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Although we are still not able to put on any face-to-face training we are expanding the range of topics for which we have on-line learning available through our website: safeguardingpartnership.swindon.gov.uk/training

Save the dates!

Monday 24th May to Thursday 27th May 2021

Sessions between 10am and 2pm
(exact timings to be confirmed)

Virtual Youth and Early Intervention Forums



Do you work with children, young people or parents?

The education, interventions and guidance we offer children and young people can play a key role in supporting them to become successful and resilient adults. As individual organisations, we strive to have an impact with each young person, but it can be difficult to do this alone and we recognise that we are more successful when we work together.

Wiltshire Police's Youth and Early Intervention Development Group, Swindon Borough Council's Family Intervention Support Service, Swindon Safeguarding Partnership are hosting four virtual forums. The aim is to provide professionals with an opportunity to better understand the local services available and the support offered.

Each day there, will a themed session with presentations by guest speakers and there will be signposting to local information and resources. The themes will be:

Monday 24th May	Adverse childhood experience and trauma
Tuesday 25th May	Early Help – diversion, intervention and safeguarding
Wednesday 26th May	Youth violence and exploitation
Thursday 27th May	Mental health

Further information regarding the dates and times for the individual sessions and how to book will be provided shortly.

In the interim please put the dates in your calendar from 10:00-14:00!



Virtual Classroom

Virtual courses new dates announced: April/ May 2021:

Child Exploitation training: 15th April 2021.

Managing Allegations: 19th May 2021.

MASH/ACP Open Morning: 1st April and 6th May 2021

Threshold Framework - Right Help at the Right Time: 7th April and 13th May 2021.

Visit the [virtual courses & eLearning page](#) of the SSP website to book a place.

Please keep checking the SSP website for the on-line and virtual learning available.

Supervision Orders Update for safeguarding partners



Reminder: When Children's Services have been granted a Supervision Order at the end of Care Proceedings the plan that is agreed in Court will be integrated into the Child in Need Plan.

For the duration of this Supervision Order the Child in Need policy will be the framework within which the progress and implementation of the plan agreed at Court, will take place.

The contribution of partners to improve the outcomes for the child will be reflected in this plan as the child will be considered as a Child in Need.

Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

Information from FASD webinar



Protecting and improving the nation's health

The Department of Health and Social Care is funding a number of projects and initiatives as part of the Innovation Fund which is focussed on improving the outcomes for the children of alcohol dependent parents.

Swindon Borough Council is one of the 9 project partners, delivering the Restore Project in Swindon. Public Health England have hosted a series of webinars about children of alcohol dependent parents and the most recent one was on Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). It featured a range of speakers covering research, projects and the lived experiences of parents with children who have a diagnosis of FASD.

The [webinar presentation](#) and [additional Q & A's](#) are available on the SSP website.

"Safeguarding adults at risk of harm: New research and perspectives"

**Free Online Event
0930-1130 am on Thursday 15th April
2021**



A free safeguarding adult event hosted by the University of Bath will be held between 9.30-11.30am and will be free to attend. This online event showcases new findings and perspectives from three researchers in the field.

Full details of the speakers and the titles of the presentations can be found at the Eventbrite site. See: [Safeguarding Adults at Risk of Harm: New research and perspectives Tickets, Thu 15 Apr 2021 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)



**Message from Fiona Francis
Service Manager
Safeguarding, Quality Assurance &
Review Service,**

We are delighted to announce that Swindon are now working directly with [Madlug](#). Madlug are a bag brand that donates a bag to a child in care for each bag sold. The child's bag is unbranded to avoid stigma. It folds away to fit neatly into a sock drawer or a Social Worker's car boot without wasting storage space. Each bag has a label that says "You are incredible" to remind every child that they have value, worth and dignity.

Any bags purchased using the code **SWINDONCARES** get you **10% off your entire purchase** and every bag bought with this code

<p>Children Families & Community Health</p> 	<p>means the pack away bags will go directly to our children here in Swindon!</p> <p>Please share this code with as many teams and service providers as possible please. Please see the flyer for more information about Madlug and their vision. This is an amazing opportunity and we are over joyed to be working alongside a great company. We have already been able to secure bags for all children who are currently in care and care leavers. What a great way to start the new year!</p>
<p>Female Genital Mutilation – Information Sharing (FGM-IS)</p> 	<p>What is FGM-IS? A national IT system, which provides healthcare professionals and administrative staff a mechanism to record that a girl (under the age of 18) has a family history of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). The FGM-IS is part the NHS Spine. Healthcare professionals and administrative staff can view, add and remove the FGM indicator, and it can be accessed via the Summary Care Record Application (SCRa), or with a local clinical system integrated with FGM-IS.</p> <p>Further information can be found here: Female Genital Mutilation - Information Sharing - NHS Digital</p> <p>For further information about FGM click here</p>
<p>Analysis of Safeguarding Adult Reviews (April 2017-March 2019)</p> 	<p>Professor Michael Preston-Shoot has recorded a short film to present some of the findings from the first national analysis in England of Safeguarding Adult reviews from April 2017 to March 2019. To access the short film and PowerPoint presentation please go to the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Safeguarding Adults Board website.</p>
<p>Swindon and Wiltshire Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) has achieved Male Accreditation via Lime Culture</p>  	<p>Amy Mitchell SARC Manager has stated that pathways and resources have been put in place, which have been specifically designed to support male survivors. SARC staff have completed training with Survivors UK, which was valuable in helping staff understand the different barriers, and myths surrounding male rape; they are able to address self-blame and male survivors are given a choice of a female or a male crisis worker.</p> <p>One of the continuing challenges has been to gain valuable feedback from male clients, as often males report the crime years after it has happened so SARC support is not appropriate. We have relied on previous attendees and partner organisations to help us gather this information, and will continue to do so going forwards.</p> <p>For further information visit the website.</p>
<p>Sibling Sexual Abuse: A knowledge and practice overview</p> 	<p>This report considers the complex issues and challenges raised by sibling sexual abuse, and provides findings from research and practice to support professionals in approach. Thought to be three times as common as parental abuse, most professionals are likely to encounter sibling sexual abuse at some stage of their careers. Focussing specifically on the assessment and intervention of sibling sexual abuse, the report promotes a child-first approach, looking at a family holistically and encouraging cross-agency collaboration. Read the report</p>

Guidance for safeguarding adults in care homes



NICE have published guidance for safeguarding adults in care homes. Access the [website](#) or a [PDF version](#) of the guidance. There are also tools to accompany the guidance including a [baseline assessment audit tool](#) (Excel) and posters/flyers for organisations [Indicators of Individual Abuse and Neglect](#) and [Indicators of Organisational Abuse and Neglect](#).



Safeguarding: consent issues: The Home Office and HM Passport Office have published guidance for HM Passport Office staff describing how to safeguard a customer and their child, if they tell us that contacting the other parent or guardian for parental consent, (for example, for a change of name) puts them at risk of harm. **Read the guidance:** [Safeguarding: consent issues](#)

Children in care: placements: The Department for Education (DfE) has published two reports on the characteristics and placements of looked after children in England, including a report on children aged under 16. **Read the reports:** [Looked after children in independent or semi-independent placements](#)

NSPCC Learning: [Looked after children](#)

Children entering care for the first time as teenagers: The Children's Commissioner for England has published a report looking at the backgrounds of children entering care for the first time as teenagers, to understand their characteristics and experiences, and investigate what more can be done to identify these children and give them the help they need before they hit crisis. **Read the report:** [Characteristics of children entering care for the first time as teenagers \(PDF\)](#)

Female genital mutilation: Sky News reports that referrals relating to female genital mutilation (FGM) have dropped in England during the pandemic. It is not known if the drop in numbers is because FGM is happening under the radar or because less FGM is taking place due to flights being banned.

Read the news story: [FGM: Survivors tell their stories as female circumcision referrals drop during pandemic](#)

NSPCC Learning: [Protecting children from female genital mutilation](#)

Social work and autistic children and young people: The Department of Health and Social Care has published findings from a study looking at social work practice with autistic children and young people in England. **Read the report:** [Social work and autistic young people: an exploratory study](#)

Online safety: early years: The National Cyber Security Centre (NSC) has published guidance for practitioners working in early years education and childcare settings on how to protect sensitive information about their setting and the children in their care from accidental damage and online criminals. [Read the guidance](#)

Social work practice: domestic abuse, substance use and mental ill health: Community Care Inform has provided a downloadable guide for social workers on working with domestic abuse, substance use and mental ill health. For [further information](#) (you may need to register)

Relationships, sex and health education: The Department for Education (DfE) has updated its support and training materials for schools to help train teachers on relationships, sex and health education (RHSE) in England to include a training module on teaching RSHE to pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

[Read the guidance](#)

[Read the blog](#)

NSPCC Learning [CASPAR Briefing](#)

Child sexual abuse in football: The Football Association (FA) has published findings from an independent review by Clive Sheldon QC into allegations of sexual abuse in football in England during the period 1970 to 2005. **Read the report:** [Clive Sheldon QC's report into non-recent child sexual abuse allegations in football](#)
A three-part BBC documentary examining historic child abuse in youth football across England between the 1970s and the 1990s is on BBCiPlayer. **View the documentary:** [Football's darkest secret](#)
NSPCC Child Protection in Sport news story: [The Sheldon Report into non-recent child sexual abuse in football is published](#)
NSPCC Learning: [Child protection in sport training](#)

Coronavirus: impact of prison lockdowns on children with a parent in prison: The University of Oxford Faculty of Law has published a study looking at the experiences of 70 children in the UK whose parents were in prison during the period April - June 2020 and the implications of national lockdowns in 2020 and 2021. **Read the report:** [The impact of COVID-19 prison lockdowns on children with a parent in prison \(PDF\)](#)

Coronavirus: maternal mental health: The Centre for Mental Health has published a rapid evidence review of the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the mental health of women during pregnancy and after they've given birth, and the support that's been available during the pandemic. **Read the report:** [Maternal mental health during a pandemic: a rapid evidence review of Covid-19's impact \(PDF\)](#)



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