

Salford Safeguarding Adults Board Latest News

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 3rd edition of SSAB Latest News.

Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week 16-22nd November 2020

16-22nd November marks the 2nd national Safeguarding Awareness Week led by the [Ann Craft Trust](#). There will be lots of activities taking place across Salford to raise awareness of Adult Safeguarding amongst both the public and professionals. Salford Civic Centre will be lit up purple to mark the start of the week. We will be running a social media campaign so look out for posts on Facebook and Twitter and please share them. Training on Mental Capacity Act (see below) will be taking place and we will be sharing new resources so watch this space!

We know that many of our members are also planning activities to raise awareness and to strengthen safeguarding in Salford – so thank you.

If anyone is interested and would like more information, please drop us an e-mail: ssab@salford.gov.uk

SSAB New Website

We are pleased to update that the new [SSAB website](#) was launched in September. We are sure you will all agree that the new website has a much more modern feel to it and is easier to navigate. We have reduced the number of downloadable documents and reviewed the documents that are on the new website to ensure they comply with accessibility requirements.

We are committed to continually improving the website so if you have any feedback or suggestions, please let us know: ssab@salford.gov.uk

Mental Capacity Act Training

SSAB have commissioned Mark Cooper from Manchester University to deliver virtual training on Mental Capacity Act and legal literacy. It will include learning from a recent SAR (SAR Eric) where there were particular challenges in assessing mental capacity and the interface with the Mental Health Act. It is taking place on **18th and 19th November** (9:30-12:30 both days) and participants are expected to attend **both** sessions. For more information please see the [SSAB website](#) or e-mail SSABTraining@salford.gov.uk

Domestic Abuse Training

Introduction to Domestic Abuse Virtual Training is taking place on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th November 9:30-12:30. Participants are expected to attend both sessions. The training will cover what domestic abuse is, prevalence, the harm caused, spotting the signs, responding to disclosures, making referrals and signposting to support services.

For more information or to book see the [SSAB website](#).

Salford CVS - Safeguarding training

Salford CVS are running Adult Safeguarding training in November to give workers in the voluntary and community sector a basic yet effective awareness of how to adequately safeguard and protect adults.

For more details of their training offer and to register for a place please [click here](#).

Age Dispute Pathway - Helen 7 Minute Briefing

A review undertaken by the Safeguarding Children's Partnership has resulted in changes to the [Age Dispute Pathway](#) after identifying concerns at a national level.

Head of Children's Safeguarding Emma Ford delivered an update at the September board meeting to explain how an integrated pathway is now in place which was completed as a joint piece of work with Adult Services and GMP. Details of the case can be seen in the [Seven Minute Briefing](#) which explains the background to the case and the recommended actions.

Complex Safeguarding

Complex Safeguarding is a term used to describe criminal activity (often organised) or behaviour associated with criminality, involving children and adults, where there is exploitation and/or a clear or implied safeguarding concern.

The following strands of exploitation come under complex safeguarding:

- Sexual Exploitation
- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (including County Lines)
- Violent Extremism
- Honour Based Abuse (including Female Genital Mutilation)
- Organised Crime Groups/Serious Youth Violence (including Threats to Life)

There is a lot of work ongoing to strengthen this area, particularly in relation to safeguarding for adults in Salford and across Greater Manchester.

As a result the SSAB and the Safeguarding Children's Partnership (SSCP) are planning to develop a number of training tools and resources (including some new 7 minute briefings) to raise awareness for both the public and the workforce. These will be made available on the website to increase your knowledge and understanding on this area of safeguarding. We hope to be able to provide a further update in our next bulletin so watch this space!

Support services available for FGM - how to refer for services to NESTAC and Guardian Services

NESTAC (New Step for African Communities) are a charity working to empower the disadvantaged population within the Black and Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities, particularly refugees, asylum seekers and other immigrants from the new emerging communities in Greater Manchester. They have a particular emphasis on the mental health and wellbeing of women and young girls who have been victims of Gender-Based Violence.

As part of their Guardian Project they have produced a [flyer with details about their Covid-19 advice and support service](#) for the BAME community. Please take the time to read and share this among your networks.

Salford Deaf Advocacy - Facebook page

Did you know Salford Deaf Advocacy and Support Service is a community group in Salford who offer a free confidential advice and support service for Deaf or hard of hearing people. They have also begun to post videos with information for Deaf people on their Facebook page. Recent posts include how they are supporting the smoking cessation service to work with Deaf people and why people who smoke are at greater risk of being ill if they contract COVID-19. They are also offering free online fitness activity sessions.

<https://www.facebook.com/SalfordDeafAdvocacy/>

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

Hope you all stay safe during these difficult times.

Best wishes

The SSAB Team