

Stockport SAB & SCP COVID-19 EBulletin



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

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Stockport's Children and Adult's Safeguarding Partnerships welcomes you to its 5th special edition COVID-19 Newsletter. It is almost two months since we began to put up with the lockdown and put up with a hard programme of social distancing in a way to only defeat the coronavirus pandemic.

On the evening of Sunday 10th May 2020 the Prime Minister announced the first introduction to a range of adjustments to current social distancing controls, timing these carefully according to both the current spread of the virus and the Government's ability to ensure safety. These changes will happen in "steps," as set out in the published [50-page document](#) that outlines the next phase of its response to the coronavirus pandemic.



We have been told the only way to help control the virus is if we all **STAY ALERT, CONTROL THE VIRUS and SAVE LIVES.**

We feel it is important to keep you abreast of the latest updates and by sharing recent information the partnership will benefit. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you and your teams for the vital work you are doing to keep our communities safe.

Please do remember to look after yourselves.

Local and National Information on Coronavirus

[Click here](#) to view the Stockport Council's dedicated web page for Coronavirus which provides local links and national advice and information.

COVID-19 children's social care guidance for local authorities and social workers

At this time of national crisis, the government is seeking to ensure the protection of vulnerable children. As you'll be aware, Stockport's Children's services have been working with a variety of stakeholders and colleagues across the children's social care sector to reflect amendments to regulations in [updated guidance](#)

The updated guidance:

- Acknowledges the need for sufficient flexibility through a set of amended regulations, **for use only when absolutely necessary.**
- Sets expectations that **risk assessment of every child, and identifying those most at risk** will be important and that **vulnerable children are encouraged to attend school**
- Covers help, protection, care and leaving care and **responds specifically to questions we have been asked about**, for example, children's homes and residential settings, unaccompanied asylum seekers, care leavers, courts, fostering, adoption, workforce and Ofsted
- Provides questions and answers to clarify queries surrounding the regulation changes

We would be grateful if you would highlight the link to the guidance to your staff, colleagues and relevant stakeholders as appropriate.

Easy Read Leaflet on Coronavirus

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Disclosure and Barring Service Updates

There have been changes and information on the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

A Factsheet about Volunteers can be seen on the link below:

[DBS Community Volunteering Factsheet—COVID-19](#)

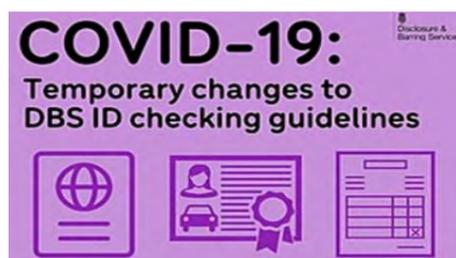
There is a free of charge COVID-19 application and fast track barred list service:

[DBS Free of Charge application and Fast Track info](#)

Guidelines have been published on identity checking during COVID-19:

[DBS ID Checking Guidance](#)

To keep up to date on all the latest updates on DBS visit: [Click Here](#).



Covid-19: DoLs, Mental Capacity and Best Interests

Stockport CCG are doing their first virtual GP briefing session with the safeguarding leads so that local GP practices continue to feel informed and engaged with safeguarding.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead has produced a 'grab guide' for implementing MCA practice during Covid-19 that will generate creative ways to remotely assess capacity and hold consultations with our vulnerable population. The grab guide can be shared more widely and can be found [here](#).

Financial Well-being

Whilst the current situation affects us all the impact on individuals varies greatly - each one of us faces our own unique challenges during coronavirus. For some of us and our Stockport residents this may include financial difficulties. There is lots of help and support available:

- Citizens Advice have a wealth of information on their [website](#) and are a [great place to start for advice](#). The Stockport Citizens Advice team are available to support those that either live or work within Stockport and you can contact them by email info@castockport.org.uk or telephone 0300 330 9073.
- The [Council website](#) also has advice and links to support you [if you're struggling to pay your Council Tax](#), [need support on Housing Benefit](#) or are worried about [Coronavirus related frauds and scams](#).
- [BetterOff](#) is a service for people who live in Stockport which will show you the benefits you are entitled to and help you to apply for them online. BetterOff also provides information on budgeting, debt issues and how to find and apply for jobs.
- If at this time a family member is furloughed or looking for work there is our new website to help [match Stockport workers with jobs](#) during coronavirus.

Local News

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS)

Staff have been supporting Stockport Council by making welfare telephone calls to the vulnerable over 70s in the Stockport Borough.

The Stockport Mutual Aid Project commenced at midday on Thursday 23rd April, since then GMFRS staff have completed over 1,077 outgoing calls.

The welfare calls aimed at supporting and signposting service users onto the various COVID-19 support platforms, have been a great success so far.

Emollients can cause deaths

There have been Safeguarding Adult Reviews within the UK as a result of fire related deaths due to emollient. Emollient skin products are widely prescribed and dispensed for various skin conditions such as psoriasis and eczema. They are safe to use but can soak into clothing, dressings and bedding leaving a flammable residue. If exposed to naked flame or heat source e.g. cigarettes, heaters etc. they could catch fire and spread rapidly which could result in serious injury or death.



[Click here](#) for NHS safety advice on using emollient skin products or, to view the YouTube video on using Creams [click here](#).

Safeguarding Information for Volunteers

We would like to introduce a Safeguarding Awareness leaflet that we had the permission to adapt and produce produced which is mainly aimed at volunteers in organisations that may struggle to access the free e-learning that is available. This 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

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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