

Stockport SAB & SCP COVID-19 EBulletin



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

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The lockdown restrictions have meant that many of us have not been able to take part in our usual day-to-day activities. This weekend will be the first weekend that many of Stockport's high street shops will be open since the start of the lockdown. Furthermore, the Prime Minister has also announced the end of most of the lockdown measures in England – reducing the 2 metres rule to 1 metre plus, allowing sleep overs and the reopening of other parts of the economy. All this is good development and a steer in the right direction.

The Safeguarding Partnership continues to meet on a biweekly basis and continues to be well attended and contributed to by all partners. This week we had a focus on carers and it was good to hear about the excellent work that our partners are doing to support this vulnerable group; particularly the work undertaken by Signpost for Carers and the response that has been provided to young carers and the links to schools.

We continue to make good progress in our recovery and it is clear as a Safeguarding Partnership we are working hard, collectively, to emerge from this incredibly difficult period. As individuals, communities, groups, organisations, and emergency services – we can all be proud of our continuing efforts to protect our loved ones and support Stockport's journey safely back to the new norm.

To ensure this good progress continues, it's important that Stockport remains focused and not just for a few weeks, but for many months in all probability. The facts regarding infection control are very clear.

Prevention is our biggest weapon – the hand washing and social distancing that the vast majority of us continue to practice, remains critical as part of our lives wherever we are. The use of face coverings in more confined places will continue to help us protect others. To put bluntly, if we don't get it – we can't spread it – so let's carry on doing our bit.

Once again, we want to take this opportunity in thanking each of you for your continuous efforts during such uncertain times. Please do remember to look after yourselves. Keep safe and stay alert.

Test and Trace scams warning

People are being advised to be on the lookout for possible scams related to the Test and Trace service.

Those working for the official Test and Trace scheme will never ask you for any payment information, passwords or pins, ask you to buy a product or call a premium rate number.

Greater Manchester Police has issued [advice](#) on how to spot Test and Trace scams and which has some [useful information](#) on how to tell if a contact tracing message is real or a scam.



Signpost Stockport Young Carers works with children/young people who care for a family member who has an illness or disability.

The age range for this service is 6 -25 years and the support they offer varies from:

- One to one support
- Counselling Service
- Family Support Service and parents group
- School/college support
- Centre based evening groups
- Evening activities groups
- Short Breaks
- Advocacy service

The organisation also offers services to support adults with any level of unpaid caring role. Services include benefit information, emotional & practical support, carers assessments, counselling and establishing peer connections.

More information can be found at www.signpostforcarers.org.uk

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Referrals can be made via info@signpostforcarers.org.uk, or contacting the organisation on 0161 442 0442. Self referrals or referrals via a professional (with carer consent) are also welcomed.

You can follow Signpost for Carers on twitter to see their current activities/films - [@SK4YC](https://twitter.com/SK4YC)

Psychological First Aid Training Module

Public Health England has launched an updated [Psychological First Aid \(PFA\) training module](#), aimed at all frontline and essential workers and volunteers.

The course teaches the key principles of giving psychological first aid in emergencies and aims to increase awareness and confidence to provide this support to people affected by COVID-19. PFA is a globally recognised training in emergencies and PHE has developed this new course as part of the national incident response, in partnership with NHS England, Health Education England, Future Learn and others.

The course is free, and no previous qualifications are required. By the end of the course, outcomes will include: understanding how emergencies like the COVID-19 pandemic can affect us, recognising people who may be at increased risk of distress and understanding how to offer practical and emotional support.

The course takes around 90 minutes, and can be taken in three sections.

New Beginnings

New Beginnings is a service that helps people turn their lives around and to enable families to reach their goals and fulfil their potential.

New Beginnings work holistically with families who are known to Children's Social Care for concerns relating to neglect; emotional, physical or sexual abuse.

To find out more about how group work in lockdown has helped children, young people and families you can read the blog [here](#).

Covid-19 and multi-agency training

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all face-to-face safeguarding training provided by the 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.

Resources to support Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing for Stockport

There are a number of resources aimed at supporting emotional and mental health needs during this difficult time, including information on free online training and a directory of support available in Stockport. Please [click here](#) for more details on mental health.



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App for Social Care Staff

A new dedicated app for the adult social care workforce in England has been launched to support staff on the go through the Coronavirus pandemic.

The CARE branded app comes in response to calls from the sector for a more unified and connecting brand, and will be available to download on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, as well as being accessible online, [click here](#).

It is available for anyone working in social care in England



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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