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SSP Training 2023-24




SSP/CSP Multi-Agency Training Offer 2023 -24 Update



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At the time of publishing we still have some places on the courses below:

- ✓ **An Introduction to Wiltshire Police Counter Corruption Unit (CCU)** Free online webinar 5th July 2023 – 0930-1030 Link [An introduction to Wiltshire Police Counter Corruption Unit - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- ✓ **Early Help Assessment and Planning** – face to face 12th July 2023 Link [Early help assessment and plan - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- ✓ **Safeguarding and Self-neglect /hoarding (core module):** Link [Safeguarding and self-neglect/hoarding \(core module\) - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) 19th September 2023 (virtual)
- ✓ **Adult - Identifying Safeguarding Concerns and Making Referrals** Link [Identifying safeguarding concerns and making referrals \(adults\) - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) 3rd October 2023 (virtual)
- ✓ **Free Swindon and Wiltshire Prevent Online Webinar - Day 1:** Wednesday 4th October 2023 **Time:** 9.00am to 12.30pm (all professionals) For further information and to book a place click on this link: [Swindon and Wiltshire Risk of Radicalisation event \(all professionals\) - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
Day 2: Thursday 5th October 2023 **Time:** 9.00am to 12.30pm (education professionals) [Swindon and Wiltshire Risk of Radicalisation event \(Educational professionals\) - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)

	<p>Please do have a look at the SSP training webpage for other courses available.</p> <p>Some top tips when booking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Please ensure you read the course outline and this course is relevant to your role. ✓ When booking a place check all of your details are correct prior to submitting. On occasion, some information can be auto-populated from previous entries.
Other Local Training/Alternative Learning Resources/Briefings	
<p>New SSP webpage and Practice Brief</p> 	<p>Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Alison identified a learning theme of financial exploitation and coercion, which prompted a subsequent thematic review. To read the review click on this link Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR's) - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</p> <p>We have developed some new resources to assist professionals, a dedicated SSP webpage click on this link to access Financial and material abuse - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership and a practice brief Financial abuse and exploitation - May 2023 - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</p> <p>Please circulate widely to your colleagues.</p>
<p>Update to webpage</p> 	<p>There is a now an opportunity to provide any comments/feedback on the SSP Multi-agency Threshold Guidance. It will take around 5 minutes to complete and can be found on the The Right Help at the Right Time - Swindon's Multi-Agency Threshold Guidance - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership webpage.</p>
<p>Learning Resources to Improve Practice</p> <p>Reminder</p> 	<p>Just a reminder that we have a wide range of resources available to support learning and professional development. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 7 minute briefs and practice briefs to access the directory please click here. ✓ Free eLearning from external providers to view the directory - click on this link Provided by external organisation - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership ✓ Video archive click on this link to access Video archive - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership
SSP/CSP Policies and Procedures	
<p>SSP Adults large scale organisation abuse procedures</p>	<p>These procedures exist to help professionals ensure the desired outcomes for the person with care and support needs are met when dealing with concerns in relation to the large scale organisational abuse of adults with care and support needs. To access the procedures click on this link Adults large scale organisation abuse procedures May 2023 - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</p>
Local News and Updates	
<p>Swindon Community Safety Partnership now have Twitter!</p>	<p>Follow them @saferswindon</p> <p>Please follow for event notifications, training opportunities, and also communications regarding some of the key issues that affect our communities; Anti-Social Behaviour, Domestic Abuse, Neighbourhood Crime, Safer Streets Wardens, Radicalisation, Violence against</p>

Women and Girls, Serious Violence & Knife Crime, Home Office updates and so much more!

A new Community Safety Partnership website will soon be launched, further details to follow in the coming months.

Safer Street's Wardens



Swindon Borough Council has commissioned via funding received from the Home Office's Safer Streets fund round 4, a team of four Safer Streets Wardens. The team are in place to provide the eyes and ears in the communities of the Swindon Borough to be a visible presence deterring anti-social behaviour and feeling of safety.

The team will work with the Neighbourhood Policing Team's from Wiltshire Police and Swindon Borough Council's Community Safety team to respond, gather intelligence and provide reassurance to the public.

The team are will be accredited by Wiltshire Police under the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS) which enables them to use minimal policing powers such as requires to provide name and address if involved in anti-social behaviour. They will initially be spending a lot of their time in the Town Centre however have vehicles to respond to other areas in the Borough whereby anti-social behaviour is taking place.

Information in Swindon Advertiser [Swindon wardens tasked with tackling town centre crime | Swindon Advertiser](#)

National News, Updates and Useful Resources

Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) Awareness Week 3 to 9 July 2023







Resolve ASB are leading the national campaign for ASB Awareness week. The theme for the week is 'Know your rights' with a key focus on raising awareness of the ASB Case Review & Community Remedy.

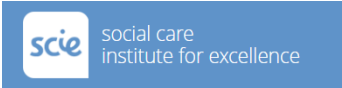



ASB is not low-level, it devastates the lives of victims and communities and can be a precursor to more serious crime. YouGov research commissioned by Resolve shows that almost 1 in 5 people have had to consider moving home because of the impact anti-social behaviour was having on them.


Despite the harm ASB is causing, many victims and witnesses do not report it. A staggering 50% of ASB victims and witnesses surveyed did not make a report because they 'didn't think anything would be done'. 15% said they did not know how to report ASB or where they would turn to do so.

Young people are often seen as the main perpetrators of ASB - we need to bust this myth. Young people are *not* the main perpetrators of anti-social behaviour; adults are. In fact, young people are often the silent victims of ASB. Groups of youths hanging out in public spaces are often perceived to be causing trouble/ASB, but we'd like people to consider 'What harm is actually being done here (if any)?' and 'why are youths hanging out here in large groups?' - Could it be that they don't know where else to go and that being in a larger group helps young people to feel safe? One of our goals for ASBAW23

	<p>is to improve public understanding of ASB while also signposting young people to places they can go to chill out, have fun, learn skills and be themselves.</p> <p>Victims do not know what to do if they are unsatisfied with the handling of their case. The Community Trigger, now called the ASB Case Review, was introduced in the 2014 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act for victims who have reported ASB but are unhappy with the response or lack thereof.</p> <p>As noted in the 2021/2022 <i>Victim’s Commissioner’s Annual Report</i> “It empowers a victim to bring agencies together to commit to purposeful action to bring an end to repeat ASB. It can represent the best hope for victims to escape their nightmare. But it remains poorly promoted and underutilised.”</p> <p>This is highlighted by further research commissioned by RESOLVE, which shows that 9 years after its introduction, just 6% of people have heard of the ASB Case Review, and only 2% of people fully understand how it works.</p> <p>Further information can be found ASB Awareness Week 2023 - Resolve (resolveuk.org.uk)</p> <p>See also ASB webpage on the partnership website Anti-social behaviour - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</p>
<p>Access to legal aid extended to vulnerable people</p>	<p>The Ministry of Justice has announced that from the 25th May 2023 domestic abuse victims and children will have access to legal aid, backed by £25 million of government funding.</p> <p>The funding will ensure domestic abuse victims on universal credit and seeking a protective order for themselves or their children against their attackers can access legal aid funding more easily without facing a means test.</p> <p>Those who share a house with their abuser will also benefit from changes to disputed or inaccessible assets – which will no longer be considered when assessing someone’s financial eligibility for aid. Legal aid provides support for people who are unable to afford legal representation or need financial help in taking issues to court. Expanding the eligibility criteria helps more people access the justice system to get the support they need.</p> <p>Other measures which will come into force over the next two years include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free legal representation will be available to anyone under the age of 18, as well as for parents challenging traumatic and difficult medical decisions such as withdrawal of their child’s life support • Making everyone eligible for legal aid to defend themselves in the Crown Court, ensuring fair trials and ending the so called ‘innocence tax’ where people were forced to pay for a legal defence even if they were then found not guilty.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing the amount of income someone can receive before having to contribute to legal aid fees by over £3,000 for civil cases and over £12,000 for criminal cases in the magistrates' court
	<p>Managing risk and trauma after online sexual offending: this guide helps professionals to safeguard the whole family when a parent has accessed child sexual abuse material. For further information click on this link Managing risk and trauma - CSA Centre</p> <p>Improving data on child sexual abuse: a practical guide for organisations click on this link to access Improving data on child sexual abuse - CSA Centre</p> <p>Key messages from research on child sexual abuse in institutional contexts - click on this link to access Key messages from research on child sexual abuse in institutional contexts - CSA Centre</p>
	<p>National Stalking Awareness Week took place on 24th-28th April 2023. The theme was 'Standing Against Stalking: Supporting Young People' and focused on stalking amongst young people from the ages of 16 to 24. For more information and resources on stalking visit the Suzy Lamplugh Trust</p>
 <p>Domestic abuse: For Baby's Sake</p>	<p>In response to themes considered in the Domestic Abuse National Panel's Briefing about domestic abuse, here are links to two short films 'For Baby's Sake' and 'Is my behaviour abusive?' illustrating a whole family response to domestic abuse. In both films, parents share their stories.</p> <p>Here is also a link to Parental Relationships Spectrum: a tool for professionals and families to help distinguish between relationship conflict and domestic abuse.</p>
	<p>How does Snapchat's new AI function "My AI" impact young people? Click on this link to access How does Snapchat's new AI function "My AI" impact young people? - UK Safer Internet Centre</p> <p>2023 Appropriate filtering and monitoring definitions published - The UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC) has published its 'appropriate' filtering and monitoring definitions for 2023. Click on this link to access 2023 Appropriate filtering and monitoring definitions published - UK Safer Internet Centre</p> <p>IWF Report - In 2022, the IWF took action to remove a record-breaking 255,588 websites containing child sexual abuse material. Click on this link to read the report IWF Annual Report launch video - UK Safer Internet Centre</p> <p>Buying and selling personal items: Considerations for staying safe online - click on this link to access Buying and Selling Personal Items: Considerations for Staying Safe Online - UK Safer Internet Centre</p>

<p>Social Care Institute for Excellence</p> 	<p><u>Strengths-based approaches</u> - Strengths-based (or asset-based) approaches focus on people's strengths - including personal strengths and social and community networks - and not on asking: "What's wrong?". SCIE's Ellie Howarth discusses 'The power of a professional and a strengths-based approach to aspiration'. The power of a professional and a strengths-based approach to aspiration (scie.org.uk)</p> <p><u>Mental Capacity Act Directory Reviewed and updated.</u> Our MCA (Mental Capacity Act) Directory has been reviewed and updated; to continue to provide a single space for sharing useful information and tools to support the implementation of the Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards. MCA Directory SCIE Mental Capacity Act (MCA) and DoLS SCIE</p>
<p>Research of Interest</p> 	<p>Published by Stanford University in the USA; <i>Association between Sexual Violence Victimization and Electronic Vaping Product (EVP) Use among Adolescents</i>. Conclusions: <i>Experiencing sexual violence was associated with EVP use. Future studies that employ longitudinal designs may offer more insight into the mechanisms underlying the association between SV victimization and EVP use. In addition, school-based interventions that focus on sexual violence prevention and reducing substance use among adolescents are warranted.</i> Click on this link to access https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36803403/</p>
 <p>Home Office</p> <p>Updates to the Modern Slavery Statutory Guidance on 18th May 2023.</p>	<p>Guidance added to chapter 9 on how child victims of modern slavery, supported by local authorities, can transition into Modern Slavery Victim Care Contract (MSVCC) support when they become an adult.</p> <p>Reference to HM Prison and Probation Service and HM Prison Service modern slavery guidance for staff and prisoners was added to Chapter 4.</p> <p>Annex F was updated to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify that those in emergency pre-Reasonable Grounds accommodation are not eligible to receive the Recovery Rate, until a positive Reasonable Grounds decision is made. • Give an overview of the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection regime of the MSVCC; and • Explain how the MSVCC provides accommodation to eligible victims seeking bail from prison.
 <p>Blue Light Bulletin - Publication of our</p>	<p>Cognitive impairment is very common in dependent drinkers. Anyone working with dependent drinkers needs to be aware of the impact it can have. Most practitioners, however, will not meet dependent drinkers with a diagnosis of cognitive impairment; they will instead meet dependent drinkers who are confused, impulsive and possibly self-destructive and who they suspect may have a cognitive impairment.</p>

<p>Guidance on Cognitive Impairment in Dependent Drinkers</p>	<p>The problem is that the next steps can be very difficult. Securing a diagnosis may be a challenge. The dependent drinkers themselves may be hard to engage. Their behaviour may be dismissed as a 'lifestyle choice' or attributed to intoxication rather than brain damage. This situation is the focus of this guidance. Its target audience is the practitioner struggling with an individual who finds it difficult to move forward because of cognitive impairments or the challenging requirements of other services. To access the guidance please click on this link Identifying and addressing cognitive impairment in dependent drinkers.</p> <p>There are also a series of one hour recorded webinars on various aspects of cognitive impairment. These are relevant to anyone who encounters dependent drinkers in their work.</p> <p>The links to access the recordings are below – please click on the hyperlink to open.</p> <p>Alcohol Related Brain Damage by Professor Ken Wilson Using Legal Powers to protect Cognitively Impaired Drinkers by Professor Sir Michael Preston Shoot Understanding Memory, Brain Injury and Neuropsychiatry Services by Dr Rafey Faruqi The Glasgow Model by Grant Brand The Use of Pabrinex Dr Julia Lewis Speech and Language Therapy for Cognitively Impaired Drinkers by Leigh Andrews Living with Korsakoff's Psychosis by Sharon and Mark Holmes</p> <p>Click on this link for further information about The Blue Light Project Alcohol Change UK</p>
<p>Implementation of LPS delayed</p>	<p>On 5 April 2023, the Government announced that it would delay the implementation of the Mental Capacity (Amendment) Act 2019 until "beyond the life of this Parliament." Read the letter here</p>
<p>Ann Craft Trust</p>	<p>Safe to Move - New This Girl Can Resources: Fighting the "enjoyment gap" - Sport England's 'This Girl Can' campaign and ukactive have released new guidance and resources to help fitness and leisure facilities create safer spaces for women and girls to be active. Read this article</p>
<p>NSPCC Learning</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel has published the second of two reports from its national safeguarding practice review into safeguarding children with disabilities and complex needs in residential settings in England. Download the report here: Safeguarding children with disabilities in residential settings NSPCC Learning on Safeguarding d/Deaf and disabled children and young people • Child mental health: NSPCC Learning has published a briefing looking at learning from case reviews involving children struggling with their mental health. Analysis of case reviews

published 2021 - 2022. **Read the briefing:** [Child mental health: learning from case reviews](#)

- **Child sexual and domestic abuse:** The NSPCC has published a news story on the availability of specialist support for children who have suffered sexual or domestic abuse. **Read the news story:** [77% of local authorities offer no specialist support for children who have experienced sexual abuse](#)
- **Ethnicity and children in care:** The Nuffield Family Justice Observatory has published a briefing paper looking at ethnic disparities in care proceedings. **Read the briefing:** [Ethnicity of children in care and supervision proceedings in England](#). **NSPCC Learning** [Looked after children](#)
- **Children in care:** The UK Government has published new data on children accommodated in secure children's homes in England and Wales on 31 March 2023. **View the statistics:** [Children accommodated in secure children's homes](#)
- **Maternal mental health:** The Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health has published a podcast discussing recent research into emotion processing in the children of mothers diagnosed with depression. **Listen to the podcast:** [Emotion processing in offspring of mothers with depression diagnoses emotion processing in offspring of mothers with depression diagnoses](#). **NSPCC Learning** [Parental mental health problems](#)
- **Maternal mental health:** The Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ACAMH) has published a podcast discussing the link between maternal depressive symptoms and child inhibitory control. **Listen to the podcast:** [Interplay between maternal depressive symptoms and child inhibitory control](#). **NSPCC Learning** [Parental mental health](#)
- **Online grooming:** The Guardian has published a news story on the US-based National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) report into online child sexual exploitation. **Read the news story:** ['Sharp rise' in blackmail of children asked to share explicit images](#) **Read the news story:** [CyberTipline 2022 report](#) **NSPCC Learning** [Grooming: recognising the signs](#)
- **Modern slavery and exploitation:** Unseen has published an annual report for its UK modern slavery and exploitation helpline. **Read the news story:** [Modern slavery helpline calls at record high](#) **NSPCC Learning** [Protecting children from trafficking and modern slavery](#)
- **Alcohol dependent parents:** The DHSC has published an independent report into a government-backed scheme to improve outcomes for children of alcohol-dependent parents in England. **Read the report:** [Evaluation of the Children of Alcohol Dependent Parents programme innovation fund](#). **NSPCC Learning** [Parental substance misuse](#)
- **Cost of living:** Barnardo's has published the findings of an online poll of British children, parents and carers about the difficulties they could face during the upcoming summer

holidays as the cost of living crisis continues. **Read the press release:** [Barnardo's warns children are at greater risk of exploitation this summer](#)

- **Children missing from school:** The Children's Commissioner for England has published new research examining the number of looked after children missing from education in England. **Read the report:** [Looked after children who are not in school](#)
- **Why language matters: "malicious" allegations:** NSPCC Learning has published a new blog post on the term "malicious allegations" as part of its Why Language Matters series. **Read the blog:** [Why language matters: why you should avoid labelling allegations as 'malicious'](#)
- **Child sexual abuse:** The UK Government has published its response to the final report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) in England and Wales. **Read the response:** [Response to the final report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse](#)
Read the CASPAR briefing: [Government response to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse: CASPAR briefing](#)
NSPCC Learning [Child sexual abuse](#)
- **Safeguarding and child protection:** The UK Government has opened a consultation on the introduction of a mandatory reporting duty for cases of child sexual abuse in England. **Read the call for evidence:** [Mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse: call for evidence](#)
- **Child abuse and neglect:** The Department for Education (DFE) has published the latest statistics on serious incidents involving children that English local authorities have notified the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel about. **Download the data:** [Serious incident notifications 2022-23](#)
- **Care leavers:** What Works for Children's Social Care has published a report on services provided by English local authorities to care leavers to support their emotional wellbeing. **Read the report:** [An exploratory study of the emotional wellbeing needs and experiences of care leavers in England](#)
- **Adoption:** Adoption UK has published its annual Adoption Barometer report looking at all aspects of adoption across the UK. **Read the report:** [Adoption barometer](#) **NSPCC Learning** [Child health and development](#)
- **Trafficking and modern slavery:** Researchers from the University of Portsmouth are carrying out two online consultations with frontline organisations to better understand the barriers to protecting children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities from traffickers within the UK. Online multi-agency consultations will be held on 5 and 6 July 2023. **Find out more:** [Internal trafficking and exploitation of CYP with SEND](#)

- **Children’s sports coaching resources:** The Children’s Coaching Collaborative (CCC) have created a resource hub to support children’s coaching and help prioritise the rights and needs of all children. View the hub [Play their way](#)
- **Online safety:** The Guardian has reported on a 25-page US Surgeon General advisory looking at evidence on the impacts of social media use on the mental health of children and adolescents in the US. **Read the story:** [US surgeon general issues advisory on ‘profound’ risks of child social media use](#)
Read the advisory: [Social media and youth mental health](#).
NSPCC Learning [Social media and online safety](#)
- **Mental health:** The Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ACAMH) has published a podcast discussing some factors affecting children and young people’s mental health and wellbeing.
Listen to the podcast: [Mental health – an insight for parents, caregivers and teachers](#). **NSPCC Learning** [Child mental health](#)
- **Child poverty:** The government’s Commission on Fuel Poverty has published a report on the challenges faced by fuel poor households during the winter of 2022-23 in England.
Download the report: [Understanding the challenges faced by fuel poor households](#). **NSPCC Learning** [Child health and development](#)
- **Infant mental health awareness week:** NSPCC Learning has collated a range of services and resources to help professionals support parents and carers to create strong bonds with their babies. **Find out more:** [Infant Mental Health Awareness Week 2023](#).
- **Keeping children safe in education:** The Department for Education (DfE) has published updated statutory guidance on safeguarding for schools and colleges in England. The 2023 will replace the 2022 version of the guidance from 01 September 2023. NSPCC Learning has published a CASPAR briefing summarising updates to the guidance. **Read the updated guidance:** [Keeping children safe in education 2023](#)
Read the CASPAR briefing: [Keeping children safe in education \(KCSIE\) 2023: summary of changes](#).
- **Child sexual abuse:** The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) has released a new podcast episode on messaging apps and child sexual abuse. **Listen to the podcast:** [IWF podcast warns introducing end-to-end encryption to messaging apps could hinder detection of child sexual abuse imagery](#).
- **Criminal and sexual exploitation:** Barnardo’s has published a briefing on child criminal and sexual exploitation in the UK and how to safeguard and support child victims and those at risk of abuse and exploitation. **Read the briefing paper:** [Child Exploitation: A Hidden Crisis | Briefing Paper | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](#) **NSPCC Learning** [Protecting children from sexual exploitation](#)

- **Children Looked After:** The South London Refugee Association has created a learning package for local authorities, to help them support children and young people in care with their immigration status and claims to citizenship. **Download the resources:** [Taking care: immigration support pledge and learning package for local authorities](#) **NSPCC Learning** [Children and the law](#)
- **Children and the justice system:** Alliance for Youth Justice has published a podcast exploring how society perceives children affected by serious violence, how and why this perception is shaped, and whether this perception is accurate. **Listen to the podcast:** [Harmful children or social harm?](#) **NSPCC Learning** [Children and the law](#)
- **Learning Disability Week 2023:** NSPCC Learning has put together a collection of resources to help professionals protect children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The resources outline learning and information on safeguarding children with SEND. **Access the resources:** [Learning Disability Week 2023](#)
- **Mental health in schools:** The Children & Young People's Mental Health Coalition (CYPMHC) has published a report on mental health and behaviour in schools in England. **Read the report:** [Behaviour and mental health in schools report](#) **NSPCC Learning** [Child protection in schools training](#)
- **Adverse childhood experiences:** The Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ACAMH) has published a new Papers Podcast focusing on research into subjective and objective experiences of childhood adversity. **Listen to the podcast:** [Subjective and objective experiences of childhood adversity](#) **NSPCC Learning** [Child mental health](#)
- **Online safety:** The Children's Commissioner for England has published a new report into how pornography might influence harmful sexual behaviour among children. **Read the report:** [Evidence on pornography's influence on harmful sexual behaviour among children](#) **NSPCC Learning** [Harmful sexual behaviour](#)