



# THE SAFEGUARD

2024 issue 1

NHS SOMERSET SAFEGUARDING E-NEWSLETTER

## Safeguarding is everyone's business

Contact the ICB Safeguarding and Children Looked After Teams:

Telephone: 01935 381999  
(please leave an answerphone message, if no response)

Or, e-mail:  
[somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net](mailto:somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net)

**To report a child or adult at risk, including during weekends and public holidays, please phone Somerset County Council on:**

**0300 123 2224**



Please update the team with any changes at your practice, for example; changes to the Safeguarding lead and Practice Manager at [Somicb@safeguardingandcla.nhs.net](mailto:Somicb@safeguardingandcla.nhs.net)



Back to Basics Lunch and Learn



Safeguarding sessions

-A reminder:

Join the team, virtually for Back to Basic Safeguarding Lunch and Learn Sessions. For a list of the sessions click on this icon.



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**Each session takes place at 12.30 – 2.00pm by Microsoft Teams.**

To book a place and receive the link, please contact:

[somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net](mailto:somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net)





## Safeguarding Training Opportunities:



Please click on the link below to find out about the latest training opportunities at the Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP). You will also find the links to the latest Learning Bulletins.



### Somerset ICB

#### Safeguarding team

#### training events in 2024:

The Safeguarding team at the ICB will be running a series of training events in 2024.

These dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February –By Microsoft Teams
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June –at Wynford House, Yeovil
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November –By Microsoft Teams

All events will last all day -9.30 – 4.30pm

Contact the team to book your place at

[somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net](mailto:somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net)



### National Children Looked After Conference

Thursday, 23 May 2024  
Pendulum Hotel & Manchester Conference Centre

This conference provides a platform for professionals, policymakers, and stakeholders to come together and discuss strategies for improving the lives of looked after children and care leavers.



### Safeguarding Children: Promoting Welfare-Protecting from Harm

Thursday, 28 March 2024, Royal National Hotel, London

This conference will feature an agenda of plenary presentations designed to inform and induce best practice, discussion forums to exchange ideas and networking opportunities to expand associations. For further information and to book a place on either conference visit

[www.openforumevents.co.uk/events/2024](http://www.openforumevents.co.uk/events/2024)



## Safeguarding Training Opportunities Cont.:



### Alternative safeguarding training opportunities

The following can be accessed by all primary care practitioners:

- Safeguarding adults board Safeguarding updates on first Thursday of every month from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb- The first topic will be the newly revised self neglect toolkit.
- eLearning for healthcare options for Safeguarding adults  
[https://portal.e-lfh.org.uk/Catalogue/Index?HierarchyId=0\\_140&programmId=140](https://portal.e-lfh.org.uk/Catalogue/Index?HierarchyId=0_140&programmId=140)
- eLearning for healthcare options for safeguarding children  
[Safeguarding Children and Young People - elearning for healthcare \(e-lfh.org.uk\)](#)
- Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) training programme (<https://safeguardingsomerset.eventbooking.org.uk/events-list?c=299>) Practitioners book direct through the training department of the SSCP.
- SSCP partnership forum webinars ([Forum Week - What is Neglect? \(youtube.com\)](#)) which practitioners can listen to and then write a reflection of learning on using the education and reflection record
- Somerset Domestic Abuse Service training on a variety of topics including domestic abuse, MARAC, coercive and controlling behaviour, and stalking- ([www.somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk](http://www.somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk)) Practitioners can email the training organisers [publichealthtraining@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:publichealthtraining@somerset.gov.uk) or complete the Somerset DA booking form, on the Somerset Survivors website
- Domestic Abuse eLearning modules provided by the charity AVA <https://www.elearning.avaproject.org.uk/>
- GPET: training opportunities through the Somerset GP Education Trust: <https://www.somersetgpeducationtrust.co.uk/>



## Domestic abuse police notifications to Primary care



**Update:** The Somerset project between the ICB and Avon and

Somerset police led to medium and high-risk domestic abuse notifications, where children are in the household, to be shared with primary care has now been running for a year. The next steps are now underway to look at those notifications where children are not involved. This requires considering other relevant data protection and safeguarding legislation and we will provide an update in a future Safeguard newsletter. Just a reminder: If you identify personal information about a child or adult that you feel should not have been shared within the DA notification that you receive ( i.e. not related to the adult / child victim - and / or the person causing harm) you can feed that back to the police Lighthouse safeguarding unit via their single point of contact email:

[LighthouseSomerset@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:LighthouseSomerset@avonandsomerset.police.uk)



They will look into your concern and feedback directly to you.

## Updated guidance on Pressure ulcers: 'How to safeguard adults' is now live:



**A Healthy and Caring Somerset**

Please find the updated guidance on Safeguarding adults protocol: Pressure ulcers and raising a Safeguarding concern, which can be read in full here: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/pressure-ulcers-how-to-safeguard-adults](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pressure-ulcers-how-to-safeguard-adults) Please share this with your colleagues.

The update offers guidance on how to respond to individuals at risk of developing pressure ulcers, prevent harm where they occur and raise a safeguarding concern.

**Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board -Somerset Council**



## Change in Somerset Domestic Abuse website.

Please note that the Somerset domestic abuse webpage “Somerset Survivors” has been replaced with the Somerset Council Domestic abuse webpage [www.somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk](http://www.somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk)



This is the new home of the Somerset Integrated Domestic abuse service (SIDAS) and where you access referral information, signpost victims to for support and can access training for professionals on a variety of topics including domestic abuse, MARAC, coercive and controlling behaviour, and stalking. Details of courses and how to book are located here: Training for professionals ([somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk](http://somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk)). The helpline telephone number remains the same: 08006949999.



## NHS Somerset Standard Operating Procedure for Responding to Domestic Abuse



The Safeguarding team would like to make colleagues aware of the above SOP.

Please see the attached to read this is full:

## NEW! Modern Slavery training –e-Learning for Health (elfh)



New modern slavery training is available on eLearning for Health, it only takes 20 minutes to complete and is very useful:

[www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/safeguarding-adult-victims-of-modern-slavery-human-trafficking-and-exploitation/](http://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/safeguarding-adult-victims-of-modern-slavery-human-trafficking-and-exploitation/)



..“Interim care orders – are they ‘necessary and proportionate’?”

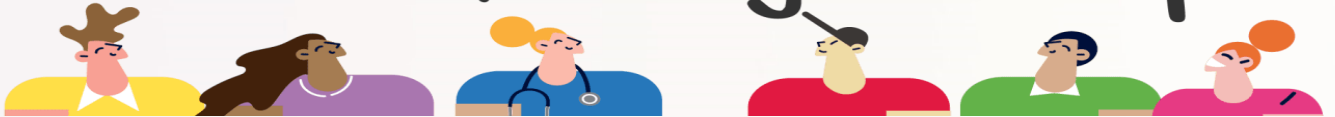
Community Care Inform Children have produced an article about the removal of children at an interim stage of care proceedings. To read the report in full, as well as other useful articles and tools visit

[www.ccinform.co.uk](http://www.ccinform.co.uk)



Somerset Safeguarding  
**Children Partnership**

# The Learning Bulletin



The December edition of Learning Bulletin can be found on the website

[www.somersetsafeguardingchildren.org.uk](http://www.somersetsafeguardingchildren.org.uk)

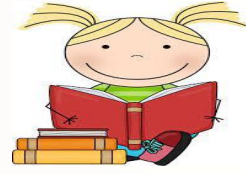
In this edition, you will be able to access and find out more about the SSCP December Forum Week which focused on getting to know agencies in Somerset.

In addition, you can view the updated Harmful Sexual Behaviour Protocol, Child Protection Conference Bitesize Briefing alongside other key updates and plenty of training opportunities.





## Important Updates:



### Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 has now been published, please click the link below to familiarise yourself with the updates:

[Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023: statutory guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

[Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023: summary of changes](#)

### Running Safeguarding Meetings



Please see attached documents to support running GP Safeguarding Meetings and monitoring the most at risk patients. Please do not hesitate to contact the ICB Strategic Safeguarding Team if you would like further advice or support regarding this.

### Primary Care Safeguarding Codes:



The issue of safeguarding codes in Primary Care has been a theme frequently asked of Named GPs. It was recognised by the National Network of Named GPs for Safeguarding (NNGP) that across the nation there was confusion around which codes to use for different safeguarding situations, in view of the variety of options available within the electronic systems.

Following discussion and agreement, eighteen new codes have been added into the Snomed system, these are now also fully incorporated into both the Systemone and EMIS systems.

The new list, together with full information is attached, below.

This will help ensure consistency and accuracy in safeguarding practices across areas and ultimately improving patient care and safety. The code list is also saved in the NNGP resource area on FutureNHS in the GP IT folder.





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**Somerset**  
Domestic Abuse Support

## Learning Briefings from Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) recently published by Somerset Council:

Since 2011, the Safer Somerset Partnership has had a responsibility for undertaking Domestic Homicide Reviews where the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by a relative, household member or someone s/he had been in an intimate relationship with.

The purpose of a domestic homicide review is to consider the circumstances that led to the death and identify where responses to the situation could be improved in the future, or where there is best practice that can be shared. In doing this, professionals and agencies involved, such as the police, local authorities, health agencies/professionals, voluntary sector will progress any recommendations made by the review.

Please see the attached Learning Briefings for 3 recently published DHRs:

Following Home Office quality assurance, some minor amendments were made, and the final copies of the reports are now published online at the Somerset Domestic Abuse Website ([somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk](https://somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk))

for DHR 046. A learning briefing has also been produced and is attached for your information and distribution to your networks as appropriate.

In addition to this, please find attached 2 further learning briefings relating to Somerset DHRs which have been recently published online.





This event is a unique opportunity to bring together a diverse community of professionals, educators, families, individuals with lived experiences and all other stakeholders with a collective commitment to induce change, enact improvements, and enrich lives.

Delegates will have the opportunity to learn from leading experts and gain a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by individuals with learning disabilities and autistic people and the support needed to empower them to fully embrace their abilities and fulfil potential.

For further information and to book a place visit

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## **NHS 111 – British Sign Language (BSL) Service**

The [NHS 111 British Sign Language Service for Mental Health](#) went live on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2023.

Anyone using the landing page for BSL and selecting mental health as their primary need will go through to a BSL interpreter via video call. The interpreter will contact Mindline on a dedicated number.

The service is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is accessible through a webcam or the [SignVideo](#) app on a smartphone or tablet. visit <https://signvideo.co.uk/nhs111/> for further information.



when it's less  
urgent than 999

**Safeguarding Everyone**  
Protecting Children, Young People and Adults at Risk

