

# Stockport SAB & SCP COVID-19 E-Bulletin



Stockport Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB)  
Stockport Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP)

## November 2020 – Special Edition (National Safeguarding Awareness Week)

Welcome to this special edition of Stockport's safeguarding children and adults' newsletter to celebrate Safeguarding Awareness week. The purpose of this newsletter is to make sure that all partner agencies are working to promote and embed the principles of Children and Adult Safeguarding in order to ensure that children, young people and adults with care and support needs are kept safe in Stockport.

On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020, we entered new restrictions that will impact not only you and your family's lives, but our residents and communities too. This is due to rising numbers of hospital admissions threatening to overwhelm the NHS both locally and nationally and although the country now faces its second national lockdown its reassuring to know that our schools, colleges and universities remain open.

We want to take this opportunity to extend our condolences to those of you who have lost loved ones and those of you who as professionals have been affected in ways that we cannot all understand but want to support you and get you the right help to deal with the aftermath. Therefore, we hope this newsletter is of use.

## Multi Agency Policy for Safeguarding Adults at Risk



Safeguarding Adults at Risk

The Multi Agency Policy for Safeguarding Adults at Risk

During safeguarding adult's week we would like to take this opportunity to announce the launch of Stockport's Multi-agency safeguarding adult's policy.

The policy has been refreshed with the aim to make it user friendly so that you can navigate through the document more easily. Please check our new interactive safeguarding policy [here](#), or visit our Safeguarding adult's website for more details.

## National Safeguarding Week, 16th - 22nd November 2020

Each day this week Ann Craft Trust will focus on a different safeguarding theme to raise awareness about safeguarding issues.

The key themes are:

- Monday – Safeguarding and Wellbeing
- Tuesday – Adult Grooming
- Wednesday – Understanding Legislation
- Thursday – Creating Safer Places
- Friday – Organisational Abuse
- Saturday – Sport & Activity
- Sunday – Safeguarding in Your Community



Let everyone know you're supporting National Safeguarding Adults Week 2020 – Download and print your [National Safeguarding Adults Week Poster](#).

Use the **#SafeguardingAdultsWeek** hashtag on social media to share our resources and let us know what you're doing.

## Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Safeguarding and Wellbeing

It's important to look after yourself. But it's just as important to look out for others.

Here are some eLearning sessions you may find helpful.

[Self-Neglect and Emotional wellbeing and mental health support.](#)

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Also, find out more about the many different types of [support available in Stockport](#) to look after yourself during such difficult times.

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Adult Grooming & Cuckooing

Today, we would like to announce the publication of our 7-minute briefing paper to guide you on what to do if you suspect someone is being groomed.

You can [find the briefing paper here](#). Alternatively, why not print and display the QR code within your place of work and share wider within your networks.



Furthermore, you can access the eLearning on Hate/Mate Crime and Coercive Control via Stockport council's Learning pool:

[Hate/Mate Crime](#) [Coercive Control](#)

You may also be interested in the BBC Documentary ['The Shipman Files - A Very British Crime Story'](#) which is a chilling betrayal of trust and power. The loved ones of GP serial killer Harold Shipman's victims share their stories and ask - how did he get away with it for so long?

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Understanding Legislation

We are proud to introduce our Multi-Agency Mental Capacity Act pocket guide. Simply scan the QR code below to access good practice in the application of MCA. The pocket guides will be available for sharing in the coming week so please look out for them within your respective organisations. Alternatively, contact us and we can advise on where best to collect them.



## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### • Malnutrition and Dehydration in older people

Malnutrition and dehydration are major causes and consequence of poor health in older people. It is estimated that, in the UK, 3 million adults and 1 million older adults over the age of 65 years are malnourished or at risk of malnutrition.

As part of Adult Safeguarding Week the GM Nutrition and Hydration Programme is convening a virtual roundtable discussion on **19.11.2020 - 11am – 12pm** with adult social care staff, safeguarding specialists and older people to explore the relationship between malnutrition and safeguarding

Join in a Zoom round table discussion to contribute to the GM Nutrition and Hydration Programme

- 1) Go to [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join)
- 2) Enter the meeting joining 555 111 2222 and click 'Join'.
- 3) Once you have entered you will need to click on the below circled option. This should at least let you into the meeting.

You do not need a password to join the webinar, so please feel free to share with any colleagues you think might be interested.

### • Creating Safer Places

The PCFT Safeguarding Team would like to invite you to a Virtual Safeguarding Drop-In session on **19.11.2020 2pm -3pm**.

Say hello and meet the team, have you got a question about safeguarding they might be able to help you with or do you want some support and guidance with a safeguarding concern.

Just click on the link below to join the call.

[STOCKPORT 19th Nov 2020 2-3pm](#)

You do not need a password to join the webinar, so please feel free to share with any colleagues you think might be interested.

*(As these are Zoom sessions they can discuss concerns, but it is important confidentiality is maintained)*

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## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Organisational Abuse

We have a suite of promotional material to support Health and Social Care practitioners with safeguarding enquiries. There are [posters and leaflets](#) that can be accessed here to display in various settings and workplaces.

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## Domestic Abuse Bill 2020

The Government reintroduced the domestic abuse bill in parliament this year. This has the potential to create a step change in the national response to create a more effective approach to tackling domestic abuse. The Government have published factsheets and information. [Click here](#) to view.

If you and your family are in immediate danger of domestic abuse, call 999.

[Research in Practice](#) have published a summary and key issues on the new Domestic Abuse bill.

[Stockport Without Abuse](#) provides free and confidential support for women, young people and children in Stockport Tel. 0161 477 4294 or email [info@stockportwithoutabuse.org.uk](mailto:info@stockportwithoutabuse.org.uk)

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## Female Genital Mutilation

Our joint Children and Adults Complex safeguarding sub group are pleased to announce the development of [Stockport's Female Genital Mutilation Strategy](#).

This strategy sets out how we will safeguard children and protect and support adults from the abuses associated with female genital mutilation (FGM).

You can find out more by clicking the title link that will automatically direct you to the FGM strategy.



## Recognising and Preventing FGM Elearning

The Home Office have produced an eLearning package that is now available via the [Stockport councils learning pool](#). Click on the link and search FGM and the course links you to the home office page.

The duration of the course is approximately 1 - 2 hours - You do not have to complete all the training in one session and can proceed as quickly or as slowly as you like. After completing all of the training material you will receive a certificate of achievement.

For those who would like more details on how to register to Stockport's learning pool, you can [click here](#).

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## Safeguarding/Mental Capacity Act (MCA) Champions

Stockport Safeguarding Children Partnership and Safeguarding Adults Board are currently looking for nominated Safeguarding/MCA Champions.

If this is something that appeals to you or you know of someone who is suitable to fulfil the role, then we would like to hear from you.

We propose to hold a **MCA forum** via **Microsoft Teams** on **10<sup>th</sup> December 2020, 10-00am -11.00am** to look at the Safeguarding/MCA Champion role and to gauge what interest and uptake we have from colleagues and others.

[Click here](#) for full details of the role, expectation and how to enrol to the MCA Forum.

We're excited and looking forward to hearing from you.



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## Significant Incident Notifications/Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews

In Stockport we have seen quite a reduction in the number of significant incident notifications; and we wanted to ensure that all practitioners were aware of the criteria and the process for notification and referral.

Below sets out the local process for notifications and rapid reviews.

There is a duty on local authorities to notify serious incidents to the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel.

A decision about whether an incident is serious should be made using the definition set out in Working Together 2018: 16C (1) of the Children Act 2004(as amended by the Children and Social Work Act 2017) states:

Where a local authority in England knows or suspects that a child has been abused or neglected, the local authority must notify the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel if –

(a) The child dies or is seriously harmed in the local authority's area, or

(b) While normally resident in the local authority's area, the child dies or is seriously harmed outside England.

Notification must always be made if abuse or neglect is a cause of, or a contributory factor to, the serious incident or where it is suspected. **Whilst it is the Local Authority that carries this duty to report, partners are under a duty to inform the safeguarding partners of any incident that they think may meet these criteria.**

The duty to notify all serious child safeguarding incidents within the current timescales of 5 working days remains in place.

**Rapid Reviews** - It is acknowledged that not all Rapid Reviews may be achieved within the current timescales of 15 days. It is expected that all partners should make decisions locally on how quickly a rapid review could be undertaken. However it is advised that where there is a child death or serious injury in the context of neglect, abuse or where Covid-19 is a strongly related factor, a review should be held. Within Stockport, the current process for referring and initiating a Rapid Review remains the same. (This is accessible on the SSCP Website). All referrals will be screened by the Virtual Panel and if a decision is taken to progress a review, this will be done virtually.

For more information please [click here](#). All referrals should be sent by email to [lsb@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:lsb@stockport.gov.uk)

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### Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs)

The statutory duties in relation to adult safeguarding remains the same throughout the pandemic.

It is important that you continue to raise safeguarding concerns in-line with the standard SSAB policy and procedure. Safeguarding Adult referrals also remain unchanged and referrals can be sent by email to: [lsb@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:lsb@stockport.gov.uk)

The three statutory partners will continue to undertake threshold screening upon receipt of a SAR referral. They will decide based on the information received whether to initiate a SAR panel.

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### Greater Manchester Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Policy

We are excited to announce the release of the Greater Manchester Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Policy.

In the last few months, we have been working with colleagues at Tameside to develop guidance to assist local safeguarding boards on good practice when responding to a SAR referral. The aim was to have a Greater Manchester approach with a framework that provides consistency within each of the boroughs that local safeguarding boards can apply when commissioning a SAR. The guidance also contains useful templates that local areas can adopt if they choose to.

You can access the GM SAR Policy [here](#), or directly from our safeguarding adults website.



Stockport Together have launched a local campaign to support local families and provide hot meals and food packs where possible. The support that is being received from local businesses, local agencies and local residents has been extremely overwhelming. In just 7 days stockport Together have served a minimum of 876 hot meals and delivered a minimum of 537 food packs.

Stockport Together would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone for their continued support.

If you need further details on the work to address food poverty in Stockport then please don't hesitate to contact them. Alternatively, use their [Facebook pages](#) or [Twitter feeds](#) to promote the support they are offering residents in Stockport

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### 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)

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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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