

Salford Safeguarding Adults Board Latest News

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Dear Colleagues,

Introduction from the Chair

Welcome to this 4th and **Safeguarding Adults Week** special edition of **SSAB Latest News**.

National Safeguarding Adults Week helps to draw our attention and to focus on those adults in our city who are at risk of abuse and neglect. We are currently living through the most extraordinary times – in the midst of a pandemic and a second national lockdown. Inevitably, our worries are about the health and safety of our loved ones and ourselves. In these circumstances it is so important not to forget about those who are more vulnerable than us.

During this week and throughout the city our partners will be undertaking covid secure activities to mark National Safeguarding Adults Week and raise awareness of this important issue. It gives us all the opportunity to make 'safeguarding adults everyone's business' and to make Salford a safer place for all.

Salford Civic Centre will be lit up purple tonight to mark the start of the week. This special edition newsletter contains links to lots of information a number of new resources which I really hope you will find useful. Look out for our posts on Facebook and Twitter all this week, and please remember to share them.

Dr Stephen Pugh

Independent chair of Salford's Adult Safeguarding Board

Annual Report 2019-20

We are pleased to share our [Annual Report for 2019-20](#) which has now been published on the SSAB website. We have produced a [one page summary](#) which highlights headline statistics and a longer version which gives more detailed information.

New 7 Minute Briefings on Mental Capacity Act and Lasting Power Attorney

We have published some [new 7 Minute briefings](#) which may be of interest to you. We have produced one on the **Mental Capacity Act 2005** and one on **Lasting Power of Attorney**.

New Cuckooing 7 Minute Briefings

Cuckooing is a crime where criminals (often drug dealers) take over the home of a vulnerable person in order to use it as a base for drug dealing, storing firearms / weapons and other criminal activity. It is named this because of the Cuckoo's practice of taking over other birds' nests. Please see our new [7-minute briefing on cuckooing](#) and please discuss it with your teams.

New Housing Awareness Pack and Spotlight Briefing

Following a recent joint Safeguarding Adult Review / Domestic Homicide Review housing sector colleagues in Salford have come together to develop an [awareness package](#) to increase knowledge of partners to the way housing is made up, the support available,

particularly where there are welfare or safeguarding concerns and there is a lack of engagement from the household and the range of powers available to housing to intervene.

It includes a number of 7 minute briefings, some maps and contact information. Please take a look as I'm sure you will find it useful.

They are also going to be holding an online **Spotlight briefing** session on **Friday 11th December at 10-11.30am**. The Learning Outcomes for the session are:

- To raise awareness of the how 'Housing' is made up
- To raise awareness and increase knowledge of the advice and support services available to service users experiencing housing or homelessness issues
- To increase knowledge of the relevant legislative framework including the Homelessness Reduction Act and the duty to refer
- To raise awareness and increase knowledge of Registered Providers, the support they can provide and powers they have available to them to intervene
- To raise awareness of the Private Rental Sector team and support available

To request a place: please complete the [booking form](#). Please note there may be a £20 admin charge if you book a place and do not attend.

Prevent and Channel

[CONTEST](#) is the national strategy for Countering Terrorism. Prevent is a key part of the of the strategy that aims to reduce the threat of terrorism to the UK by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Prevent has 3 objectives under CONTEST which are:

- Tackle the causes of radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism
- Safeguard and support those most at risk of radicalisation through early intervention and support
- Enable those who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate.

Section 26 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on certain bodies to have 'due regard of the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'. This is referred to as the [Prevent Duty](#).

Channel forms a key part of Prevent by adopting a multi-agency approach to identify and provide support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorism. Local authorities have a **statutory duty** to establish a Channel Panel in each area.

The Home Office has recently published updated [Channel guidance](#) which aims to support panel members and partners of local panels.

If you are a front facing **worker** you are required to complete [WRAP \(Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent\)](#) training which explains how to recognise and respond to radicalisation appropriately. If you need more information please contact Salford City Council's Prevent Lead Denee Cassidy (denee.cassidy@salford.gov.uk).

Greater Manchester Victims' Services

Free support is available in Salford to anyone affected by a crime. Greater Manchester Victims' Services - operated by Victim Support - helps families, children and adults to cope and recover from their experience by providing: emotional support, advocacy, support with the police and going to court, crime prevention and personal safety advice, and practical help. Help is available regardless of whether a victim chooses to report the incident to the police or not. Help is also available no matter how long ago the crime happened, or whether

the incident happened in the UK or overseas. Interpreters are provided free for support in any language, and telephone support is available 24/7 365 days a year.

For more information, please visit www.gm.victims.org.uk. To refer a victim with consent, please contact the service on 0161 200 1950.



Safeguarding Adults Week 16-22nd November 2020

This is the 2nd National Safeguarding Adults Week led by the [Ann Craft Trust](#). There are lots of safeguarding resources on their website which you may find useful, including this [video](#) which explains what safeguarding is.

In addition to this, the Ann Craft Trust are promoting a different theme each day of the week and have lots of [resources](#) in relation to each.:

- Monday – Safeguarding and Wellbeing
- Tuesday – Adult Grooming and Exploitation
- Wednesday – Understanding Safeguarding Legislation
- Thursday – Creating safer places
- Friday – Organisational abuse
- Saturday – Safeguarding Adults in Sport and Activity
- Sunday – Safeguarding in Your Community

New SCIE Video – Have we learned the lessons from Steven Hoskins murder?

The Social Care and Institute for Excellence have recently produced a [video](#) which looks at what has changed since the death of Steven Hoskins. Professor Michael Preston-Shoot has recently completed an analysis of Safeguarding Adult Reviews and in the video he talks about learning from SARs and whilst some things have improved, some issues continue to persist. Follow the links to read the [full report](#) and/or the [executive summary](#).

Adult Grooming

Grooming isn't something that just happens to children. Adults can be groomed too. Grooming can be explained as the process that the abuser uses to make a person less likely to reject or report the abusive behaviour. It often happens where there is a power imbalance within a relationship which the abuser exploits. It usually involves the abuser picking their target, developing a relationship with them in order to build up trust. The actual abuse which is often sexual or financial doesn't begin until much later. Grooming can sometimes be referred to as 'mate crime'.

More information about grooming can be found on the [Ann Craft Trust](#) website.

Justice for Joan

[Justice for Joan](#) has been set up by the family of Joan Blass who died in March 2016. They are campaigning to change the law as they believe their mother was groomed and married in secret, despite having severe vascular dementia and lacking mental capacity.

The campaign aims to:

- Change the law so that marriage doesn't automatically annul a Will
- Create an offence of predatory marriage
- Publish Notices / Banns on the internet
- Train registrars to look for signs of someone lacking mental capacity to marry and stop a ceremony where concerns are identified.
- Check for a Power of Attorney before marriage

You can listen to Joan's daughter speak to the Ann Craft Trust in their podcast – [Episode 16 Predatory Marriage](#).

Support for deaf people experiencing domestic abuse

SIGNHEALTH – The Deaf Health Charity has a range of information and support service for deaf people experiencing domestic abuse. There are a range of [resources](#) aimed at victims / survivors and professionals such as [BSL signed videos](#) explaining what domestic abuse is, safety planning, forced marriage, honour-based violence and abuse, Clare's law and several others. There is also a quiz that people can complete to help them recognise whether their relationship is abusive.

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