

Stockport SAB & SCP COVID-19 E-Bulletin



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

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Hello and welcome to our latest newsletter - it's great to have you with us! We hope you enjoy hearing about our up to date news. If you have any questions, we're always happy to help so just get in touch and we will respond with any of your queries.

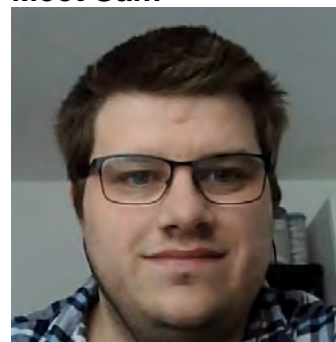
With the national infection rate currently at the lowest level since September, and hospital admissions now like last July, the Government announced recently that the next phase of England's lockdown roadmap will proceed as planned.

From 17th May, people will be allowed to meet friends and family indoors, stay away overnight and visit entertainment venues indoors. This is a move in the right direction, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the continuous work you do to protect and keep people safe from harm and abuse.

Headlines from Partnership Covid meetings

- Safeguarding Adults Partnership (SAP) have workshops on the horizon for Section 42 and Team Around the Adult processes to be reviewed. The aim is to have the guidance reviewed in time for the Summer; watch this space for further updates of the relaunch.
- Pennine Care Foundation Trust reports their Vaccination Hub has stood down although the provision is to be restored if the demand was needed.
- School Nursing remains busy, particularly with regards to school referrals concerning pupil's mental health.
- Stockport NHS Foundation Trust report that attendance at the Emergency Department has decreased due to the pandemic, however presentations due to self-harm by children remain at a high level with a significant number of repeat attenders.
- The Child Protection Unit is returning to GMP as a unit distinct from CID; this is expected from September 2021.
- The National Probation Service (NPS) and Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) are coming together as one organization from June 2021 to be one service.
- More indoor and outdoor events are starting to be run within the Youth Justice Service as restrictions start to ease.
- Stockport Homes have now resumed to full opening hours.
- Stockport Homes have committed to paying for a part-time social worker within Adult Social Care, focusing on homelessness.
- GPs are working back towards more face-to-face appointments, with appropriate triage and COVID-secure measures.

Meet Sam



We are delighted to welcome Sam Hodkin who is a member of our team. Sam joined us after just shy of 5 years in various administrative roles within Trafford Council, and he looks forward to working within the Partnership in the months ahead.

Outside of work, Sam's interests and hobbies include presenting shows on a local community radio station as well as an online radio station; He also has a keen interest in genealogy and grassroots sport. A lesser-known fact is that he has also appeared on no fewer than 4 quiz shows, inclusive of Countdown, Fifteen to One and Mastermind.

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Multi Agency Adults at Risk System (MAARs)

The MAARs panel considers cases in respect of adults aged 18 years or over, where existing mechanisms within agencies for resolving or minimising risk have not been achieved.

The focus of the panel is on addressing the risk to the adult and in doing this will also consider other persons affected. The panel enables better risk sharing and risk management between agencies and facilitates better outcomes for people. The MAARs panel will support agencies in their work to lower and manage risk.

Aims of the panel:

- To share information to identify, clarify and agree on risk
- Promote safety and wellbeing of high risk adults
- Improve multi-agency communication pathways
- To utilise resources more efficiently
- To develop risk management plans
- For those who are not engaging, co-ordinate a risk management plan to seize the opportunities that can enable engagement and/or monitor the well-being of the person
- To improve agency accountability
- To share risk across agencies
- Identification of a lead/key worker

When making referrals please use the referral form which can be [found here](#).

New referrals should be made to MAARS@stockport.gov.uk inbox at least seven working days in advance of the panel meeting. Panel meetings are held monthly usually on the second Tuesday of each month.

If you have any queries with regards the referral process please send them to MAARS@stockport.gov.uk

Survey by the Children's Commissioner



The Children's Commissioner wants to hear from as many children and young people in England as possible through the big ask survey. This is an opportunity to tell the Government what they think, a chance to have a say on the things that matter to them: about what life is like, what they want in the future, and anything they think is holding them back.

Please encourage the children and young people you support to take part: www.thebigask.uk

Stockport Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness - Training Matrix - Version February 2021



Please review the [training matrix](#) and ensure all staff are trained appropriately. There is also courses available for the public.

Note this matrix will be periodically reviewed and updated. Currently, Connect 5 training is available mainly as a train the trainer option. For more information or if the courses listed are not available, please contact info.wellbeing@stockport.gov.uk



Safe and Well Interventions



Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service (GMFRS) undertake Safe and Well interventions, which are person-centred fire risk assessments, providing fire safety advice and interventions that are tailored to the needs of the household in order to effectively reduce the risk of fire in the home.

To limit the contact between fire service staff and members of the public due to coronavirus (COVID-19) and to ensure we use our resources as effectively as possible, GMFRS continue to only provide Safe and Well interventions/advice for the following people:

- Those subject to an 'urgent threat to life' via a potential arson attack.
- People in our communities who are most vulnerable to fire. This includes people whose fire risk is increased by one or more of the following:
 - their physical or mental health or social care needs
 - their lifestyle
 - their occupations or routines
 - the physical and social environment in which they live

Members of the public can self-refer, or partner agencies can get in touch with us to request an intervention, which (other than urgent threats to life) will be undertaken by telephone at the present time. The intervention includes advice regarding:

- Previous fires
- Personal risk factors e.g. hearing/visual impairment, physical health, mental health condition, issues with mobility, dementia or memory issues, substance use, use of medication
- Cooking fire safety
- Smoking and fire safety
- Electrical fire safety
- Heating your home safely
- Candle fire safety
- Bedtime Routines
- Escape Planning
- Working smoke alarms and regular testing

Referrals from partners should be made with the consent of the person being referred. Please telephone our Contact Centre on FREEPHONE 0800 555 815 or complete a [Safe and Well Partner Referral Form](#) and email it to contact@manchesterfire.gov.uk (secure email address is: contact.centre@manchesterfire.cjism.net)

To self-refer, householders should telephone our Contact Centre on FREEPHONE 0800 555 815.

People who do not meet the threshold for a Safe and Well intervention can visit our website page [Fire safety at home - Greater Manchester Fire Rescue Service](#) for home fire safety advice.

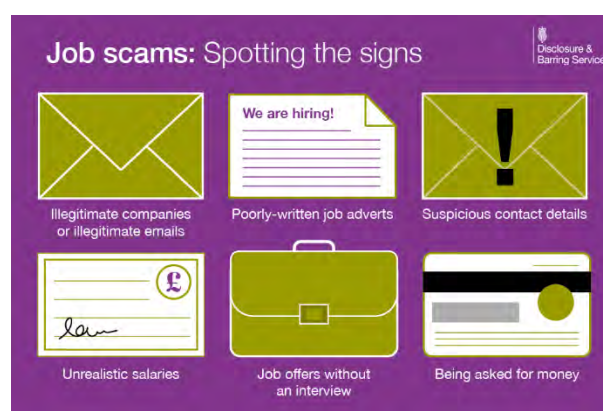
Job Scams – Disclosure and Barring Service

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) is running a campaign to raise awareness of job scams and employment fraud among job seekers. DBS is working alongside [JobsAware](#), [Disclosure Scotland](#) and [AccessNI](#).

JobsAware is a non-profit organisation, with cross-government support, that informs people of how to avoid job scams and unfair working practices, and supports job seekers with suspected fraud, malpractice and other poor experiences.

Job scams are extremely prevalent in the current job market. During the pandemic, almost three in four job seekers (74%) applied for jobs that were not genuine.

Find out more: [Police role in the DBS checking process - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



Virtual Training update

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Training All via Teams-link below to book via SLA online
<http://www.safeguardingchildrenstockport.org.uk/practitioners/>

- 20th May - 10am-1:30pm - **EHA Early Help Assessment Training**
- 9th June - 1:30pm-4:30pm - **Basic Safeguarding Awareness**
- 10th June - 2.00pm-3:30pm - **MAPPA awareness training**
- 15th June - 1:30pm-4:30pm - **All Age Domestic Abuse Basic Awareness inc DASH and MARAC**
- 17th June - 9:30am-1.00pm - **Understanding Exploitation-introduction to Complex Safeguarding Part 1**
- 22nd June - 9:30am-4:30pm - **Working with Neglect and the Graded Care Profile 2**
- 24th June - 9:30am-1.00pm - **Safeguarding Children where there is Parental Substance Misuse**
- 15th July - 9:30am-1.00pm - **Understanding Exploitation-introduction to Complex Safeguarding Part 2**

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

Upcoming awareness campaigns

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – June 15, 2021.

It can be hard to imagine that anyone would deliberately want to harm an elderly person, but unfortunately, elder abuse does occur.

Spread the word and share informational articles on Facebook and use the hashtag [#WEAAD](#) on Twitter.



SEND Week of Action

[SEND Week of Action](#) takes place next week with a jam-packed week of webinars and activities for professionals, parents and carers to help make **SEND everyone's business**.

Book your slots now if you haven't already and please encourage the families you work with to attend.

The programme is listed below and bookings can be made on [Eventbrite site](#). Please encourage all your teams to attend!

There's still time for you to put 'SEND' on your team meeting agenda and discuss how it is relevant to your work, or to organise an activity of your own

If you would like to get involved, please email

send-ip@stockport.gov.uk

SEND is everybody's business 😊

Follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) throughout the week.

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**.

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