

Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership Newsletter

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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 **Tuesday 17th October 2023 10:00-11:15am** and **November 2023 10:00-11:15am**. Register [here](#).

Mental Capacity Act - Obstetrics cases in the Court of Protection FREE Webinar.

Thursday 02 November 2023.

Barristers from **39 Essex Chambers and Hill Dickinson** will set out the key principles, provide a case law update, and discuss how best Trusts, clinicians, local authorities and their advisors should approach these difficult cases. You can register [here](#).

Non Fatal Suffocation and Non Fatal Strangulation Training - [Book here](#) Places available on Wednesday 18th October 12-1pm.

Orange Button Community Scheme

People who are having thoughts of suicide, or who are worried about a friend or family member, can now push the button when they see someone wearing a distinctive orange badge, and ask them for information and support. The orange button is worn by people in Lancashire and South Cumbria who have undergone specialised suicide prevention training, and while they are not able to counsel people, they can provide comprehensive signposting to relevant services. There is also an orange button sticker that can be supplied to businesses and organisations such as cafes, shops and pubs, to place in a prominent window alerting people to trained staff available to help.

Join the Orange Button community by accessing the training [here](#).

Things to look out for

NSPCC Case Reviews update

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](#).

DADPAD for new dads

Dads-to-be in Lancashire and South Cumbria can now download the DadPad app for advice and support. The app is a useful resource before baby arrives and after baby is born, and is designed to be used as a quick, on-the-go reference tool, allowing new dads to enjoy their babies and feel more confident about fatherhood.

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](#).

Lancashire Water Safety Partnership update:

The Royal lives saving society had their 'Don't Drink and Drown' campaign running between the 18th and 24th September. For more information, the National Water Safety Forum Newsletter can be found [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 26-30. Both exhibitions are free, run from 10am-4pm each day and there is no need to book; just turn up.

The latest **Lancashire Violence Reduction Network** newsletter can be found [here](#)

National News

In 2021 the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) launched an inquiry to understand people's experiences of challenging adult social care decisions made by local authorities. Read the report [here](#).

The Children's Commissioner has published a series of blogs on school attendance looking at children missing from education and barriers some children are facing and include discussions on looked after children missing from school; the role of schools in children's wellbeing; and SEND and specialist mental health provision for pupils. Read the blogs; [The importance of attendance](#) , [Spotlight on: looked after children missing from education](#), [Spotlight on: children with SEND & Mental Health missing from education](#)

Ofsted has published new guidance on Joint Targeted Area Inspections of the multi-agency response to children affected by serious youth violence in England. It explains how to evaluate the effectiveness of the police, children's social care, education, youth offending services and relevant health services in working together to address and prevent serious youth violence. Find out more [here](#).

Awareness Days

National Safeguarding Adults Week

This year the week of awareness will be from 20th – 24th November and we will be sharing lots of information webinars and contacts to support you as the workforce, which is this year's focus, including safeguarding roles, having a trauma informed approach and caring for the carers. You can find more information, resource packs and webinars to book onto [here](#). More details to come next month – please let us know if you are sharing anything in your organisations too at JPBU@lancashire.gov.uk

ICON WEEK UPDATE

Last week, partners from across Blackpool, Blackburn with Darwen and Lancashire joined together to share an important health message. Footballers from Preston North End, Burnley F.C. and Blackburn Rovers also got involved to record a message to help reach more male care givers.

Using the ICON message and resources, we want to empower parents and carers with babies – helping them to understand that babies cry, they can cope, and to reduce the risk of abusive head trauma, previously known as 'Shaken Baby Syndrome'. Abusive Head Trauma (AHT) also known as 'shaken baby syndrome' can cause catastrophic brain injuries, which can lead to death, or significant long-term health and learning disabilities.

For more information and resources please visit the ICON website [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'.