

Stockport SAB & SCP COVID-19 E-Bulletin



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

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We hope this newsletter finds you safe and well.

During these winter months both Stockport Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Safeguarding Adults Board continues to focus on ensuring that safeguarding plays a key role in everyone's work to protect and support children, families and people with care and support needs in the borough.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and our ambition is that it becomes second nature for all of you wherever you work. The past year has been both a challenge and a recognition of the commitment, to keeping children, families, and adults at risk within our communities safe.

We as a Safeguarding Children Partnership and Safeguarding Adults Board are trying to share all the best practice as we hear it and would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all for your commitment and dedication.

Our December Children's Executive and Adult Board heard many encouraging messages about the impact this period of living with Coronavirus amongst us has had on partnership working. Assurance on the safety of Covid testing was provided to Executive colleagues along with assurance that our care homes are being properly supported and scrutinised during the pandemic.

Covid has taken away so much from so many of us but has also provided some positives back to us that we should all truly consider maintaining on our road map to recovery.

We encourage you to read and share the valuable information and headlines in this newsletter and put them to good use. Keep Safe and Stay Well.

Partnership Covid Meetings

We have reinstated our Partnership Covid meetings to share information and any challenges that we see may affect the partnership throughout the pandemic. Here are some of the headlines from our check in meeting on 25th January 2021

- *Pennine Care have begun to roll vaccinations to staff and patients who present on hospital wards.*
- *The vaccination programme for both residents and care home staff began in December. Home care staff have also been given the opportunity to take up the offer of the vaccine, and in the past 2 weeks the response has been positive.*
- *Early Help and Emotional Wellbeing Panels are fully established and are taking place twice per week and are working well.*
- *Lateral flow Covid testing has been offered to all 10,000 staff within the Acute Trust*
- *There has been an increase in Mental Health presentations at Stepping Hill Accident and Emergency Department*
- *Stockport Homes Group have completed their Winter Welfare visits to their older customers.*
- *Health Visitors are doing an extensive range of home visits and are prioritising the 9 to 12 assessments for those babies that haven't had much contact. School Nurses are also working actively with Team around the School and are offering support with vaccinations.*
- *And finally, do you need to raise a safeguarding concern to the Local Authority? See the request from Adult Social Care on page 2*

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STAY SAFE

STAY WELL

All Services are under considerable pressure and even more so since the previous lockdown restrictions. Adult Social Care (ASC) report safeguarding alerts are very high right now, although when the concerns are triaged, they aren't necessarily relating to safeguarding matters but rather a cause for concern about an adult who does not necessarily have care and support needs. This can delay individuals progressing to access the right help in a timely way.

ASC would encourage people to consider whether the issue they are raising is a safeguarding alert or whether it should go through a more suitable pathway.

Please see the [guidance](#) on what actions to take when considering making a safeguarding alert to SMBC under section 42 of the Care Act.

Please can you share the briefing paper in your team meetings to highlight distinctions to frontline staff and ensure they are getting the right services in place at the right time.



Kooth - Free online counselling services

Due to the current national lockdown, many young people are struggling with their mental health.

Kooth is a free safe and anonymous place for young people in Stockport 11-18.

They can access counselling support the same day and a variety of tools to help build resilience.

Come along and find out more
Please book on [Eventbrite](#)

3rd February 6.00-7.00pm



Staying Mentally Well – Winter Plan 2021-2021

In order to support people's wellbeing and mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government have released a plan.

The plan sets out the support that will be in place in the immediate term to help support individuals to stay well during the second wave of the coronavirus and winter months ahead.

Good wellbeing and mental health are essential assets for individuals, communities and society.

They can help each one of us to live fulfilled, productive and mentally healthy lives. We know that each person's mental health and resilience are shaped by a broad range of factors.

Read more in the provided [link](#).



Female Genital Mutilation



In 2021 we will be launching our Female Genital Mutilation strategy with a few weeks of learning events planned. Look out for further details in the new year. In the meantime, you can access the strategy [here](#).

Virtual courses

SSCP/SSAB are pleased to confirm that they have commissioned a new virtual course.

Hate Crime and incidents - <https://stockport.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=631>

Safeguarding Children: Working with Neglect and the Graded Care Profile 2 – 4th Feb 2021 09:30 - 16:30

Domestic Abuse: Basic Awareness all age including MARAC – 9th Feb 2021 10:00am- 1.00pm

Safeguarding Children: Understanding Exploitation - an overview of complex safeguarding - 11th Feb 2021 09:30am – 4.30pm

Safeguarding Basic Child Protection Awareness (Half Day PM) - 23rd Feb 2021, 1.30pm - 4:30pm

Care Act workshop sessions

- Workshop 1 - Legal and Ethical Literacy, 17th Feb 2021
- Workshop 2 - Implementing the Care Act, 8th & 18th Feb 2021
- Workshop 3 - Safeguarding and the Law, 9th, 17th & 18th Feb 2021

Places will be in demand so to get your email rachael.kirk@stockport.gov.uk with date and course you want to attend.

MAPPA Awareness raising session run by National Probation service

- 18 March 2021 – 10.00am -11:30am
- 28 May 2021 - 10.00am-11:30am

Any members who do not have a learning pool account and wish to create one, instructions can be found [here](#).

Other useful links:

- [Working with people who self neglect](#)
- [Professional curiosity in safeaeguarding adults](#)
- [How do we work with trauma amidst a pandemic](#)

Do you know what the prevent programme is?

That is why Counter Terrorism Policing (CTP) has launched a new website to encourage friends and family to act early, share concerns and seek help if they are worried that someone, they care about is being radicalised.

The ACT Early website includes:

- case studies
- signs to spot
- FAQs; and
- details of where to access help



In addition, it includes a new confidential advice line staff by specialist in Counter Terrorism Policing.

This year has underlined the crucial role employers and businesses play as a trust source signposting staff and customers to information and support.

[Access the new ACT early website here.](#)



social care
institute for excellence

Concerned about a social care, health or housing provider?

The Social Care institute for excellence have provided a guidance for how to raise or handle a concern about a social care, health, housing or other related provider.

RAISING A CONCERN

This guidance is for people who use services and carers, to help you to raise concerns effectively if things are not going well.

DEALING WITH A CONCERN

This gives help to social care, health and housing providers and helps providers to respond effectively to concerns and promotes joint working.

[More detailed guidance available here for raising and dealing with concerns](#)

Financial Scams

Are you #ScamAware?



Trading Standards are encouraging everyone to become a Friend Against Scams to take a stand against scams! Consumers lose £5 – £10 Billion each year to scams. Friends Against Scams aims to educate the public and professionals about what scams are out there, how to spot the signs that someone may be being targeted and how to report scams. By increasing awareness of different types of scams and the methods used by scammers, it is hoped that less people will fall victim to scams. Unfortunately, it is often the most vulnerable members of society who are targeted by scammers.

If you work with vulnerable adults, by learning more about scams and reporting methods, you could have a real impact on the amount of people who fall victim to scams every single day.

[Click here to access Online Learning](#)



Stockport's Multi agency Safeguarding Escalation Policy

When working in the arena of safeguarding children, families and adults at risk it is inevitable that at times there will be professional disagreement. Whilst this is accepted, it is vital that such differences do not affect the outcomes for our most vulnerable or detract from ensuring that the child, young person or adult at risk is safeguarded.

You can access our Escalation policy that sets out the process to be followed when resolving differences of opinion between professionals working with children, families and adult at risk from neglect and abuse.

[Read the Escalation Policy](#)

Parent and Child Foster Placements Policy

This outlines the tasks required when setting up a placement to ensure all children and parents have a consistent experience of the process. You may need to refer to this guidance when pre-birth assessments, legal planning meetings or Courts direct planning to include placements. The document offers insight into types of placement, legal frameworks and the process of placements. You may also find it useful for outlining the responsibilities of certain roles, especially the specialist IRO and Champion who offer [guidance on following this process](#).

Safer internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2021 will be celebrated in the UK on 9th February, 2021. Different organisations are promoting different themes one of which is: An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world!

During the pandemic, children and adults have been spending more time online and connecting in the digital world. There is no doubt that the internet is a powerful tool in improving access to learning, information, culture and for keeping in touch with friends and family. Whilst sadly not all families can access these facilities for those that do it is often an integral part of everyday life and the pandemic has very much placed digital activity at the heart of our daily routines.

The increase in internet connected devices, platforms and the trend for accessing social media has also introduced new challenges, there has never been a more important time to raise awareness of how to stay safe online and how to build digital resilience in children and young people. With this in mind we are aiming not only to promote Safer Internet Day, but to also use the week commencing February 8th to promote online safety.

Here is the [resource pack](#) produced to promote Safer Internet Day, and across the week we are hoping to use our Twitter Accounts to raise awareness of online safety and to signpost families to useful resources. It would be fantastic if we could encourage others to get on board.

The NHS Safeguarding App

The NHS Safeguarding app continues to support frontline staff and citizens with 24-hour, mobile access to up to date safeguarding guidance and local contacts to report safeguarding concerns.

You can download your app free here:

Free Safeguarding App



You can download the NHS England app which is suitable for all from your phone's app store, or by visiting the website.

[Find out more](#)

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Care Leavers Christmas Donations

On behalf of Stockport care leavers, the leaving care team would like to say a big **THANK YOU** for all the donations received from our colleagues across the Safeguarding Partnership, and the wider community.



The Leaving Care Team were able to deliver 155 gift bags and 94 hampers which are for those young people living independently, often with little family or support around them.

A staff member said, "after the year we've all had, it was brilliant to see the smiles on our young people's faces". A huge appreciation goes out to our Leaving Care Team

Upcoming Events

Dementia United –
[Young Onset Dementia Post Diagnostic Support Webinar](#),

2nd February 2021, 12.00pm-2.00pm.

[Click here](#) to be directed to the Eventbrite page to register.



Free webinar

02 February 2021
12pm to 2pm



As part of Greater Manchester Hate Crime Awareness Week, we are running a FREE Hate Crime Session, via Zoom, on Thursday 4th February 10am - 11:30am

The session will cover:

What is Hate Crime: its impact and how the Stop Hate UK helpline supports residents and visitors to Stockport.

Launch of new Hate Crime Reporting App: a brand new Hate Crime Reporting App for the Stockport area

Session hosted by Stop Hate UK.



Bookings can be made via email to: zoe@stophateuk.org
Book early to avoid disappointment



Part of Greater Manchester Hate Crime Awareness Week 1st - 7th February 2021
LET'S END HATE-CRIME.

If you are hosting a Greater Manchester Hate Crime Awareness Week Event, be sure to let us know.....

Promotional materials can also be obtained by emailing us at lsb@stockport.gov.uk where a collection point can be agreed.

Furthermore, as part of Greater Manchester Hate Crime Awareness Week, Stop Hate UK will be running a FREE Hate Crime session, via Zoom on **4th February 10.100am-11.30am.**

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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](https://twitter.com/StockportSAB) and [@StockportSCP](https://twitter.com/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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