

Stockport SAB & SCP COVID-19 EBulletin



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Stockport Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) update for
information

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Welcome to the sixth edition of Stockport's Children and Adult's Safeguarding Partnerships Covid-19 weekly news bulletin. We continue to publish this bulletin at a time of uncertainty and a time that is leaving many people feeling more vulnerable and isolated than ever.

As a Safeguarding Partnership it is our responsibility to ensure that those who are most at risk across Stockport are protected from harm, abuse and neglect and that they are supported through these trying times.

The Safeguarding Partnerships, both as a whole and as individual agencies are working hard to keep people safe whether this be in health services, social care, emergency services, care settings, local communities or within peoples' own homes.

We now have a dedicated page on our website that will share the most up to date accessible information and guidance relating to COVID-19 which you can visit by following our safeguarding partnership websites.

We ask that you share this information within your organisations and networks and we would like to give thanks to those who are working tirelessly to keep individuals and our communities safe.

Each one of you are making a massive difference and we thank you for your continuous dedication to combatting the coronavirus.

What can you do for Mental Health Awareness Week?

The [Mental Health foundation](#) are asking you to do three things:

1. Reflect on an [act of kindness](#). Share your stories and pictures (with permission) of kindness during the week using **#KindnessMatters** and **#MentalHealthAwarenessWeek**
2. Use [the many resources](#) and [ideas](#) with your family, school, workplace and community to join with thousands in practising [acts of kindness](#) to yourself and others during the week
3. Share your ideas on how you think we could build a [kinder society](#) that would support our mental health using **#KindnessMatters** and **#MentalHealthAwarenessWeek**



[Mind](#) are also encouraging you to **#SpeakYourMind** and reach out to someone who needs a friend with a positive message, or share with them your own tips for coping to make sure they don't have to face this pandemic alone. They also have lots of [downloadable resources and social media posts for you](#).

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 on how to download the app, please [click here](#).



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The Herbert Protocol



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The Herbert Protocol is a national scheme introduced locally by Greater Manchester Police and other agencies which encourages carers and family members to compile useful key information which could be used in the event of a vulnerable person going missing.

We know that caring for someone who has dementia or Alzheimer's is extremely tough especially whilst we are living in uncertain times. There is a chance that whilst the person goes out they get lost and as result they go missing.

George Herbert, who the initiative is named after, was a Second World War veteran and had dementia. He died while he went missing, trying to find his childhood home.

Planning ahead to keep people safe is very important.

The protocol has been successfully used in other areas and has been well received by families and carers. For further information on how to complete a herbert protocol form, please [click here](#).

Safety4Sisters

We have been promoting [Safety4Sisters](#) for BAME groups experiencing violence or harmful practices. We are aware that those with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) may have their uncertain immigration status used as a coercion tactic during lockdown restrictions so we are encouraging people to contact the local housing services and Gateway project for advice and guidance.

There is also dedicated support available from Safety4Sisters who can advise about immigration status, rights and offer emotional support. So anyone working with someone who needs culturally specific services or advice for those with asylum or uncertain immigration status can get support using the details below:

- <https://www.safety4sisters.org/s4sguide> - practice guidance when responding to a domestic abuse incident
- 0161 464 9505 or 07591 359733 Mon-Thurs 9.30am – 4pm
- Email: info@safety4sisters.or

The Mental Capacity Act (2005) (MCA) and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic'

The Department of Health and Social Care has produced guidance for hospitals, care homes and supervisory bodies called and this guidance is only valid during the COVID-19 pandemic and applies to those caring for adults who lack the relevant mental capacity to consent to their care and treatment. The guidance applies until withdrawn by the Department. During the pandemic, the principles of the MCA and the safeguards provided by DoLS still apply.

Webinar - 'Holding onto Principles - the MCA and COVID-19'

On 16th April 2020, 39 Essex Chambers hosted a webinar called 'Holding on to Principles – the MCA and COVID-19', which discussed:

- Capacity assessment under adverse conditions
- Best interests and public health restrictions
- Best interests and scarce resources
- Advance care planning
- DoLS dilemmas

The recording of ['Holding on to Principles - the MCA and COVID-19'](#) and a copy of the presentation are available from 39 Essex Chambers' website.

Have Your Say

Several surveys are underway on the impact of coronavirus for particular protected characteristic groups across Greater Manchester. These will help inform services across our region about the needs of people from these groups particularly as a result of COVID-19.

To find out more and have your say go to <https://www.gmconsult.org/> - and remember, 'spread the word' to others who may not be aware on how to get involved.

The work is taking place in conjunction with the LGBT Foundation, Caribbean and African Health Network and disabled people's organisations in Greater Manchester.

British Sign Language videos about coronavirus - Sign Health

The deaf health charity, Sign Health, have produced [British Sign Language \(BSL\) videos about the coronavirus.](#)

The Coronavirus (Covid-19) Daily Updates from the government will include the provision of an interpreter on BBC 107 or 231.

Sign Health is also providing BSL videos of these daily updates.

- Facebook: [@signhealth](#)
- Twitter: [@SignHealth](#)
- Instagram: [signhealth](#)



Partner Training

SSCP and SSAB offers a wide range of training and e-learning on subjects such as Domestic Abuse, Female Genital Mutilation, County Lines, MCA and many more. For more information, please visit our training website where you can book to access online learning available on [learning pool](#).

You can also visit our SSCP and SSAB website for useful resources and links.

Here are just some of the other learning opportunities available to you for free of charge:

- [Safeguarding Adults Level 3 course](#) - There are almost 1,000 enrolled at the moment, there are many more sessions being held.
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) – [Resource Pack](#)
- [Home office FGM learning](#) –virtual college you will need to navigate to create a new account
- Children and young people from online sexual abuse – [CEOP Online Abuse](#)
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- [ACE's online training](#)
- [Child Criminal Exploitation](#) - you need to sign up to access the resource pack
- [Trapped-county lines](#)/exploitation-download the Zappar app and you scan the poster and get additional content
- **National Mental Capacity Forum (Webinar Event)** - Covid-19: Public Health and Human Rights - **Wednesday 3 June 2020 16:30 - 17:30hrs**. To register a place, please [click 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/>

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

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