

Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership Newsletter

November 2023

Welcome to Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership's newsletter.

Lancashire Safeguarding is a multi-agency Partnership established to ensure safeguarding measures are met, and that vulnerable children and adults across Lancashire, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen are protected from harm, and abuse and lessons are learned from case reviews and improvements identified and implemented.

Training Opportunities

Please find below details for safeguarding training available online and locally:

Forced Marriage Awareness sessions

These sessions are aimed at front line practitioners and managers from both adults and children's services across Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire. The aims of this session are:

- The work of the forced marriage unit
- The legal definition of forced marriage
- How to support victims
- Forced Marriage Protection Officers

The two sessions will take place on **Monday November 20th 2023 10:00-11:15am**. Register [here](#).

SUDC Nurse bespoke training

If you or your organisation would like to learn more about the role of the SUDC Nurse, the Joint Agency Response or the Child Death Review Processes, the SUDC Service can provide bespoke training. Please contact Joanne Birch, Lead SUDC Nurse for more details. Tel: 07930852073, Email: joanne.birch@lscft.nhs.uk

7 Minute briefings

Our extremely popular 7-Minute Briefings are safeguarding summaries on a wide variety of topics which can be used to cascade learning across teams. Access them [here](#).

Professional curiosity learning from review sessions for Frontline practitioners and managers from across the adults and children's multi-agency workforce

the aim of the sessions are to set out the meaning and importance of Professional Curiosity; highlighting learning from local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews and Safeguarding Adult Reviews; and sharing resources available to support practitioners. By the end of the training participants will understand what it means to be professionally curious, learn from local reviews to understand the barriers to professional curiosity, be confident to exercise professional curiosity in a respectful manner and know where to find strategies to support professional curiosity.

Training available on **16th November 2023 10am—12pm**.

Book onto the training [here](#)

Things to look out for

NSPCC

The NSPCC Library hosts the National collection of case reviews. This update highlights case reviews recently added to the collection and features one of our Learning from case reviews briefings. More information can be found [here](#). NSPCC Learning has updated its page on writing safeguarding policies and procedures which now includes a new section on reviewing safeguarding policies and procedures. The guidance on writing a policy statement and writing procedures has also been [updated](#).

Upholding carers rights in practice: webinar

Wednesday, 22 November 2023, 12:00 - 13:00

An open access webinar for Carers Rights Day will look at the impact of the caring role on carers and explore the support they need for their wellbeing. It will consider how to enhance the rights-based response to carers within a constrained and pressured context and is aimed at social workers, managers, practitioners etc. Book onto the webinar [here](#).



Mothers Union Exhibition To highlight 'hidden issue' of Domestic Abuse, The Mothers' Union (MU) branch for Blackburn Diocese is organising a 'powerful and moving' new exhibition to bring the often hidden issue of domestic abuse into the light. This year, Blackburn Diocese MU organised

their new Exhibition, entitled 'The Souls of our Shoes', at Lancaster Priory from September 11-28. The exhibition (with some revised content) will move to St Thomas' Church in Garstang from November 26th -30th. Both exhibitions are free, run from 10am-4pm each day and there is no need to book; just turn up.

Child Accident Prevention Trust

are asking agencies to spread this message:

Water beads are small, colourful and squishy. It's easy to see why they're so appealing to small children. But did you know they can be really dangerous if swallowed? Discover the dangers [here](#).

National News

The UK Government has announced that the Online Safety Act has now received Royal Assent putting rules to make the internet safer in the UK into law. The Act initiates Ofcom's new powers and places legal responsibility on tech companies to prevent and remove illegal content and stop children seeing harmful content. [UK children and adults to be safer online as world-leading bill becomes law](#)

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) has published a report on artificial intelligence (AI) generated child sexual abuse material (CSAM) online. [Research Report: IWF research into how artificial intelligence \(AI\) is increasingly being used to create child sexual abuse imagery online](#)

The Department for Education (DfE) has published new statistics on children in need in England for the year ending 31 March 2023. [Children in need](#)

This guidance is primarily aimed at frontline staff who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults and explains the nature of this harm to enable practitioners to recognise its signs and respond appropriately so that victims and potential victims get the protection and support they need.

[Criminal exploitation of children and vulnerable adults: county lines - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

A new briefing draws on evidence from research and practice to describe what Transitional Safeguarding is and why it is needed. It's aimed at health professionals involved in safeguarding children and young adults accessing healthcare and is also useful for those who provide care or support to their family members or carers.

[Transitional Safeguarding | Research in Practice](#)

The BBC has published a news story on the placement of homeless 16 and 17-year-olds in hostel accommodation. It features concerns from Coram Voice around provision of support for teenagers and explains that most 16 or 17-year-old children who are accepted as homeless by a local authority should be taken into care under section 20 of the Children Act. [Homeless teens 'tricked away from care by councils to save money'](#)

The Consortium of Voluntary Adoption Agencies (CVAA) have created a guide on adopting siblings. The guide shares the experience of families who have adopted siblings and provides information on sibling dynamics and support networks. [CVAA launches new advice guide for people considering adopting siblings](#)

The Prison and Probation Service and healthcare staff are about to review their caseloads across England for prisoners who should be released early on compassionate grounds, usually prisoners in palliative care. This could increase requests for social care planning and support for these prisoners over the coming month. More details in this

[briefing](#).

National Safeguarding Adults Week

This year the week of awareness will be 20th - 24th November. This week will focus on supporting you - as the workforce, including safeguarding roles, having a trauma informed approach and providing support for the carers.

We will be supporting messages and sharing information from the partnership and the Ann Craft Trust [here](#).

We will also be running two webinar sessions on:

- Tuesday 21st November on best practice on multi agency working focusing on the Mental Capacity Act Assessments.
- Thursday 23rd November focusing on Supervision for Workforce managing Trauma from the Violence Reduction Network.

Both events can be booked through Aspire [here](#).

We want to hear from you!



We are continuously learning and wanting to improve the work that we do. If there is anything you would like to see on this newsletter that would help you and your colleagues to safeguard adults and children better we want to hear from you. If you would like to be added to the distribution list for this newsletter you can also contact us directly. Please email us at : JPBU@lancashire.gov.uk with the email title 'Safeguarding newsletter'.