

Stockport SAB & SCP COVID-19 EBulletin



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

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This newsletter is produced by the Stockport Safeguarding Partnerships to keep you up to date on safeguarding issues including Safeguarding, rough sleeping and Homelessness and Hate Crime.

We also include topics that affect you such as Neglect and Domestic Abuse. We hope you find it interesting and informative.



We have had a busy period over the last few months, working to achieve our strategic objectives, this has included the delivery of Safeguarding Learning events to introduce the new safeguarding partnership arrangements, along with the development of one overarching website for both the children and adult safeguarding partnerships.

As a Partnership we have also hosted a development session which has looked at the development of the future strategic plan 2020-23.

Here is the [Joint Strategic Business plan 2020-23](#) which identifies Stockport's

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – April 2020

In the course of the last few weeks the British landscape has changed, and changed utterly. Once crowded streets are now deserted. Schools are closed, summer exams cancelled. Football grounds are padlocked. Theatres and retail outlets are dark and cinemas silent.

The scale and breadth of developments of measures against the Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health threat was staggering.

As the financial impact of Coronavirus pushes through our communities, this will potentially gift new opportunities for loan sharks to target and exploit those in hardship.

With increasing numbers self-isolating, now is a golden opportunity to do the [Friends Against Scams online training](#) - it is an excellent refresher to protect those we know who may be vulnerable to scams.

For details of the Local Authorities response and further advice on coronavirus, including help for people who are socially isolated, [click here](#).

We have also adapted the following advice for those vulnerable during COVID-19. All resources can be found on both the children and adult safeguarding websites.

Links available below:

[Stockport Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)
[Stockport Safeguarding Adults Board](#)

Coronavirus (COVID-19): looking after people who lack mental capacity

The Department of Health has produced guidance for health and social care staff who are caring for, or treating, a person who lacks the relevant mental capacity. Details can be found [here](#).

The Key headlines from the recent guidance are:

- Lifesaving treatment in a hospital or care home is not a deprivation of liberty, if this is the same as would normally be given to someone without a mental disorder.
- In most cases, treatment and arrangements for COVID-19 will not be a deprivation of liberty & will be covered by a best interest decision.
- If the new arrangements amount to a deprivation of liberty, a DoLS referral may be needed (a new shortened urgent authorisation form has been introduced).
- If the person has an existing DoLS authorisation, this will normally cover the new arrangements.
- If the new arrangements are more restrictive, a review should be carried out.

If the existing DoLS authorisation will not cover the new arrangements, a DoLS or court referral may be needed.

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When isolation is used purely to prevent harm to others in fluctuating capacity cases, emergency public health powers should be considered.

- Supervisory bodies should continue to prioritise DoLS during the emergency.
- DoLS assessors should not visit hospitals or care homes unless essential – remote techniques should be used.
- Previous assessments can be used to inform the new assessment.

Local News

After three years of working with Stockport CCG, Sarah Martin has moved on to take up position as Associate Director for Cheshire CCG.

On behalf of the Board we thank Sarah for her endless dedication and passion, and wish her all the best in her new role.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Wanda Palmer who is the Designated Safeguarding lead for the Stockport Safeguarding Adults Board. Wanda states, "I am the designated nurse for adult safeguarding; mainly because I am pedantic and no other logical reason".

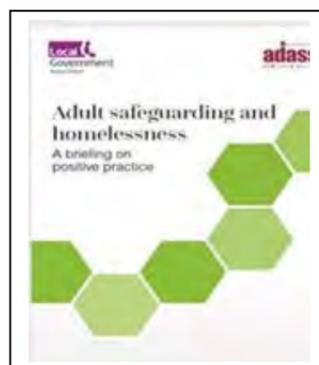


Hot of the Press

In January 2020, Stockport hosted a workshop on rough sleeping and homelessness.

We are pleased to circulate a published briefing on Adult Safeguarding and Homelessness which is now available on the LGA website: [Click Here](#)

The purpose of this briefing is to assist those who are working across relevant sectors and agencies in this field, to support people who are homeless and at risk of or experiencing abuse or neglect.



Graded Care Profile 2



On Thursday 30th January 2020 the NSPCC held their annual "Community of Practice" events for the Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP 2) implementation.

The GCP 2 is recognised as a collaborative multi-agency assessment tool, adopting a strength based approach to working with parents in identifying needs and assisting in focusing support for parenting.

Stockport Safeguarding Children Partnership purchased the licence tool in December 2019 and trained a multi-agency pool of trainers. The link to access training is via SLA online here.

Dan Rowlands, our Safeguarding Training Manager is pictured picking up an award for Stockport from the author and founder of the GCP2 Dr O P Srivastava.

Children Affected by Domestic Abuse (CADA)

Stockport held a conference on Children Affected by Domestic Abuse on 06th March 2020, which was well attended by safeguarding leads and frontline workers from across a broad range of organisations that work with children, young people and families.

Sessions from the day included:

Insights into projects working with perpetrators, young people and victims including specialist hospital and youth workers

- A Survivors Story about developing a local support group for women leaving refuge
- Stockport's next steps and priorities for Domestic Abuse
- Interactive sessions with AFTA Thought, a drama based training company to explore working with Domestic Abuse

The key speakers from the day will be converted into a podcast so don't worry if you missed out you will be able to access podcast sessions in the near future on the Safeguarding websites. In the meantime [presentation slides can be found here](#).

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**.

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