

# Salford Safeguarding Adults Board Latest News

November 2021 – 9<sup>th</sup> Edition

Dear Colleagues,

It's hard to believe that it's November again and more importantly **Safeguarding Adults Week** which is taking place from **15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November**.

The week is an opportunity for us all to come together to raise awareness of adult safeguarding, facilitate conversations and share examples of best practice.

The theme of this year's National Safeguarding Adults Week is 'Creating Safer Cultures'. Promoting safer cultures is all about how organisations and individuals can take steps to minimise harm occurring in the first instance. This might be having the right policies and procedures in place and ensuring that staff are appropriately trained so that safeguarding concerns are recognised and responded to effectively.

We are pleased to inform you that the SSAB has updated it's process for managing allegations / concerns against people in positions of trust who may be volunteering or working in roles that bring them into contact with adults at risk. More information can be found below, including links to the full policy.

This special edition latest news also contains lots of useful information of how you can get involved with Safeguarding Adults Week, whether it's by sharing information on social media, discussing safeguarding with your colleagues / teams, displaying our posters or attending our learning event on exploitation and cuckooing.

Best wishes and thank you for your continued support.

**Stephen Pugh and Francine Thorpe**  
**Joint Independent Chairs for the SSAB**

## **SSAB Annual Report 2020-21**

Our [annual report](#) for 2020-21, and [one page summary](#) has now been published. Thank you to all those who have contributed. It is fantastic to see all the work that has taken place over the last year despite unprecedented challenges.

## **SAR Learning Event - Kannu**

In September we held a learning event to share the learning from a Safeguarding Adult Review completed following the death of Kannu. Independent reviewer Professor Michael Preston-Shoot presented the learning from this case which was followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion. The recording of this learning event is available to view here [SAR Kannu learning event](#)

## Recently published – Discretionary Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Mathew briefing document

Mathew died by suicide. He was known to several agencies throughout his adulthood due to challenges with his mental health and drug addiction. He was a father to two children, there were concerns regarding domestic abuse and he had also experienced homelessness. The SAR Panel felt that a discretionary SAR should be undertaken as it was felt that agencies could have worked better together to safeguard Mathew.

Learning was identified in relation to many of the areas mentioned above as well as the role of a father, recognising signs of self-neglect, working together, escalation of concerns within agencies, safeguarding and section 42 enquiry and the impact of the pandemic.

Please read this [briefing](#) and discuss it with your teams.

## #SafeguardingAdultsWeek

We will be posting messages on social media every day this week via the Salford Council Facebook and Twitter accounts. Please look out for them, like and share them. Please use the hashtag #SafeguardingAdultsWeek

## Monday – Emotional Abuse and Safeguarding Mental Health

Download the Ann Craft Trust [Safeguarding Mental Health Factsheet](#)

Mind have produced a Sport and physical activity for people with mental health problems: [a toolkit for the sports sector](#).

Listen to Ann Craft Trust Untold Stories looking at [Domestic Abuse and Coercive Control](#).

Watch [Lorraine Kelly interview Luke and Ryan Hart](#). Sadly, their father killed their mother and sister before taking his own life. They describe how their father was extremely controlling, but not violent until the fatal incident and they did not recognise his behaviour as domestic abuse. Alternatively you can listen to [RTE radio interview](#) with Luke Hart.

## Tuesday – The Power of Language

Download the Ann Craft Trust [Power of Language Factsheet](#)

We recognise the importance of taking a strengths-based or asset based approach to safeguarding in Salford. The term 'strength' or 'asset' is used to refer to the elements that enable the person to deal with the challenges in life. This could include:

- Their personal resources, abilities, skills, knowledge, potential etc.
- Their social network and it's resources, abilities, skills
- Community resources

Watch this [short video produced by SCIE](#) which explains more about strengths-based approaches.

## Wednesday – Digital Safeguarding

Read the Ann Craft Trust [Introduction to Digital Safeguarding](#) or download the [Digital Safeguarding Factsheet](#).

The Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities have also produced this useful [staying safe on-line](#) guide.

Salford Council also have some useful information to help people be cyber safe on their website – [R U cyber safe?](#)

## Healthwatch – Virtual Support Group Toolkit

As a response to the social restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, Healthwatch Salford worked together with Northern Care Alliance (NCA) staff, volunteers and governors to co-produce a good practice [toolkit](#) with the aim of helping health and wellbeing groups to move their support meetings online. Please have a look at the toolkit and watch the [video](#) to learn more.

We know that many groups will have already held meetings online in the last 18 months, however would likely still find the tips within the toolkit useful regarding safeguarding, ground rules, advertisement etc. And we do hope that the toolkit may reach new groups, or those that have not yet mobilised online.

Alex Leach, Chief Officer of Healthwatch Salford has said “In partnership with the Northern Care Alliance we are pleased to publish the Virtual Support Toolkit which provides guidance to groups across Salford to meet safely and effectively online. The toolkit takes into account the safeguards that are required to meet online and provides troubleshooting advice when things don’t happen as planned in this ever expanding virtual world. We hope this toolkit gives confidence to local group leaders who have unable to or been apprehensive to transfer their support groups online.”

## Thursday – Adult Grooming

Grooming isn’t something that just affects children. Adults can also be groomed and abused. Grooming is the process where the abuser carefully picks their target and they gradually build a relationship with them. The abuser may buy their victim gifts, alcohol or drugs and they will encourage them to be secretive about the friendship / relationship. This can sometimes be referred to as ‘mate crime’.

In this type of situation the abuse usually comes later down the line and will usually start small and will gradually increase. For example, it could start with borrowing small amounts of money and not paying it back.

There are different reasons why someone may groom an adult at risk such as financial or material gain, exploitation, sexual abuse or radicalisation.

There are lots of signs of grooming such as:

- the person suddenly having a new friend / girlfriend or boyfriend;
- they may have new clothes / gifts that they may not previously have been able to afford;
- they may not have money for things like food or may have large sums of money missing from their bank account;
- they may be upset, scared, withdrawn, reluctant to talk about their relationship with the abuser.

[Justice for Joan](#) is a campaign to reform marriage laws in the UK to protect people from predatory marriage. Listen to the [Ann Craft Trust podcast](#) where Lisa Curtis talks to Daphne Franks about how her mother Joan was groomed and secretly married without her knowledge.

[My Marriage My Choice](#) project has developed a website providing information and resources for people with learning disabilities, their friends and carers and people working with them or interested in forced or unlawful marriage.

Training is also available for people working in Salford, this includes Workshops to raise awareness of Prevent, Small Steps Right Wing Extremism and Understanding the Threat of Incel Violence.

### **Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent**

This training aims to raise awareness of [PREVENT](#) and [CHANNEL](#) as a strategy to reduce the number of people becoming or supporting violent extremists through recognising, supporting and protecting people who might be susceptible to radicalisation through multi-agency support. This online session is for practitioners who have contact with vulnerable people (of all ages, young and older) to safeguard them from violent extremism. Future dates:

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1-3pm

### **Small Steps Right Wing Extremism Virtual Training**

Small Steps Training is for any professional who works with adults and young people and wants to learn about the Far Right influences in Salford. The training offers practical advice and guidance as well as in depth training to spot the signs of radicalisation and raise awareness of the far rights recruitment strategies and online influences. Future dates:

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1-3pm
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 1-3pm
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 1-3pm
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 1-3pm

### **Understanding the Threat of Incel Violence Virtual Training**

This training covers what an Incel is, what makes vulnerable young men vulnerable to becoming an Incel, how vulnerable men are radicalised to commit acts of violence, the sexual abuse of women and girls within the Incel community, the connection with Incels and Far Right extremism, the history, rhetoric and vocabulary and how to recognise young men who may be expressing such views. Future dates:

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 10am-12noon
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 10am-12noon
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 10am-12noon
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 10am-12noon

*Please be aware this training uses extreme language and talks about suicide, mental health and the physical violence, sexual assault and rape of women and girls in this context.*

To request a place on any of these training courses, please e-mail:

[Debbie.hulme@salford.gov.uk](mailto:Debbie.hulme@salford.gov.uk) with the following information: preferred date, name, job title, agency / team, full address and telephone number, e-mail address and name of manager.

To learn more about radicalisation, you can visit the [Action Counters Terrorism website](#).

### **Friday – Creating Safer Organisational Cultures**

You may want to complete the Ann Craft Trust [Safeguarding Checklist](#) – a free assessment or take the opportunity to remind people about your whistleblowing processes and how they can speak out.

## **Managing Allegation and Concerns regarding People in Positions of Trust (PIPOT)**

The SSAB has been working closely with partners to develop a process for managing allegations / concerns regarding [People in Positions of Trust](#).

[The Care and Support Statutory Guidance](#) formalised the expectations on local Safeguarding Adults Boards to establish and agree a framework and process for how allegations against people volunteering / working with adults with care and support needs (i.e. those in a position of trust) should be notified and responded to. Please familiarise yourself with the new process and please share it with others in your organisation. The board will be reviewing how the policy is used early in 2022.

## **Learning Event 19<sup>th</sup> November – Exploitation of Adults and Young People, including cuckooing**

To end Safeguarding Adults Week, we are holding a learning event to share information with professionals about exploitation and cuckooing. The event aims to explain more about exploitation, what it is, what to look out for and what you can do if you spot potential signs of exploitation / cuckooing.

The event will be taking place online from 10am-12noon. For more information, please contact [ssabtraining@salford.gov.uk](mailto:ssabtraining@salford.gov.uk)

## **Reminder – New referral process for Adult Social Care**

A reminder that there is a new online [portal](#) for referring cases to adult social care. This should make the process easier and enable you to provide all the relevant information to enable the case to be triaged quickly and efficiently when it reaches the Adult Social Care Contact Centre. Where possible, referrals should be made using the portal and not the SG1 Form that was previously in use.

## **Bite Size Briefings**

In September, we held our first bite size briefing session, '**What is the SSAB?**'.

Over 60 people attended and heard from the Joint Independent Chairs for the SSAB and the support team. Feedback on the session has been very positive and the recording of this session is available to view here [What is the SSAB?](#)

In October our second bite size briefing was held and looked at, '**What is a SAR?**'. The briefing outlined what a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) is, the process and the purpose of doing them. This was presented by the SSAB Business Manager and the Assistant Director of Integrated Commissioning Judd Skelton, who is also the SAR panel Chair. This event was also attended by around 60 people many of whom said they found the session 'helpful' or 'extremely helpful'. The recording of this session is available to view here [What is a SAR?](#)

## **Bite Size Briefing Suicide Awareness and Resources - 8<sup>th</sup> December 1-2pm**

Invites will be sent out this week to those who are on our training distribution list, however if you are not already on this list and you would like to attend this session or have any questions, please e-mail us at [ssabtraining@salford.gov.uk](mailto:ssabtraining@salford.gov.uk)

If you have any suggestions of topics or would like to deliver a bite size briefing, please contact us at [ssabtraining@salford.gov.uk](mailto:ssabtraining@salford.gov.uk)

## **SSAB Posters**

If you would like any copies of the SSAB safeguarding posters (A4 size) to display, please drop us an e-mail [ssab@salford.gov.uk](mailto:ssab@salford.gov.uk) and we will arrange to get some delivered.

**Upcoming dates:**

19<sup>th</sup> November - Exploitation Learning Event

8<sup>th</sup> December - Bite Size Briefing on Suicide and Resources available

25<sup>th</sup> November – International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

25<sup>th</sup> Nov-10<sup>th</sup> Dec - 16 Days of Action against violence against women and girls

2<sup>nd</sup> December – International Day for the abolition of slavery

3<sup>rd</sup> December – International Day for of Persons with Disabilities

10<sup>th</sup> December - International Human Rights Day

**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)

Best wishes

The SSAB Team