

Stockport SAB & SCP COVID-19 E-Bulletin



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Welcome to our Spring edition of the Safeguarding News Bulletin.

This week will see us all take another important step on the road to recovery from Covid-19 as we move to the next checkpoint on the roadmap to unlocking our country.

It is important that we continue to follow these rules. The only way we will progress further along the different stages of the roadmap is if we can continue to keep the number of cases of Covid-19 as low as possible.

Moving to the next stage is welcome, but please remember that Covid-19 is still present in our town and we must still take all necessary steps to stop the spread of the virus. That means still observing the guidance on 'Hands, Face, Space' and getting a test if we have symptoms of Covid-19 by calling 119.

We all have a part to play in this to ensure that Stockport and our country can return to normal as soon as possible.

From Monday 12th April 2021, the rule changes will include:

- We are no longer being asked to 'Stay at Home' – but we must still try to minimise the number of journeys we make and continue to work from home wherever possible.
- Outdoor gatherings of either six people or two households will be allowed. This includes in private gardens. However, separate households will still not be allowed to mix indoors.
- Outdoor sports facilities, such as tennis courts, can be used and people can take part in formally organised outdoor sports.
- Outdoor parent and child groups can meet with up to 15 people.
- The opening of non-essential retail including hairdressers and nail salons, including libraries and community centres will commence.
- Indoor leisure facilities such as gyms will reopen as will most outdoor attractions and settings including outdoor hospitality venues, zoos, theme parks and drive in cinemas.
- Self-contained accommodation such as campsites and holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households, can also reopen.

In Stockport, there have been approximately 144,000 Stockport people vaccinated so far with their first dose, which equates to 95.3% of those aged 70+, 85.9% of those aged 50-69 and 56.7% of those aged 18+.

Second doses have now begun to be administered with 16,364 people receiving theirs so far - our thanks go to everyone involved with this ongoing, monumental effort.

Partnership Covid Meetings

Partner agencies meet monthly to share information and update on the current position of services that have been impacted throughout the pandemic. Here are some of the headlines from our last meeting held on 15th April 2021.

- All agencies report that services are operating as business as usual with plans to aim towards more face to face visits as restrictions start to relax.
- GM Fire and Rescue Service are now starting to scope out a potential return of face-to-face Safe & Well visits from 21 June 2021.
- Stockport Homes report most services have continued as usual throughout the pandemic but have now reopened main reception at Cornerstone – managing numbers in line with social distancing. From 4th May opening times will resume to 8.30am to 5pm, Monday – Friday.
- Adult Social Care remains very busy and receiving a high volume of referrals around safeguarding. There is a good uptake of care home staff now receiving the vaccine, and staff are aiming to going back to doing best interest assessments face to face.
- Both partnerships agreed that there was value to partners meeting monthly to update on service delivery and to share any learning that partners would benefit from.

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Local News

On behalf of both Stockport Safeguarding Children and Adult Partnership, we are delighted to welcome Colin Jones who is the Interim Safeguarding Partnerships Lead who will be with us for a short while until the post is recruited to. Colin has been the business manager in several Safeguarding Partnerships across the North West and Greater Manchester so hopefully he can bring some of his experience to us in Stockport.

Coping with grief and uncertainty

On top of all the disruption and uncertainty this last year has brought, many people in Stockport are also having to deal with the loss of loved ones. At a time when we need each other for support and strength, we are being asked to stay apart. If you have lost someone or are just struggling, there is help available;

- Help dealing with grief - 0800 111 4451 / Mental health help line 0800 014 9995
- [Help with your mental health NHS Every Mind Matters](#)
- Local services - COVID-19 Mental health support available 24/7 for Service users and carers which they can call any time, day or night, if they feel their mental health is beginning to suffer. Tel: 0333 200 4339
- [Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership](#)
- Stockport open Door 0800 138 7276. Available 24/7 www.stockportgov.uk
- NHS England have launched a new mental health hotline for NHS staff of all roles and levels. The phone number is running from 7am to 11pm daily: 0300 131 7000 Or you can text FRONTLINE to 85258 (available 24/7).

Stockport's Homelessness Strategy 2021-24

In February 2021 the Council approved its new [homelessness strategy covering 2021-2024](#).

It follows a year of extensive engagement with key partners and people with lived experience of homelessness, reflecting the commitment within the Borough to ensure people have access to safe and affordable homes.



The Strategy takes a holistic approach, recognising that homelessness is not just a 'bricks and mortar issue'. The five key themes are:

- Increasing access to affordable accommodation
- The prevention and relief of homelessness
- Improving the health of homeless people
- Addressing complex and multiple needs
- Tackling rough sleeping

It has a detailed action plan that seeks to bring about tangible outcomes, with ongoing input from the statutory and third sectors essential to its success.

Stockport Multiagency Care Act 2014 Section 42 Outcomes

From April 2021 Section 42 enquiries in Stockport will better reflect the;

- Care Act 2014 Statutory Guidance
- NHS digital data collection.
- ADASS Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) Outcomes Framework

UPDATE

The Safeguarding adults case conference will discontinue the practice of substantiating abuse allegations.

Stockport Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) has agreed to the following changes to the Safeguarding Multi-agency Policy and Procedures, (third Edition) Section 42 Outcomes.

The following section of the Multi-agency Procedure is no longer applicable;

4.16.2 The Case Conclusion

The case conclusion for each allegation is selected from nationally agreed options as determined by the NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care. These are as follows:

- Substantiated - fully
- Substantiated – partially
- Not substantiated
- Inconclusive

The focus will change, and the outcome of the section 42 enquiry will reflect the needs of the adult including;

- Any residual risk to the adult
- The safety of the adult
- A review of the adults expressed desired outcomes

The Case Conference will therefore from April 2021 determine in consultation with the adult if;

- The risk remains
- The risk is reduced
- The risk is removed

It will also establish if the adult feels safer as a result of the intervention and determine if the Adult's desired outcomes have been met?

Where a protection plan is required the Protection plan should reflect the risks identified and discussed and represent the adults desired outcomes and risk taking.

Outcomes for Paid Perpetrators identified within the Scope of the enquiry but not the focus of the section 42 enquiry

Action for Providers;

- Employees who abuse or harm adults at risk should be dealt with appropriately via their employers' relevant procedures.
- If a crime has been committed the police should be involved and where appropriate undertake and lead a police inquiry.
- Employers should ensure they refer and liaise with the police as appropriate.
- Employers must be compliant with the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act (2006) and where there is a duty on them to make referrals to the DBS they do so. This includes times where the employee is an ex-employee because they have left before procedures are completed or they decline to engage in a disciplinary process.

Liberty Protection safeguards (LPS) Update

The LPS policy team at the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) have made good progress on a draft of the proposed Code of Practice for LPS, for public consultation.

Detailed information about LPS will feature as distinct chapters within an updated version of the overall MCA Code of Practice - so in fact there will be only be one Code document, not two. This will help to clearly align LPS practices with the overarching principles of the MCA, minimise repetition and allow for helpful cross referencing between chapters within the Code.

Alex Ruck-Keene has provided a useful summary of the most recent LPS Stakeholder Newsletter, detailing the proposed chapters in the [Code of Practice](#):

A number of [factsheets](#) about LPS have been produced and are available here:

There is a workforce training strategy with DHSC, and this will include Approved Mental Capacity Professional (AMPC) statutory training. The aim is that there will be a skills framework endorsed by The Royal Colleges. The training approach will be a standard one and this will be led/developed collaboratively by Health Education England and the DHSC.

Stockport Domestic Abuse Strategy

The Strategic Domestic abuse steering group have produced a Stockport Domestic Abuse Strategy 2020 – 2023, and the steering group is currently working with Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) to consult on it with local community groups before final approval is published. Look out over the coming months on when the strategy is expected to be launched.

Helpline numbers

The Greater Manchester helpline on 0161 636 7525

National Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0808 2000 247

In case of an emergency please dial 999. If it is too dangerous to speak press '55' when connected and the operator will know you need help.

Other contacts - You can report a non-emergency incident to the police by calling 101

Training Update

As part of supporting you to upkeep your Continual Professional Development (CPD) requirements Stockport's workforce development have commissioned RIPFA to deliver several sessions as indicated below.

- [Analysis and critical thinking on 20th April](#)
- [Developing professional curiosity on 29th April](#)

Harm Levels Safeguarding for Care Providers

The new *Harm Levels Safeguarding for provider services* e-learning is now published on learning pool. It can be [accessed here](#):

It introduces harm levels safeguarding for professionals working in Stockport Adult provider services. It presents the different harm levels and shows how they should be applied within the Stockport safeguarding adult's procedure to ensure a consistent, appropriate and proportionate response to adult safeguarding concerns by provider services across Stockport.

It is appropriate for Team Managers/Registered Managers and their Assistant Team Managers/Deputies in particular.

Safeguarding Children: Multi-Agency Courses - May 2021

11 May 2021 13:30 - 16:30 Domestic Abuse: Basic Awareness all age including MARAC - Online Training

14 May 2021 09:30 - 12:30 Safeguarding Children from Forced Marriage - Online Training

20 May 2021 10:00 - 13:30 Early Help Assessment- Effective Use (EHA) - Online Training

28 May 2021 10:00 - 11:30 Safeguarding Children and Adults:
Multi Agency Public Protection (MAPPA) Awareness Raising Session

Safeguarding Children courses can be booked via [SLA Online](#). Log in using your email address and your password. If you do not have an account, please click the link above the 'client login' and it will take you to the 'new account request' screen, where you will have to fill in your details and your request will be processed.

SEND e-learning basic awareness

This course is aimed at everyone as SEND is everybody's business. It can be completed by anybody who has an interest in developing their knowledge and understanding of special educational needs and disabilities - SEND. <https://stockport.learningpool.com/login/index.php>

Once logged in, you search 'SEND' and 3 topics come up, its' the 3rd course 'basic awareness'

Anti-Grooming Campaign

We wanted to share a resource to a new film that has been produced in collaboration with the Police and Crime Commissioner and Safer Hull Partnership called 'Missed me' to raise the awareness in the dangers faced by young people when they go missing.

The film tells the intertwining stories of four young people through which the viewer learns about the push and pull factors leading to the dangerous situations Billy, Tabby, Rosie and Lisa find themselves in.



It is hoped that the film will raise awareness of the reasons behind young people going missing and present them as victims rather than perpetrators of crime or the cause of situations including poor mental health, sexual and criminal exploitation. To view the film please [click here](#).

National County Lines Coordination Centre (NCLCC)

The NCLCC held a Safeguarding approach conference on 23rd & 24th March on Tackling County Lines.

Modern slavery is estimated to affect tens of thousands of people across the UK, with over 10,000 people officially identified as potential victims by the authorities in 2020. Children and adults get coerced, trapped and exploited in a wide range of forms of exploitation, from forced labour in sectors such as farming, construction or hospitality, to sexual exploitation, domestic work or forced criminality.

Below, are some other helpful links relating to modern slavery and county lines. The first two links are videos which have been put together to succinctly and explain the National referral system (NRM) and "Section 45" defence. Please use all these materials and make the most out of them when learning how to recognise signs of modern slavery and County Lines.

- [NRM Awareness Video](#)
- [Section 45 Video](#)
- [Knowledge Hub](#)
- ['Both Sides of the Coin' HMIC review](#)
- ['Counting Lives' Children's Society](#)
- [C4 County Lines Debt Bondage](#)

Talk Listen Change has launched a pilot programme supporting young people who have been affected by domestic abuse and are now struggling with their own behaviour in relationships.



The programme has been designed to help young people develop and manage positive relationships with the aim of reducing the use of harm and violence towards themselves and those around them. TLC hope to provide young people with the right tools for a healthier and happier future. For more detailed information please see the link that takes you to their domestic abuse page which explains the services they provide [Bridging to Change \(talklistenchange.org.uk\)](http://talklistenchange.org.uk)

To find out more about the service or for more information regarding referrals email afifasidat@talklistenchange.org.uk.

Talk Listen Change works holistically with both children and young people alongside parents, carers and families and would welcome the opportunity to collaborate for a safer future for the children of Greater Manchester.

7-minute briefing papers

Here is a 7-minute briefing paper in relation a tragic case that involved a 50-year-old man who was found by Northwest Ambulance Service (NWAS) lying on the floor of the family lounge, unable to mobilise whilst living at home with his family.

Please see [link provided](#) and consider the learning – of course you can do this individually, or it could be discussed at a team meeting or peer support session where you could reflect and discuss the implications on practice.

Multi agency Learning Review 3 - Tom was 63 years old who was diagnosed in 2018 with dementia. He lived alone with daily support from his brother including oversight of his medication and help in managing Tom's finances. To gain more details of the learning please refer to the [7-minute briefing paper](#) and share the learning widely within your own networks.

Upcoming Events

National Stalking Awareness Week - 20th April 2021 - 24th April 2021

[National Stalking Awareness Week will](#) run from Monday 20th April until Friday 24th April, different partners across the UK will be holding events to raise awareness of stalking and the effect it can have on people. We want to hear from you on events taking place within your organisation and area.

Online Conference and Summit - Tues 20 — Thurs 22 April 2021

The Centre for Action Against Stalking, the international centre for abusive and harmful behaviours, presents its 2021 International Conference and Summit. This is a key event for those who study stalking, work with victims or seek to divert perpetrators of stalking. This year's theme is the 'Dynamics between the Stalker and the Victim'. For further details [click here](#).

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

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/>
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