

Stockport SAB & SCP COVID-19 EBulletin



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

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In the course of the last few weeks the British landscape has changed, and changed utterly. Once-crowded streets are now deserted. Schools are closed, summer exams cancelled. Football grounds are padlocked. Theatres and retail outlets are dark and cinemas silent.

This bulletin is produced by the Stockport Safeguarding Partnerships to help practitioners who are working with children, families and vulnerable adults at risk of harm during the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been produced as a result of the Coronavirus Act which identifies a reduced duty on key partners through these difficult times. All partners recognise the effort of all practitioners to maintain the focus on the most vulnerable and we offer our sincere thanks for all that you are doing.

The information provided is of relevance to you and we hope you find it helpful. The aim of the bulletin is to seek assurances from partner agencies to ensure each agency has a proportionate response to safeguarding.

In these challenging and unprecedented times we are asking that key partners check in with us on a weekly basis to pick up on learning from each other and to look at ensuring each agency's updates are available in one place that colleagues can access easily. We held our 2nd check in meeting yesterday and was well contributed to by all partners.

The key headlines are set out below.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – April 2020

The scale and breadth of developments of measures against the Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health threat was staggering.

As the financial impact of Coronavirus pushes through our communities, this will potentially gift new opportunities for loan sharks to target and exploit those in hardship.

With increasing numbers self-isolating, now is a golden opportunity to do the [Friends Against Scams online training](#) - it is an excellent refresher to protect those we know who may be vulnerable to scams.

For details of the Local Authorities response and further advice on coronavirus, including help for people who are socially isolated, [click here](#).

We have also adapted the following advice for those vulnerable during COVID-19. All resources can be found on both the children and adult safeguarding websites.

Links available below:

[Stockport Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)
[Stockport Safeguarding Adults Board](#)

Healthwatch Stockport (HWS)

Healthwatch Stockport are coordinating a group of volunteers who offer help to people who are self-isolating:

Complete [online form](#) or call 0161 974 0753 alternatively email: info@healthwatchstockport.co.uk

Domestic Abuse and the response for victims

Operational guidance has been launched to clarify pathways during Covid-19 restrictions.

The guidance aims to clarify what specialist teams are offering and the relevant contact details. Alongside this guidance is being drafted about how to address practice in relation to safety plans and behaviour change during the Covid-19 restrictions.

A SharePoint site has been developed

<https://stockportcouncil.sharepoint.com/sites/External/DomesticAbuseGuidance> if you don't have access to this a pdf version will follow in the interim from the Safeguarding Partnership Unit in the next couple of days.

Domestic Abuse services continue to work alongside police and social care but are having to adjust methods of working to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

In relation to clients there is a Domestic Abuse webpage on the council site and local service numbers and links can be accessed via the

[Safeguarding Adult Board Domestic Abuse page](#)

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If you are uncertain about the best steps to take with a domestic abuse case then please contact the ASPIRE team for advice and guidance.

Emotional well-being services

Stockport Council and Stockport NHS CCG have formally launched three new emotional health, wellbeing and mental health services, which are available to residents of Stockport.

The services are:

- the Big White Wall - www.bigwhitewall.com/ which offers 24/7 anonymous support via a digital emotional wellbeing and mental health service, offers peer support for anyone over the age of 16 as well as support from trained clinicians alongside a range of helpful tools and resources. To access this, if you are a Stockport resident register by using your own postcode. If you are a member of staff living outside Stockport, you can still access the Big White Wall but will need to use the civic complex postcode of SK1 3XE;
- The establishment of the new 24/7 mental health helpline and (currently virtual) safe haven for anyone over the age of 18 in Stockport (**0800 138 7276**), commissioned by Stockport NHS CCG and provided by the charity Making Space;
- An Emotional Wellbeing Hub which provides information, advice, and guidance for anyone up to the age of 25 for emotional wellbeing and mental health concerns. Access to this is through the Multi-Agency Safeguarding and Support Hub (**MASSH**) - **0161 217 6028** - 8.30am-5pm Mon - Thurs 8.30am-4.30pm on Friday.

KOOTH

Kooth, the online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people aged 11 to 18 years has been available in Bolton, Manchester, Oldham, Trafford Rochdale and Wigan for some time.

It's now available in Bury, Salford, Tameside and Stockport. This expansion was brought forward in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

To find out more visit <https://hub.gmhsc.org.uk/mental-health/kooth/> To sign up to use Kooth, go to www.kooth.com.

SHOUT

GMCA's new SHOUT service is a confidential, 24/7 text service for people aged 16+, for who may be struggling with issues such as anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts, abuse or assault, self-harm, bullying or relationship issues. In Stockport, SHOUT is contactable 24/7 by texting **GMStockport to 85258**)

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**.

<http://www.safeguardingadultsinstockport.org.uk/>

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