www.mentalcapacitylawandpolicy.org.uk/testing-capacity-and-covid-19-shedinar/

Sexual Abuse and Ethnic Minority Communities - The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) has published research findings on child sexual abuse in ethnic minority communities (June 2020). You can read the executive summary at: www.iicsa.org.uk/key-documents/19532/view/ethnic-minorities-executive-summary-june-2020.pdf

Guidance for U25s providing Care – The government have published bespoke guidance for young people that are providing care during the current restrictions. These can be accessed at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/young-carers-and-young-adult-carers-providing-care-during-coronavirus

Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews

Below sets out the local process for notifications and rapid reviews.

The duty to notify all serious child-safeguarding incidents within the current timescales of 5 working days remains in place.

Rapid Reviews – It is acknowledged that not all Rapid Reviews may be achieved within the current timescales of 15 days.

It is expected that all partners should make decisions locally on how quickly a rapid review could be undertaken. However, it is advised that where there is a child death or serious injury in the context of neglect, abuse or where Covid-19 is a strongly related factor, a review should be held.

Within Stockport, the current process for referring and initiating a Rapid Review remains the same. The Virtual Panel will screen all referrals and if a decision is taken to progress a review, this will be done virtually. For more information, please click [here](#).

All referrals should be sent by email to lsb@stockport.gov.uk

Share Your News

We are particularly interested in collecting and highlighting good news stories, successes and new innovative ways of working.

If you would like us to highlight any of these or other work from your agency or organisation please contact us on the email address provided: lsb@stockport.gov.uk

The Stockport SAB /SCP Covid-19 bulletin will be published on a fortnightly basis.

Key Contacts

If you believe a person to be at immediate risk of harm or in need of emergency medical attention, call the emergency services on **999**.

If you are worried about a child at risk call **Children's Social Care** on **0161 217 6028**.

If you are worried about an **Adult At Risk** please call **0161 217 6029**.

Out of Hours **0161 718 2118**.

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