

Stockport SAB & SCP COVID-19 EBulletin



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

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During these difficult times all of us within the children and adults partnerships are working together to manage and provide an emergency response to ensure that safeguarding for both children and adults is central to our work. Safeguarding is everyone business and below is a snapshot of each agencies measures throughout the course of this week.

Success stories

We are seeing some very innovative and creative ways of working to keep in touch with our vulnerable children, families and adults. Thank you to all of you for going that extra mile in challenging circumstances.

The stress, the dangers and the sheer emotional strain of CV-19 is too enormous for most of us to comprehend – but that's now daily life for the NHS staff who care for coronavirus patients around the clock. Nurses at Stepping Hill hospital in Stockport have created a sanctuary room for staff so they can get away from the strain of their work. You can see the full interview that was aired on [Channel 4 News here](#). We thank our colleagues at this time for their commitment and their bravery.

Stockport community swabbing team includes colleagues, Hayley Taylor-Cox, Marie O'Malley, Alison Ricketts, Cath Comely, Sandra Walker and Karen Moran, and who normally work in public health or the CCG in very different jobs. They have put themselves forward in to this new role to support and go into care homes where there is suspected CV-19 cases and swabbing key frontline staff. Their efforts and work to date are recognised.

A big thank you to the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) administration team also to who support the processes that underpin the preservation of the human rights of some of the most vulnerable people in Stockport - those who lack capacity to consent to their care arrangements and who are deprived of their liberty. The team's working processes are complex and involve a significant amount of collaboration, using multiple systems. Like many others, the team have suddenly found themselves working at home in isolation from their colleagues, at the same time as the introduction of Adult Social Care's Liquid Logic System. However, the team's positivity, camaraderie and motivation to learn together has been fantastic to hear about.

Stockport Council has introduced a dedicated [coronavirus helpline](#) for the most vulnerable people in Stockport. To date they have spoken to over 1700 residents offering support, advice and guidance to those most in need. You can access support by calling 0161 217 6046

If you have a story of success that you wish to share with us the please get in touch by forwarding your news along with any photographs and we can include this to future news bulletins.

Hot off the Press

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) have seen delayed presentations for medical advice during this pandemic, sometimes with tragic consequences. The message to parents is that GPs and hospitals can be accessed safely and should be when there are concerns about a child's health irrespective of whether it's CV-19 related. Please help us to share the key message and promote this [poster](#) in your settings.

ICON Programme

The ICON programme (information and support around babies crying and how to cope with this) is being progressed in Stockport. Further information will become available on the Safeguarding Children's website.

Generic Emails

Communication is key and during this difficult time we should make sure that emails are addressed to both the individual worker and the relevant agency. Generic accounts have been listed where multiple workers can access emails. This is good practice and will avoid delays in dialogue and escape emails from getting lost.

Adult Social Care - adultsocialcare@stockport.gov.uk
Stockport CCG - STOCCG.Safeguarding@nhs.net
Local Safeguarding Boards - lsb@stockport.gov.uk
Midwifery - snt-tr.maternitysafeguarding@nhs.net
Stockport NHS FT (Adults) - adultsafeguarding@stockport.nhs.uk
Stockport NHS FT (Children) safeguarding.children@stockport.nhs.uk

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National Probation services - Nwnps.stockport.court@justice.gov.uk
Northwest Ambulance Services - Safeguarding.team@nwas.nhs.uk / Safeguarding.nwas@nhs.net
Pennine Care Foundation Trust - pcn-tr.safeguarding@nhs.net
Youth offending Service - stockport.yos@stockport.gov.uk
Community Rehabilitation Company- CGM.Stockport@interservejustice.org

Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel Update

The National Panel are seeing a significant drop in the number of Serious Incident Notifications relating to injuries, and two emerging clusters, one of child deaths related to co-sleeping with infants, and the other related to adolescent suicides.

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

Coronavirus (Covid-19): Guidance for local authorities on children's social care was PUBLISHED on the 3 April 2020. This sets out the following guidance in respect of Child Safeguarding Practice and Rapid Reviews.

Child Safeguarding Practice 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. For more information please [click here](#).

Within Stockport, the current process for referring and initiating a Rapid Review remains the same. (This is accessible on the SSCP Website). All referrals will be screened by the Virtual Panel 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

Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs)

The recent introduction of the Care Act Easements, due to CV-19, has not changed statutory duties in relation to adult safeguarding.

It is important that you continue to raise safeguarding concerns in-line with the standard SSAB policy and procedure. Safeguarding Adult referrals also remain unchanged and referrals can be sent by email to: lsb@stockport.gov.uk

The three statutory partners will continue to undertake threshold screening upon receipt of a SAR referral. They will decide based on the information received whether to initiate a SAR panel. If the decision is to initiate then the panel will happen by conference call. If the panel agrees that a SAR referral meets the criteria, the review will be placed on hold until such time as the current pressures of CV-19 have started to improve.

The Safeguarding Adult Board understands the current situation and recognises pressures providers are under with CV-19 and appreciates the hard work and dedication that organisations provide to our residents every single day.

Safe Sleep Babies

Since the visit by the National Panel in November 2019, there have been a number of developments in relation to SSCP safe sleep strategy.

A task and finish group has been established to progress the work identified through the visit. We await the recommendations and findings from the national panel as a whole. Within Stockport we have had a safe sleep week, to reinforce the message around risk and best practice. Click here to see [7 Minute Briefing Paper](#).

Hate Crime Reporting

Safer Stockport Partnership are committed to raising awareness of Hate Crime and supporting victims. Stop Hate UK Helpline Service will not be affected throughout this difficult time.

To report any hate crime incident, can call direct on 0800 138 1625 or options are available [online](#).



Share your news

We are particularly interested in collecting and highlighted 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**.

<http://www.safeguardingadultsinstockport.org.uk/>

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