

# Stockport SAB & SCP COVID-19 EBulletin



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

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It is the start of Carers Week and this year there is a particular focus on unpaid carers. We know there will be many people who look after a family member, but don't consider themselves to be carers. A carer can be young or old – a child or young person under 18 can also be a carer. For anyone who is an unpaid carer, there is a network of support and advice available. We want people to know that they are not alone, especially during the ongoing Covid-19 crisis when we feel more isolated and vulnerable than ever before. The stresses of current circumstances mean that more than ever, carers need to look after themselves as well as the person they care for.

If you are a carer or know someone who is, you may find the following support networks helpful.

- [Signpost Stockport for Carers](#)
- [Carers UK](#)

There are more than 32,000 people living in Stockport that have an unpaid caring role. Since lockdown began, many carers have found that their role has changed and the pandemic has had a real impact on carers' health and wellbeing.

We would like to say a big thank you to all of Stockport's carers, the commitment and dedication to helping others during this pandemic has been phenomenal. Whether it's part of someone's role or a voluntary action, the last few months have really shown that in Stockport, when people are in need, we come together and help each other out.

## Safeguarding Fabulous Fortnight

NHS Safeguarding are delighted to invite you to the following events throughout the last two weeks of June. Please see [the flyer](#) for information and share wider within your networks.



## What is infant mental health – why does it matter



The Parent-Infant Foundation has produced a flyer with information to tell and influence frontline practice on why good infant mental health matters. To find out more please [click here](#).

## Scam Calls

There has been an increase in scam calls in relation to NHS Track and Trace where people are being asked to pay for a home testing kit etc.

NHS track and Trace Service will never ask you to pay for a test, ask for bank details, passwords or pin numbers. **Never share personal details if you are not sure who you are talking to.**

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Please disseminate widely throughout your workforce and communication channels to public.

### Lasting Power of Attorney ( LPA )

The Office of the Public Guardian holds a register of everyone who has a lasting or enduring power of attorney (LPA and EPA), or who has a deputy acting for them.

Since the coronavirus outbreak, the Office of Public Guardian has recognised an increase in urgent requests to search the database and check the validity of a person who has lost mental capacity. A rapid check process has been introduced where LPAs can be confirmed within 24 hours. Guidance for NHS and Social Care staff can be found [here](#).

### Upcoming Awareness Campaigns



#### World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – June 15, 2020.

It can be hard to imagine that anyone would deliberately want to harm an elderly person, but unfortunately, elder abuse does occur. Spread the word and share informational articles on Facebook and use the hashtag #WEAAD on Twitter.

**School Diversity Week** is still on, despite Covid-19 measures. **22-26 June 2020**. Click [here](#) for your [free toolkit](#) for school diversity week 2020.



### Carers Week - 8-14<sup>th</sup> June

Here are just a couple of things that you could do this week to show your support for carers.

1. Have a read of the [newsletter](#) and remind yourself of all the things Signpost do to support carers in Stockport.
2. Add your voice to the [Carers Week wall](#).
3. Use Social Media platforms and follow twitter feeds [@Signpost\\_Stock](#), [@SK4YC](#) and like their FB page [@Signpoststockport](#)
4. Print out and display the [Stockport Carers Week poster](#) in the back windscreen of your car, your front room window or even the office if you're venturing out.
5. Read [Caring Behind Closed Doors](#) to get a picture of what it's like caring for a vulnerable person in lockdown.

### Covid-19 and multi-agency training

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all face-to-face safeguarding training provided by the board and partnership has been suspended. There is work underway to look at new innovative training methods and once it is safe to resume face-to-face delivery, details of course delivery and how to book places will be publicised.

A wide variety of free or low cost e-learning courses designed to support work to safeguard children and adults with care and support needs are still available and are listed on our website [here](#).

On completion of a course, practitioners should notify their agency training representative to ensure that e-learning is captured on their training record.



## Literature Review - Disparities in the risk and outcomes of COVID-19

Here is a useful read produced by Public Health England on the disparities in the risk and outcomes from COVID19. [Click here](#) for further reading.

## Safeguarding is everyone's Business

An [information leaflet](#) has been developed by the Home Office in collaboration with other Government Departments about getting people thinking about safeguarding, even if it is not part of their usual training or remit. Please share wider within your networks so that we continue to increase awareness.

## New Telephone Helpline Service from Respect for All Counselling

Please see next page for further details.....

**New Telephone Helpline Service!**

**Who is it for?**

People who live in Greater Manchester who are:

- People with Learning Disabilities
- Autistic People
- Their Family Members & Carers

We want to support any of these people who might be affected by the current Coronavirus crisis, or who just need some short-term telephone support.

**Call us on ☎**  
**0161 532 4075**

**Who are we?**

Respect For All Counselling is a long-established counselling service covering the whole of Greater Manchester specifically for this clientele.

Our counsellors will be running the helpline. Collectively, they have decades of experience in helping these clients.

**Launches on Monday 1 June 2020!**

Read more or request a call back at:  
[www.RespectForAll.org.uk/counselling/helpline](http://www.RespectForAll.org.uk/counselling/helpline)  
or just type [bit.ly/2Aiakzn](https://bit.ly/2Aiakzn)

## 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](mailto:lsb@stockport.gov.uk)

The Stockport SAB /SCP Covid 19 bulletin will now 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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