

# Salford Safeguarding Adults Board Latest News

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of SSAB Latest News.

## Who we are...

Firstly, we thought it would be useful to tell you a bit about who we are. Dr. Stephen Pugh is the Independent Chair of Salford Safeguarding Adults Board. Stephen is a retired social worker and before retiring, he was the Director of Social Work at the University of Salford. There is more information about the [membership of the board](#) on our website.

The board is supported by a small team which consists of:

- Jane Bowmer, the Business Manager
- Michelle Hulme, the Training and Development Officer
- Adam Heitman, the Senior Business Support Officer

For more information [about the board](#), you can view the [SSAB website](#) (we will be launching a new website in September), or the team can be contacted on [ssab@salford.gov.uk](mailto:ssab@salford.gov.uk) or 0161 212 6176

## Update on Liberty Protection Safeguards

The Department of Health and Social Care have now confirmed that there will be a delay to the timetable for implementing the new Liberty Protection Safeguards. They are now aiming for full implementation by April 2022, but recognise that this is a challenging ambition. There will be a 12 week consultation on the draft regulations and code of practice during 2021 but the exact timing of this is still to be confirmed. An LPS steering group has been established in Salford and has already started to plan for the implementation of LPS. The group will meet in the next few weeks to recommence planning for LPS in light of the DHSC announcement.

If you have any queries about LPS, please contact Martin Sexton, MCA / DOLS Team Manager, Salford City Council ([martin.sexton@salford.gov.uk](mailto:martin.sexton@salford.gov.uk)).

## Update on Care Act Easements

The Coronavirus Act 2020 allows Local Authorities to make some changes, known as 'easements', to how they implement the Care Act and other legislation during the Covid-19 emergency.

Some of the duties in the Care Act (mainly around assessment, support, planning and review) would become powers, meaning the local authority **could** provide support, but it would **no longer be obliged to do so**. However, the duty to prevent breaches of human rights remains a duty. In Salford, these duties / powers are delegated to Salford Royal Foundation Trust (SRFT) who deliver Adult Social Care on behalf of the Local Authority as part of the Integrated Care Organisation. We are pleased to update that Care Act Easements have not been required in Salford, however Senior Leaders continue to monitor and review the situation as we move out of lockdown. There is currently no expiry date for

this piece of legislation. For more information, please see the statement on Care Act Easements and the guidance for professionals, both of which can be found on the [Coronavirus section of the SSAB website](#).

### Training

Jointly with the Community Safety Partnership and the Safeguarding Children's Partnership, and in the absence of face to face training, we produced some [domestic abuse training slides](#) which are available on our website. They have been designed so that you can read through them and they contain links to lots of additional information, videos and support services for victims, perpetrators and children.

We have also updated the [7 minute briefing](#) on domestic abuse, and produced a [plain text version](#), which can be used by managers to support them in delivering short briefings to their teams. We have also produced a [fact sheet](#) which goes into more detail than the 7 minute briefing.

We are currently planning to deliver virtual domestic abuse training on 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September (9.30am-12noon) and participants will need to attend **BOTH** sessions. This can count towards registered professionals CPD. Please contact [michelle.hulme@salford.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.hulme@salford.gov.uk) for more information.

### New 7 Minute Briefing – Prosecution under the Mental Capacity Act

Following the successful prosecution of 2 Salford care home workers, under the Mental Capacity Act, we have produced [a 7-minute briefing](#) to summarise what happened. This case highlights the important role that whistleblowing can play as part of the safeguarding process and in this case ensured that action was taken to stop the abuse and prosecute those responsible. We have also produced a [plain text version](#) of the 7-minute briefing.

### During Covid-19 we still need to be extra vigilant.

#### Reminder - Safeguarding concerns and how to report them

Under Section 42 of the Care Act 2014, the Local Authority has a statutory duty to make enquiries or cause others to do so if it believes an adult is experiencing or is at risk of abuse or neglect. An enquiry should establish whether any action needs to be taken to prevent or stop abuse or neglect and if so, by who. In Salford, this statutory function is delegated to Salford Royal Foundation Trust (SRFT) who provide the Adult Social Care service.

[The Care Act Statutory Guidance](#) (sections 14.36 and 14.37) is clear that workers across a wide range of organisations are well placed to spot potential signs of abuse or neglect and therefore need to be vigilant and know what to do should a concern arise. It states, 'Findings from serious case reviews have sometimes stated that if professionals or other staff had acted upon their concerns or sought more information, then the death or serious harm might have been prevented.'

If you are concerned that an adult is at risk of harm from abuse or neglect, **including self-neglect**, then you should make a safeguarding referral. This can be done by completing an [SG1 Form](#) and uploading it via the secure upload portal or e-mailing it to social services (via the above link). A referral can also be made by ringing 0161 631 4777 during office hours or contacting the Emergency Duty Team 0161 794 8888 during the evening (4.30pm - 8am) on weekdays and at weekend.

Sometimes, people may need care and support, and in order to determine their needs and eligibility to receive support, this will require a social care assessment. This is a separate process and a referral for a social care assessment should be made. People can [contact adult social care](#) themselves if they are able to do so, on behalf of a friend or family member,

or they can be referred by a professional. Please follow the link to [more information and advice about care and support](#).

### Medication Errors

The CCG Adult Safeguarding team along with colleagues from the Medicines Optimisation team have reviewed their process for involvement and recording medication error alerts (usually received via an SG1) and have shared this with Adult Social Care Team Managers.

They became aware that other Safeguarding Adult Boards have looked at 'quality vs safeguarding' when concerns don't meet the threshold for a Section 42 enquiry but still require a response. From a clinical perspective low level medication errors often fall into this category due to human, process or system error and we'd like to review the current procedure and receive more data around this to analyse. Hopefully, with more information about the errors that are occurring this can help to identify themes, trends and areas of improvement work.

### Emollients and Fire Safety

Emollient products such as creams, sprays, liquids or gels are safe to use and vital for the skin conditions that they treat. However, when an emollient dries into fabric, such as clothing, bedding or bandages, and an ignition source is introduced, the fabric will catch fire more readily and burn faster and hotter than uncontaminated fabric. Whilst this risk was already widely recognised across the fire and healthcare sectors, in relation to products containing more than 50% paraffin, **research findings from Anglia Ruskin University have provided evidence that the risk exists regardless of the paraffin content of the product, including in paraffin-free products.**

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS), have reviewed their fire safety messaging and fire safety literature and updated it to reflect the risk. They are also keen that this fire safety information is communicated, to people who use, prescribe or dispense emollient products, or people who care for emollient users so that they understand how to reduce risk. It is also crucial that they understand that switching to a lower paraffin content product will not remove the fire risk.

A new GMFRS Leaflet, '[Emollient Products and Fire Safety](#)' has been produced and can be downloaded from the GMFRS website. Hard copies of the leaflet can be ordered via Zoe Henderson: [hendersonz@manchesterfire.gov.uk](mailto:hendersonz@manchesterfire.gov.uk)  
Other leaflets that have been updated include, [Smoking and Fire Safety](#), [Oxygen and Fire Safety](#), [Pressure Relieving Devices and Fire Safety](#) and [Safe and Well: Advice to Households](#)

For more information, please contact Andy Pownall ([pownalla@manchesterfire.gov.uk](mailto:pownalla@manchesterfire.gov.uk))

### Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) and making a SAR Referral

One of the SSAB's statutory duties is to conduct safeguarding adult reviews in situations that meet the criteria that is set out in section 44 of the Care Act 2014. This is where an adult with care and support needs has died as a result of abuse or neglect (known or suspected); or has not died but is known or suspected to have experienced serious abuse or neglect; **and** there are reasonable cause for concern about how partners have worked together to safeguard the adult.

The SSAB can decide to arrange reviews in other circumstances where deemed appropriate to do so.

The purpose of the SAR is to learn lessons from what happened, so that we can share experiences and improve how we all work together to protect adults in Salford from abuse or neglect. More information about SARs, including the SAR Policy and Procedures can be found on the [SAR section of our website](#).

Any organisation can make a referral if they believe that the criteria are met. To make a referral, you can find the referral form on our website and send it to [SAR.referrals@salford.gov.uk](mailto:SAR.referrals@salford.gov.uk).

The SAR Panel is a sub-group of the SSAB which meets bi-monthly to review all referrals and to consider whether a SAR should be commissioned and if not, whether any alternative action needs to be taken.

Once a SAR is completed, it is usually shared with the family before being published on our website. We often use 7-minute briefings as a way of summarising and sharing the learning.

### **Information and Tips for Carers added to SSAB website**

We have added some [information for Carers](#) to our website. It includes some top tips for carers - things like, telling your GP you're a Carer, how to request a Carer's assessment and accessing support available through Salford Carer's Service provided by Gaddum.

### **National Safeguarding Adults Week**

Just in case you want to start planning ahead, Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week led by the Ann Craft Trust will take place on **16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> November** this year. There are different themes for each day of the week and more information can be found on the [Ann Craft Trust website](#).

### **New office address**

The Safeguarding Adults Board team have a new office address which is: Unity House, Salford Civic Centre, Swinton, Manchester, M27 5AW. The team have been working from home throughout the pandemic and will continue to work from home for the time being.

### **Finally**

If you would like us to include anything in our next bulletin or have any feedback, please e-mail us: [ssab@salford.gov.uk](mailto:ssab@salford.gov.uk)

Hope you all have a lovely summer.

The SSAB Team