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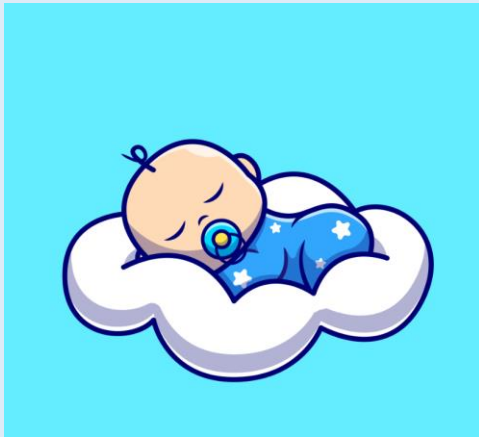


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For February, our theme is  
**Safeguarding Unborn Babies and Under 2's**



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# Context of this theme

Local and National Reviews, together with other research findings, show that children under one year of age and in particular, very young babies, are extremely vulnerable to being seriously injured or to dying as a result of abuse or neglect.

The vulnerability of under 2's is a strategic priority for Swindon Safeguarding Partnership for 2023-2024 and some of the key learning is highlighted on the following slides.

Over the next slides we have highlighted some useful information and resources for you to view.



# Local Learning from Local Reviews

In 2022, Swindon completed and published a thematic review into the assessment and safeguarding of infants prior to and following a non-accidental injury.

There is a dedicated webpage where you can find out more - [Safeguarding unborn babies, under 1's and working with fathers - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) or use the QR code below.



# The Child Safeguarding Review Panel Report

The Child Safeguarding Review Panel commented in their annual report 2022 - 23 that:

*“Babies under the age of 12 months old remain the single largest age group within rapid reviews (36%). The challenges associated with responding appropriately to this particularly vulnerable group have been emphasised in our previous reports, particularly the Myth of Invisible Men (CSPRP, 2021) and Bruising in Non-Mobile Infants (CSPRP, 2022). These highlight the need to understand the roles and risks pertaining to all adults around very young children.”*

Click on this link to read the report:

<https://Child Safeguarding Review Panel annual report 2022 to 2023>



# Swindon Learning Event



## SAFEGUARDING UNBORN | BABIES AND UNDER 1S VIRTUAL SUMMIT

MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> 2024

### THE DAY WILL AIM TO:

- Develop professional curiosity when working with families and parents
- Improve practice in hearing the voice of the child and unborn babies and understanding their lived experience
- Improve understanding of the importance of early attachment interaction
- Improve how we work with and engage fathers
- Understand the causational risk of traumatic head injury and a system approach to early intervention
- Promote safer sleep

To support our safeguarding theme on 4th March 2024 there will be a virtual summit:  
**Safeguarding unborn babies and under 1's**

Further information about this event and how to book to [Wiltshire Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership \(SVPP\)](https://wiltshiresvpp.org.uk) - [\(\[wiltshiresvpp.org.uk\]\(https://wiltshiresvpp.org.uk\)\)](https://wiltshiresvpp.org.uk).



# Responding to suspected bruising in children

- The younger the child, the greater the risk that bruising is non-accidental and therefore there is a greater potential risk.
- Infants under the age of one are more at risk of being killed by another person, usually a carer, more than any other age group of children.

## Resources to find out more:

- Webpage: [Safeguarding unborn babies, under 1's and working with fathers - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- Policy: [Pan BSW Policy on Unsuspected Bruising or Injuries in Children who are not Independently Mobile - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- Leaflet for parents/carers: [Bruising in Non-Mobile Infants leaflet - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- SSP Practice Brief [Suspected bruising on children - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)



**BABIES THAT  
DON'T CRUISE  
RARELY BRUISE**



# Resources:

## The Child Safeguarding Review Panel

- ✓ [WEBINAR: The management of bruising in non-mobile infants \(youtube.com\)](#) Recorded in March 2023 (duration 25 minutes) provides information about the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel's briefing paper on bruising in non-mobile infants. This highlights the key findings and recommendations from the report.
- ✓ [Panel Briefing 1 - The management of bruising in non-mobile infants paper - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) (September 2022)



# Working with Fathers

- A new baby is a huge change for everyone in a family. This impacts on fathers as well as mothers. It is common for dads to experience low mood and anxiety when they have a new baby.
- National reviews published by the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel [Out of Routine](#) (sudden unexpected death in infancy) and [The Myth of Invisible men: Safeguarding children under 1 from non-accidental injury](#), highlighted how men are often the perpetrators of abuse but remain unseen or unassessed within safeguarding practice. For further information and resources regarding those reviews [click here](#).
- Resources to support working with fathers are included on the next slide.



# Resources: The Child Safeguarding Review Panel

- ✓ [The Myth of Invisible men: Safeguarding children under 1 from non-accidental injury caused by male carers.](#) published in September 2021 highlights how men are often the perpetrators of abuse but remain unseen or unassessed within safeguarding practice.
- ✓ [Out of Routine](#), published in 2020 related to a review of sudden unexpected death in infancy.
- ✓ [Webinar - Non-Accidental Injury of Children under 1 webinar – YouTube](#) Recorded October 2021 (duration 55 minutes) informs safeguarding professionals about the Panel's third national review. This focussed on safeguarding children under 1 from non-accidental injury caused by male carers. This recording highlights the key findings and recommendations.

# Resources: Working with Fathers

Below are some additional resources to support fathers.

- ✓ [DadPad | The Essential Guide for New Dads | Support Guide for New Dads \(thedadpad.co.uk\)](https://thedadpad.co.uk): information and advice for new Dads to feel more confident about fatherhood.
- ✓ **Research in Practice (RIP)** free digital download: [working effectively with men in families](#), gives practice pointers for including fathers in children's social care.
- ✓ **NSPCC (2022)**: [Unseen men: learning from case reviews | NSPCC Learning](#)
- ✓ SSP 7 Minute brief [working with fathers](#)
- ✓ [Swindon Local Offer - For dads](#): information for new fathers where they may be struggling with their mental health.
- ✓ [Working with male carers to reduce non-accidental injury to infants under 1 year old – Foundations](#): explores current practice and the evidence base relating to working with fathers to reduce non-accidental injury (NAI) in infants under 1 year old.

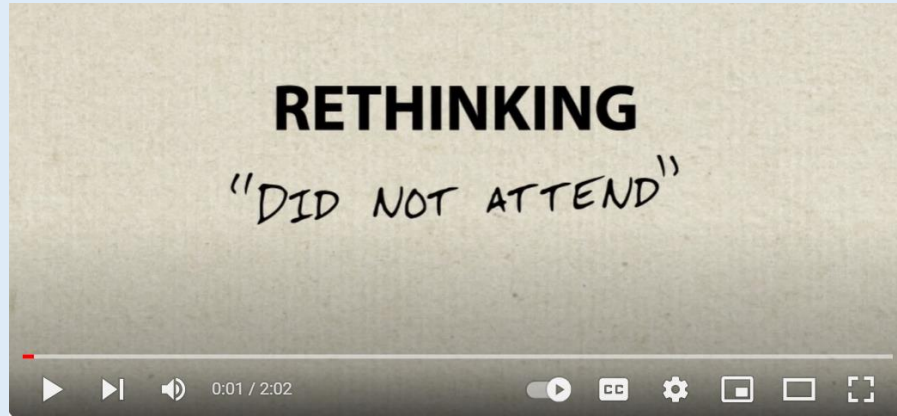


# Support for parents

- [Swindon Local Offer - Health Visitor Introduction](#) Health Visitors encourage, empower and support parents, guardians and carers to ensure the healthy development of their children
- **Swindon Family Nurse Partnership:** a voluntary, preventative, home visiting programme for first-time young mums and families. A one minute guide about the service and contact details on [Swindon Local Offer - Early Help Services](#)
- [Swindon Local Offer - Growbaby Swindon:](#) provides free baby clothes, toiletries, baby equipment and food and formula for children between the ages of 0-5 years.
- Further information for parents and parents-to-be can be found on the [Swindon Local Offer](#) webpage
- **Birth to Five booklet** - [Birth to five | HSC Public Health Agency \(hscni.net\)](#)
- [Services and support for parents - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- [Support for new parents \(actionforchildren.org.uk\)](#)
- [Where can I go for support for my mental health as a new parent? | Healthwatch](#)



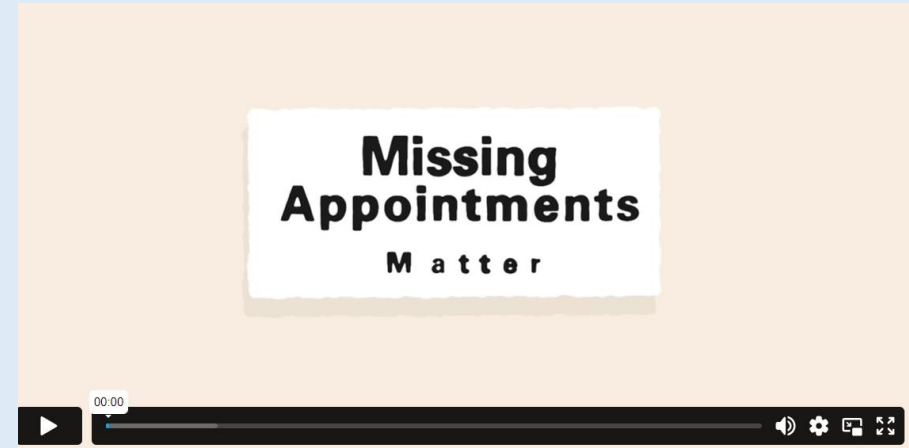
# Rethinking Did Not Attend - Missing Appointments Matter



Promotes use of 'Was Not Brought' instead of 'Did Not Attend' when referring to children not being presented at medical appointments.

Commissioned by Nottingham City Council, NHS Nottingham City CCG and the NCSCB.

Link to access: [Rethinking 'Did Not Attend' – YouTube](#) (2017, duration 2 minutes)



[Missing Appointments Matter](#) is aimed at raising awareness about the consequences of missing appointments and to ensure that children and adults get the medical care that they need.

Commissioned by NHS Nottingham City CCG

Link to access: [Missing Appointments Matter FINAL on Vimeo](#) (duration 2:23 minutes)

For subtitled version: [A subtitled version of the video is also available here.](#)



# Resources to support practitioners in understanding vulnerability and protective factors for parents

- Use of the vulnerability and protective factors in pregnancy to early parenthood practical resource is encouraged.
- This helps professionals to increase their awareness of the breadth of factors that may impact on the development of unborn children and infants.
- This ensures families receive the support they need to give children in Swindon the best start in life.
- It includes a summary page with information on application in practice, which can be used as a stand alone resource.
- To access click on this link: [Vulnerability and protective factors in pregnancy to early parenthood - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)



# If you have concerns

**Contact Swindon** is the new way to contact Swindon Borough Council's children's social care team which provides a single point of contact to request help and support for families or report safeguarding concerns for a child.

Further information can be found on this webpage:

[Request for help and support guidelines and contact information - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)

FAQ's: [SBC - Contact Swindon FAQs - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)

Please also refer to the revised [The Right Help at the Right Time - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)



# SSP Policy and Procedures

- [Pan BSW Policy on Unsuspected Bruising or Injuries in Children who are not Independently Mobile - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- Leaflet for parents/carers: [Bruising in Non-Mobile Infants leaflet - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- [Unborn baby protocol - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- [Multi-Agency Process for the Resolution of Professional Disagreements Relating to Safeguarding Protection of Children - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- [Think Family Practice Guidance - November 2023 - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)





# Useful SSP resources

Swindon Safeguarding Partnership - 7-minute briefs and practice briefs:

- ✓ [Resource pack - professional curiosity](#)
- ✓ [Safeguarding unborn babies - 7-minute brief](#)
- ✓ [Capturing the voice of the child in records](#)
- ✓ [SSP practice brief - Working with resistance or disguised compliance - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- ✓ [Safeguarding children – Oral Health - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)

**Video Archive:** Recorded Webinar '*Learning from case reviews and audits: Vulnerability of under 1's*'. October 2021. Themes include Suspected injuries to mobile and non-mobile babies, Brief Unresolved Events, ICON, Working with Fathers.

To access the recording and presentation slides click on this link [Video archive - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)



# New Free eLearning

This resource aids understanding of how babies, toddlers and young children develop, the adult role in supporting the development of all babies, toddlers and young children and how the environment supports child development.

This will be relevant to any professional working with children/families across the partnership.

To access the eLearning click on this link: [Supporting and Exploring Child Development \(awareness level\) - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)

Further training will be available as part of the SSP Multi-Agency Training Offer for 2024-25. This will be relevant to those working with toddlers - 3 ½ years and 3 ½ - 5 years, including supporting children with special education needs. Full details will be published on the [Training Information - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)



# Free Course – for anyone working with fathers

- ✓ **Monday 8th April 2024 - 09:15 - 16:00 BST**
- ✓ **Venue: Meadow Hall, The Meadow, Leigh Road, Penhill Swindon SN2 5DE**
- ✓ **Course objectives:**
  - ✓ To understand knowledge of working with fathers to improve clinical practice
  - ✓ Identify the Father role and what may prevent this developing
  - ✓ Identify behaviours associated with patterns of attachment that we see when working with Fathers and reflect on the implications for practice.
  - ✓ Understand Fathers role in child development
  - ✓ To have tools to use to support Fathers and their baby/child to develop a secure attachment and positive child development
  - ✓ Have a personal/team plan for embedding learning into practice.
- ✓ To book a place click on the Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/working-with-fathers-tickets-848254129937?aff=oddtcreator>
- ✓ SBC staff can access this course via LearnForYou.



# Other resources



- The Child Accident Prevention Trust [Free educational resources | Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](https://www.capt.org.uk) - a range of resources / information focusing on preventing death and serious injury to children from avoidable accidents.
- [The Lullaby Trust - Safer sleep for babies, Support for families](#) – providing a range of resources for parents and professionals.
- Safer Sleep campaign – find out more [Safer Sleep Week - The Lullaby Trust](#)



# Other resources

- Information and resources about breaking the cycle of domestic abuse and giving babies the best start [Home - For Baby's Sake \(forbabysake.org.uk\)](http://forbabysake.org.uk)
- ICON [Home - ICON Cope](#) programme that provides information about infant crying and how to cope
- [Support for parents | NSPCC](#)
- Women's Aid Toolkit: <https://www.womensaid.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Supporting-women-and-babies-after-domestic-abuse.pdf>



# Email signature



If appropriate please add the text below to your email signature

**Swindon Safeguarding Partnership's Theme for March 2024 is  
Safeguarding Unborn Babies and Under 2's**

Find out more by visiting the events webpage on the [SSP website](#)  
or follow us on

 @SwindonSafegua1



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# And finally...

Please let us know if the information and resources have been helpful to you.

You can give us your feedback by clicking on the link below or scanning the QR code.

It will take you two minutes!

Link to feedback form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/t995zFZbNDb>

