

Salford Safeguarding Adults Board Latest News

April 2021 – 7th Edition

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to our April Latest News.

We hope you've all been managing to enjoy the recent sunshine and relaxing of some restrictions, whilst at the same time continuing to take care and stay safe.

10-16th May is Mental Health Awareness Week

This is hosted by the [Mental Health Foundation](#) and this year the theme is nature. With Spring in the air and a bank holiday weekend approaching, it's a great time to focus on your wellbeing and spend some time outdoors.

SSAB New Strategy

The Safeguarding Adults Board has updated its strategy for 2021-24. The strategy will be signed off by the Safeguarding Adults Board in June and will then be published on our website. Our priorities for 2021-24 are:

1. Working to prevent abuse
2. Communications and Engagement
3. Person-centred approach – the voice of the adult (and carers) is heard
4. Safeguarding Effectiveness
5. Complex Safeguarding

We are also looking at how the SSAB can learn from the last 12 months and working differently during the Covid-19 pandemic in order to build back better, whilst at the same time recognising some of the challenges we face in Salford such as digital poverty.

SSAB Annual Report 2020-21

Producing our Annual Report is one of our statutory duties. We are currently producing our annual report for 2020-21 and we have sent out proformas to request contributions from SSAB Members and partners.

Reminder - We have requested that your completed proformas are returned by **Friday 28th May 2021**. Please do try to return your information by this deadline. If for any reason you are unable to submit your information by this date, please contact the team - ssab@salford.gov.uk

Learning from Peter - Joint Safeguarding Adult Review / Domestic Homicide Review

Following the murder of Peter in March 2018, the SSAB and Community Safety Partnership has completed a joint Safeguarding Adult and Domestic Homicide Review.

As part of the DHR process, reports are sent to the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel. Once we have agreement from them, we plan to publish the full report and hold a learning event. However, we have published a [7-minute briefing](#) and [plain text version](#) which summarises key learning from this case.

Please read it and please discuss it with your teams.

SAR Policy and Procedure – Updated

The SSAB Policy and Procedure for [Safeguarding Adult Reviews](#) has recently been reviewed and updated. Some of the changes reflect the findings from the [National Analysis of SARs: April 2017-March 2019](#) such as recording ethnicity of the adult and whether the SAR has met the criteria for a mandatory or discretionary review.

New – Positive Outcome and Good Practice Review

We would love to hear your stories of where safeguarding has achieved a good outcome or worked particularly well and especially what it was that worked well. Learning from SARs, usually involves looking at what didn't go well. We know there is lots of excellent work taking place in Salford so we would really like to hear about it and share any learning. To support this, we have introduced a Positive Outcome and Good Practice Review process. Please refer to the downloadable documents at end of the [SAR Process](#). The referral form is document number 4. Please discuss this with your teams and please tell us about any positive cases.

National Analysis of Safeguarding Adult Review – Targeted Briefings

Following the National Analysis of SARs, mentioned above, a series of [targeted briefings](#) have been produced. These include briefings for Safeguarding Adult Board Chairs and Business Managers, Senior Leaders, Practitioners, Individuals and their families, elected members and review authors.

Toolkit for supporting people with LD affected by Domestic Abuse

The Ann Craft Trust in partnership with Carmarthen Domestic Abuse Services has produced a [Toolkit](#) for supporting people with Learning Disabilities affected by Domestic Abuse. The toolkit contains information and advice in accessible easy read factsheets. It also uses the red / amber / green to reflect the traffic light system used in health passports and other individual plans for adults with learning disabilities.

Cuckooing

Cuckooing is when people (usually criminals) exploit a vulnerable person, taking over their home and often using it for criminal purposes such as dealing drugs or hiding firearms but not exclusively. The name is based on the practice of the cuckoo birds who take over the nests of other birds.

The restrictions that have been in place during the pandemic have meant that some people are more isolated, leading to increased opportunities for this type of crime to occur. A reminder that we have produced a [7 Minute Briefing](#) and [plain text version](#) with more information about cuckooing. You may wish to use these to discuss cuckooing with your teams so people are aware of it and especially potential indicators.

Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust and the Metropolitan Police have produced this [Powerpoint / video](#) about cuckooing which may also be helpful. You need to click through the slides and then play the short videos contained within it. Just be mindful that all the contact details at the end are for Camden!

NICE Quick Guide – Creating a Safeguarding Culture

To accompany the [NICE guideline Safeguarding Adults in Care Homes](#), NICE have produced this [quick guide Creating a Safeguarding Culture](#) for registered managers of care homes.

The SSAB and CCG are holding a workshop for SAINT (Salford Safeguarding and Quality Improvement Network) members on 19th May to discuss this new guidance and to review the role of SAINT in supporting Salford Care Homes to fulfil their roles and responsibilities with regards to safeguarding. If you are not currently a member or on the SAINT mailing list and would like to attend, please contact joannecookson@nhs.net.

Self-Neglect Podcast

Our very own Rebecca Marchmont, GP and Named GP for Adult Safeguarding at Salford CCG along with Sarah Khalil, Designated Nurse for Safeguarding, Manchester CCG have produced a podcast for [Primary Care Knowledge Boost](#) on managing patients who are self-neglecting. You can listen to the [podcast here](#).

Training – Introduction to Domestic Abuse (Virtual Via Microsoft Teams)

The SSCP and SSAB will jointly be delivering this training on **Thursday 27th and Friday 28th May 9.30am-12noon** and participants must be able to attend both sessions. The course aims are:

1. To develop participants' knowledge and understanding of domestic abuse
2. To understand the harm caused by domestic abuse
3. To raise awareness of potential indicators of domestic abuse and equip participants to ask where they suspect someone may be affected
4. To give people confidence to respond appropriately to disclosures of domestic abuse, including making referrals and signposting people to support.

To book a place, please complete the [application form](#) by **6th May 2021**.

Training – Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

A virtual seminar is taking place on **Tuesday 25th May 2021 9.30am-12.30pm** for professionals working with adults, children and young people. The focus of the session is improving practitioner's understanding of the risks, indicators and impact of FGM, the importance of multi-agency working within the context of UK law and engagement with communities to ensure robust safeguarding and ongoing support for victims / those at risk of FGM. It will provide information on local pathways and assessment tools.

Aims and objectives:

- Understanding of Female Genital Mutilation and its consequences
- Understand the UK law in FGM and Child Protection
- Recognise the risks associated with Female Genital Mutilation
- Have an awareness of the indicators of FGM
- How to support those who have undergone or who are at risk of FGM
- What to do when FGM is suspected or has been performed (Referral process, Mandatory Reporting 2015 and Recording)
- To be clear on roles and responsibilities within multi-agency working
- Raise awareness of local pathways and assessment tools

To request a please email Debbie.hulme@salford.gov.uk with the following information: Name of delegate, Job title, Agency, Team, Full address where based with contact telephone number, e-mail address and name of manager.

FGM – Lunchbowl Recording

Salford Safeguarding Children's Partnership recently held a lunchbowl (lunchtime learning session) on FGM. This session was recorded and is available to watch [here](#).

Training - Prevent and Channel and Small Steps Right Wing Extremism

A reminder that training is also running throughout the year on **Prevent** and **Channel** and **Small Steps Right Wing Extremism**. For more information, please see [here](#)

Making Safeguarding Personal Toolkit

The Local Government Association has updated it's Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) [toolkit](#). It includes a range of tools which you may find useful.

New - Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) - Urgent Register Checking Service

The OPG now has an urgent enquiries services for Local Authorities, Police and NHS staff to see if someone has an attorney or deputy. Please refer to the [government website](#) for more information on the service and how to request information. They aim to respond to urgent requests within 24 hours Monday to Friday.

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

Best wishes

The SSAB Team