

News & Information from the Partnership, Partners and beyond...

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Making the news! Congratulations to the SSP logo competition winner, a year 9 pupil from Lawn Manor Academy who designed the new logo. This has featured in local media reports see the Swindon Advertiser for more information. A comment posted in response to the article stated 'I like the logo very much. I think it's excellent work. Congratulations.'



If you want to know more information about the Swindon Safeguarding Partnership including the structure, sub groups and meeting schedules then please go the about SSP webpage.

Safeguarding Adult Webinars

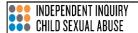


There are a series of safeguarding adult webinars to support the understanding of what constitutes a safeguarding concern. Aimed at safeguarding strategic and operational leads in all organisations. These are an opportunity to take stock and reflect on what constitutes a safeguarding concern. This multi-agency framework will enable you to take a shared accountability and responsibility for decisions and action through collective and transparent actions. There will be an opportunity to explore implementation of the multi-agency framework. Further information including dates and how to book can be found here.





Dr Sophie Laws has posted a blog titled 'Sexual abuse of Black, Asian and minority ethnic children and young people: 'People don't talk about it' in which she discusses, research reports, barriers to reporting, responses to disclosures and support following a disclosure. There is also a report published by the Independent Inquiry Child Sexual Abuse - People don't talk about it": Child sexual abuse in ethnic minority communities.



Analysis of Safeguarding Adult Reviews April 2017- March 2019: **Findings for Sector**



Led Improvement



The first national analysis of learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews in England was carried out during 2020, its purpose was to identify priorities for sector-led improvement in adult safeguarding.

The report is being launched at a national webinar at which the authors will present key findings from the study. The resulting analysis of 231 SARs across all types of abuse and neglect provides a significant body of evidence on which to base recommended priorities for sector-led improvement.

Launch Webinar on 14th December 2020 - 10.00 - 12.00

Chair: Adi Cooper, Care & Health Improvement Programme Presenters:

- Suzy Braye, Emerita Professor University of Sussex and Independent Consultant
- Michael Preston-Shoot, Emeritus Professor University of Bedfordshire and **Independent Consultant**
- Lisa Smith, Assistant Director, Research in Practice

To book your place please use this link on the Research in Practice website.

Adult Safeguarding and Homelessness: **Virtual Seminars**





Following publication of a briefing on adult safeguarding and homelessness by the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Social Services. Click here for the report. A series of virtual seminars have been developed to progress this work, including the impact of Covid-19.

Dates/topics for workshops:

17th December 2020, 10am-12 noon: Foundations for Positive Practice in safeguarding people who are homeless.

13th January 2021 - Commissioning and Provider Services: safeguarding people experiencing homelessness.

18th January 2021 - Psychologically-informed and Reflective Practice in safeguarding people experiencing homelessness.

25th January 2021- Learning Lessons from the Response to Covid-19 regarding safeguarding people experiencing homelessness.

<u>15th February 2021</u> - Legal Literacy in safeguarding people experiencing homelessness

23rd February 2021 - Governance of Adult Safeguarding and Homelessness. 1st March 2021 - Tackling Specific Issues: safeguarding people experiencing homelessness.

8th March 2021 - Making Every Adult Matter and Every Contact Count – Reviewing Learning about Positive Practice in safeguarding people experiencing homelessness.

All seminars take place between 10am and 12 noon except those on 18th January, which will be held between 3pm and 5pm, and 23rd February and 8th March, which will be held between 2pm and 4pm.

For further information on the seminars click here.

To register, please email: chip@local.gov.uk

7 Minute Briefs



There is an expectation that agencies/professionals will share these resources widely and use them in team meetings, as part of group/individual supervision and for personal professional development. To access them please go to the SSP training page

New briefs include:

- Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)
- Coercive Control

Read the journal article.

Baby Steps programme: podcasts: The NSPCC has released two podcasts on the Baby Steps perinatal educational programme, designed to help prepare people for becoming parents. **Listen to the podcasts:**

Coronavirus: children and young people's mental health: The Rees Centre reports on the latest findings from the Co-SPACE study tracking children and young people's mental health throughout the COVID-19 crisis. Read the report

Coronavirus: youth custody: Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation has published a thematic review of the work of youth offending services in England and Wales during the coronavirus pandemic. Read the report

Early years: The Royal Foundation has published findings from a study of public attitudes towards bringing up children from conception to 5 years across the UK. Read the report. See also NSPCC Learning.

Personal safety: The Children's Commissioner for England has published a report looking at children and young people's views on personal safety in their local area. Read the report.



Care Leavers: Coram Voice in collaboration with the Rees Centre have published a report looking at how care leavers feel about their lives. Read the report. **Child protection:** The National Children's Bureau, the University of Cambridge and the University of Kent have published a systematic review of research looking at the relationship between parental mental illness, drug or alcohol misuse, and domestic violence in combination and child maltreatment. Read the news story.

Characteristics of children in need: 2019 to 2020: The Department for Education (DfE) has published statistics on children referred to and assessed by children's social services in England for the year ending 31 March 2020. Read the report Children and the law: criminal records: Just for Kids Law reports that the Ministry of Justice has announced the implementation of legislation to change the rules governing the disclosure of criminal records. After the legislation comes into force on 28 November no reprimand, warning, or youth caution will be disclosed on standard or enhanced criminal record checks. This legislation also changes the rules around minor convictions. Read the news story.

Safer Internet Day resources: The UK Safer Internet Centre has created a range of resources for Safer Internet Day on 9 February 2021. The resources for 3- to 18-year-olds look at the topic of reliability online, and the ways that young people can tell fact from fiction whilst spending time on the internet. Read the news story

Although we are still not able to deliver any face-to-face training, please keep checking the SSP website for the range of topics for which we have on-line and virtual learning available. Visit the <u>virtual courses & eLearning page of the SSP</u> website. SSP Courses scheduled for 2021: these are in high demand so please continue to check the website. **Virtual Classroom** CP Level 2 02.02.21 CP Level 3 28.01.21 CP Level 3 03.02.21 **Resistant Families** 23.02.21 Managing Allegations 02.02.21 A 10 minute special report by Channel 4 titled 'County lines exploited, excluded **Criminal Exploitation** from school and murdered'. This highlights the events leading up to the murder of News 14 year old Jaden Moodie, his school exclusion and the dangers faced by children from gangs forcing them into selling drugs. View the clip here The **Home Office** has created a new campaign, 'Something's Not Right', to help secondary children in England who suffered a range of harms, such as sexual and physical abuse, during lockdown. There are a wide range of resources developed in close collaboration with the NSPCC, Barnardo's, The not right Children's Society, Internet Watch Foundation and the Marie Collins Foundation. The supporters pack which can be found here includes information on the Home Office campaign and a range of downloadable materials. Further information is also accessible via Childline - Somethings-not-right IMPACT, Swindon and Wiltshire's active recovery service provide drug and alcohol support for local residents. They can provide awareness workshops for professionals/workers these include drug and alcohol awareness, an IMPACT service overview and a new 'alcohol pathways for professionals' for those who may come into contact with parents who may be drinking too much alcohol, or loved ones of those who have been affected by alcohol abuse. **Turning Point** Each workshop last for around 90 minutes and are facilitated by an experienced worker. If you/your team/service are interested then please contact Paige Stiles (Engagement and Prevention Worker) email: Paige.Stiles@turning-point.co.uk to discuss. Countering Terrorism Policing have launched a new national 'Act Early' safeguarding website: www.actearly.uk. This new website has been launched to encourage friends and family to act early. "The increase in time spent online due to COVID19 and a rise in hateful extremism is creating an environment in which young and vulnerable people are at a greater risk of being targeted and groomed by people who wish to do harm. It is family and friends – including close co-workers- who are often the first to spot the worrying changed in behaviour (...)." (CTP, 2020) If you have any information that can be included within the fortnightly SSP newsletter please send the information to the safeguardingpartnership@swindon.gov.uk

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