

# Stockport SAB & SCP COVID-19 E-Bulletin



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

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Welcome to the latest edition of our Safeguarding Covid News Bulletin.

As usual all the articles in this edition highlight current issues for Safeguarding Children and Adults from a local and national perspective.

Please use this edition to inform yourself of the issues related to your practice and that of others.

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## Headlines from Partnership Covid meetings

- Stockport has the second highest vaccination rate of care home staff in Greater Manchester.
- Pennine Care inform us that ward visit restrictions have been relaxed but may be reinstated in the light of increased infection rates.
- GMFRS aim towards a blended approach of telephone and face-to-face Safe and Well appointments have been postponed to 19 July due to the delay to Step 4 of the road map.
- The unification of NPS and CRC takes place on 26th June, to become one service and will be known as The Probation Service.
- NWAS reports there has been an increase in more acute presentations in line with the increase in COVID-19 infection rates.
- Stockport Homes are proud to announce the recruitment of a Social Worker, on a part-time basis who will sit within Adult Social Care, with the link back to Stockport Homes.
- There are 181 children subject to Child Protection Plans, and there is a slow but noticeable increase recently.
- The dedicated Safeguarding Adults training manager commenced in her role this month; where introductions to Nicola Chester will happen over the coming weeks.
- The first meeting of the Domestic Abuse Partnership Board convenes on Tuesday 6th July.

## 7 Minute Briefing – Professional Curiosity

Please use the briefing to familiarise yourself with the issues related to Professional Curiosity that includes helpful tips and guides to help you develop skills in professional curiosity. To find out more please [click here](#).

## Financial Abuse

During the pandemic there has been a rise in financial abuse and risk of scams.

Here is a [briefing paper](#) to inform your practice in working with people who have been possibly financially exploited.

Below is Stockport's Safeguarding adult's multi-agency guidance.



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# Multi Agency Policy for Safeguarding Adults at Risk

Safeguarding  
**Adults**  
in Stockport

Safeguarding Adults at Risk

The Multi Agency Policy for  
Safeguarding Adults at Risk

We would like to take this opportunity to signpost you to 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 easily. Please check our new interactive safeguarding policy [here](#), or visit our Safeguarding adult's website for more details.

## Action Fraud

**Who they are:** Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime where you should report fraud if you have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cybercrime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

They provide a central point of contact for information about fraud and financially motivated internet crime.

### How to report a fraud to them:

You can report fraud or cyber-crime using their [online reporting service](#) any time of the day or night; the service enables you to both report a fraud and find help and support.

You can also call the Action Fraud contact centre on **0300 123 2040**.

When you report to them you will receive a police crime reference number. Reports taken are passed to the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau.

Action Fraud **DOES NOT** investigate the cases.



### Information on Scams

You can find a useful list of different types of scams [here](#).



## Losing Mental Capacity – Making your choices count

The Role of the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG).

The best way to make sure your choices count if you lose mental capacity is to make and register a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA). This can be for Property/Finance decisions or Health/Care decisions, or both.

Having an LPA gives you peace of mind knowing people you trust will manage your affairs should you need them to now or in the future. If you lose capacity to make decisions, the Court of Protection will appoint a Deputy. Both the LPA and Deputy have the same role; to safeguard the donor's interests. <https://powerofattorney.campaign.gov.uk/>

73% of people  
think

*If a couple have a joint bank account and one person can't make decisions for themselves, their partner can legally make decisions for them both. **This is untrue.** An LPA will, however, give you consent to access joint funds to pay and monitor financial aspects of a joint account.*

*Your next of kin always gets the final say in treatment decisions at hospital, if you can't make them yourself. **This is untrue.** Medical decisions need the specific, agreed consent of the person involved, before a next of kin can make treatment or welfare choices on someone's behalf.*

72% of people  
think

## Child Criminal Exploitation



Child Criminal Exploitation occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, control, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18. The victim may have been criminally exploited even if the activity appears consensual.

This film was funded by Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland's Violence Reduction Network, the film entitled '[Are you listening](#)' aims to raise awareness of the issue of Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE), some of the signs that could indicate a child is in danger and where you can go for help and support.

It is important we all play an active role in tackling this issue.

Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership has produced a useful pocket guide called 'What you need to know about Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)', which they have made available to download

**The Home Office has also published a 'Child Exploitation Disruption toolkit** primarily aimed at frontline staff, to safeguard children and young people under the age of 18 from sexual and criminal exploitation.

Additionally, it is intended to help all Safeguarding Partners to understand and access existing legislative opportunities at their disposal and to target specific risks and threats. The toolkit can be found [here](#).

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### Upcoming awareness campaigns

**14th - 27th June** - [Scam Awareness Fortnight](#)

**21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June** is School Diversity Week is an annual celebration of LGBT+ equality in education, celebrated by thousands of schools and colleges across the UK. Find out more and sign up your school at <https://www.justlikeus.org/school-diversity-week>

**26<sup>th</sup> June** is UN International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. This years theme is share facts on drugs, save lives. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-drug-abuse-day>

**14<sup>th</sup> July** is a day dedicated to the memory of the victims of so-called Honour based Violence (HBV) <https://equation.org.uk/honour-based-violence-a-day-of-remembrance/> explains more about HBV.

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### Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARS)

We have recently reviewed and refreshed our SAR Policy, Guidance and templates to support Conducting Safeguarding Adults Reviews in Stockport under Section 44 of the Care Act 2014. Our revised guidance can be found [here](#).

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

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### Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews

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

**Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews** – 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. The Virtual Panel will screen all referrals 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)

### Good News Story

Staff at Stepping Hill Hospital were kindly donating much deserved gifts for both staff and their patients on their Acute Frailty Unit for their outstanding efforts during Dementia Action Week. Well done and congratulations to all those involved.



### Social Media and Website

As the Covid-19 situation is constantly developing we aim to share key messages from official sources via our social media channels as well as other communications.

Follow us on twitter - [@StockportSAB](#) and [@StockportSCP](#)

### 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)

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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