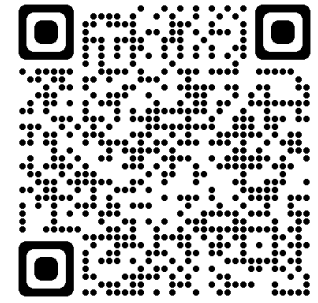


# News & Information from the Partnerships, Partners and beyond...



**Issue: 45**

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

If you want to find out more about us, access our local safeguarding procedures and guidance, training and much more please visit our website by clicking on this [link](#) or scan the QR code above.

You can contact us via email: [safeguardingpartnership@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:safeguardingpartnership@swindon.gov.uk)

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# Welcome to our new look newsletter

We hope you like our new look. The content will now focus on local safeguarding and community safety partnership news and updates and some national news which may be of interest.

**Navigation:** Click on the hyperlinks below to go to the specific section:

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**Do you have information to share?** Please send any information for inclusion within the newsletter to:

[safeguardingpartnership@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:safeguardingpartnership@swindon.gov.uk)

What do you think of the new format? Please give us your feedback by clicking on this [link](#) or scanning the QR code below. It will only take a minute.



# Do you want to know more about the SSP?

We have an 'about' webpage which includes a range of information such as the annual report, multi agency safeguarding arrangements and the strategic plan. Click on this link to access [About Information - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)

**Do you represent your agency at SSP meetings?** We have recently added an induction presentation click on this link to access [SSP Induction Presentation 2024-2025 - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)



# SSP/CSP Multi-Agency Training Offer 2024 - 25

We offer a wide range of resources to support learning and professional development.  
At the time of publishing spaces are available on the courses below - click on the hyperlinks for further information or to book a place.

It is recommended to book early as some places are limited.

- ✓ Core Module Child - [Identifying safeguarding concerns and making referrals \(children\) - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.
- ✓ Briefing on Child Protection Conferences and Outcome Focused Plans moving forward – 9<sup>th</sup> May and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (face to face) see attached flyer for further information/booking.
- ✓ Domestic Abuse Impact on Children/Young People - [Domestic abuse: Impact on children and young people - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
- ✓ Supporting and exploring child development (module 2) - [Supporting and exploring child development - Module 2 - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.
- ✓ Core Module Adults - [Identifying safeguarding concerns and making referrals \(adults\) - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
- ✓ Working with neglect [Working with neglect - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**Please note:** Several of our core and specialist multi-agency courses are now available to book.

Dates for some courses are still being confirmed and we will update these as soon as possible.

**See the next slides for other local learning events for professionals.**



# BRIEFING: Child Protection Conferences and Outcome Focused Plans – Moving Forward

## BRIEFING: CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES AND OUTCOME FOCUSED PLANS MOVING FORWARD

We will be hosting two free face to face briefings

### Time/Dates:

9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm  
15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 9:30 am – 11:00 am

**Venue:** Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Euclid Street, Swindon, SN1 2JH.

Owing to limited capacity at this venue, please ensure you book a place – selecting the date you wish to attend.

Book a place by clicking on the link below or use the QR code.  
<https://forms.office.com/e/eS7pLU1ES6> or use the QR code below.



This briefing will be facilitated by Terri Cartwright, Practice Lead Safeguarding, Childrens Services, Swindon Borough Council.

This event is will be relevant to all frontline professionals who work with children and families and attend child protection conferences.

This will be opportunity to find out more about:

- ✓ Revisions to the child protection conference processes.
- ✓ What the changes mean for professionals in Swindon.
- ✓ Developing outcome focused plans.

If you have any questions regarding this event please contact Safeguarding Partnership via email: [safeguardingpartnership@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:safeguardingpartnership@swindon.gov.uk)

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# Spotlight on Self-Neglect – Learning from Reviews



## SPOTLIGHT ON SELF-NEGLECT: LEARNING FROM REVIEWS

We are hosting a free face to face learning event

Date: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024  
Time: 09:30 am – 13:30 pm

Places are limited. Please register your interest via this link <https://forms.office.com/e/G1YQCszlQ0> or use the QR code.



“Don’t judge me by the chapter you have walked in on. I have a past and a future and not defined by my current situation”

Quote from Experts by Experience.

Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) conducted in Swindon have highlighted that professionals face a big challenge in identifying and taking timely action on self-neglect.

This is an opportunity to find out more about:

- ✓ Learning themes from local SARs and second SAR national analysis.
- ✓ What is happening locally in response to this learning.
- ✓ Resources for professionals to support identification of self-neglect and reflection on key learning themes.
- ✓ Building confidence when assessing and evidencing self-neglect concerns and working with the person and their support networks.

This event is relevant for all frontline professionals and managers who work with adults.

Any questions regarding this event please contact SSP via email: [safeguardingpartnership@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:safeguardingpartnership@swindon.gov.uk)

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**Please note** places are limited so please book ASAP.

Further information and how to book a place click on this link: [Spotlight on self-neglect: Learning from reviews - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](https://forms.office.com/e/G1YQCszlQ0)





# Spotlight on Self-Neglect – Policy into Practice



**SPOTLIGHT  
ON SELF  
NEGLECT:  
POLICY  
INTO  
PRACTICE**

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Time: 09:30 am – 13:30 pm

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<https://forms.office.com/e/Xe1GMinFbG> or use the QR code.



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This event is an opportunity to find out more about:

- ✓ Learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews into practice.
- ✓ Welfare and Safety Planning (identifying and assessing risk).
- ✓ Swindon Safeguarding Partnership Multi-Agency Policy and Guidance on Responding to Self-Neglect
- ✓ Voice of experts by experience
- ✓ Resources to support identification of self-neglect and reflection on key learning themes.

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# Other free learning opportunities – April and May

Linked to our April safeguarding theme of All Age Exploitation we have some additional events:

- [Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) Facilitated by the Medaille Trust.
- [Child Financial Exploitation is a form of Child Criminal Exploitation - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) Facilitated by The Children's Society.
- [How do we encourage those most affected by crime to speak up? - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) Facilitated by Crimestoppers.

We are also hosting events on:

- [Do you know how to refer victims for CIVIL PROTECTION ORDERS? - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) facilitated by NCDV
- [DBS Barring and Legal Duty to Refer Workshop - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) - facilitated by DBS
- Online Safety Live - facilitated by the UK Safer Internet Centre [Online Safety Live - Swindon Tickets, Tue 2 Jul 2024 at 09:15 | Eventbrite](#)





# Other Learning Resources: 7 Minute Briefs and Practice Briefs



To access the full directory, click on this link: [7-minute briefs and learning resources to improve practice - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) or scan the QR code above.

## Recently added:

- ✓ [SSP practice brief - Making a good referral - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)

## Reminder of resources we have about:

- ✓ [Coercive control - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- ✓ [Domestic abuse within families - learning from reviews - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)

Please give us your views on the resources, there is a link and QR code at the end of each brief.

It will only take a couple of minutes.



# Other Learning Resources: Video Archive

We have a selection of recorded webinars covering a range of topics.

## New in the archive!

- Swindon Domestic Abuse Forum – March 2024
- Spotlight on Child Neglect event – March 2024

To access the recordings please visit the [webpage](#) or scan the QR code.



### Video archive

Learning from case reviews and audits - Vulnerability of under 1s	✓
Learning themes from safeguarding adult reviews and audits	✓
Adolescent safeguarding learning event	✓
Swindon domestic abuse forum	✓
Domestic abuse in tech-society	✓
Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)	✓
SSP Conference	✓
Responding to and supporting victims of Hate Crime	✓
Serious and organised crime	✓
Spotlight on self-neglect and hoarding	✓
Remembering Arthur and Star - recorded presentation	✓
Introduction to Wiltshire Police Counter Corruption Unit	✓
Swindon Domestic Abuse Forum - June 2023	✓
Swindon Domestic Abuse Forum - March 2024	✓
Spotlight on child neglect - March 2024	✓



# Autism Training Videos

Below are some links/resources kindly shared by Sarah Carolan, Commissioner for Learning Disabilities, Autism, Mental Health and Non Continuing Healthcare Acquired Brain injury – Swindon.

The majority of people involved in the videos are neurodivergent.

Please hover over the chosen link below and press Ctrl + Click (open in Microsoft Edge):

- [Sensory overwhelm leading to emotional distress 1 - YouTube](#)
- [Masking autistic women present differently to autistic men - YouTube](#)
- [Anxiety, depression, and suicide Alexithymia not recognising emotions inc titles - YouTube](#)
- [Autistic communication and how to ask the right questions don't assume 3rd Cut – YouTube](#)
- [Menopause 3rd Cut - YouTube](#)
- [The importance of diagnosis understanding inc titles - YouTube](#) (understanding autism, including diagnosis, the risks, anxiety and how autism present in females.



# SSP/CSP Strategy, Policies, Procedures and Guidance

- ✓ [The Right Help at Right Time guidance - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#). See also dedicated webpages:
  - ✓ [The Right Help at the Right Time - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
  - ✓ [Request for help and support guidelines and contact information - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- ✓ Causing Enquires Guidance – [Causing enquiries guidance - April 2024 - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- ✓ [Multi-agency policy and guidance on responding to self-neglect – January 2024 - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) see also dedicated webpage: [Self neglect - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- ✓ [Think Family Practice Guidance 2024 - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- ✓ [Neglect Strategy 2024-2027 - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) see also neglect webpage [Neglect - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)



# Resolution of Professional Disagreements

- Is a theme frequently identified in local child and adult safeguarding reviews.
- Working with children, families and adults with care and support needs is often complex.
- From time to time professionals from different backgrounds may hold different professional opinions.
- Different perspectives have the potential to cause conflict and lead to poorer outcomes.
- Often there may be no right or wrong solution practitioners may exercise their professional judgement differently and have differing opinions of what the right approach should be.
- Vitally important that children, families and adults with care and support needs do not become entangled in professional disagreements and where such disputes do occur, they can be resolved together, with minimum delay.



# Resolution of Professional Disagreements

- Primary aim of the resolution process is that professional disagreements are resolved at the lowest possible level, by those working directly with children and families.
- This process applies to and should be used by ALL agencies who work with children, families and adults with care and support needs in Swindon.
- In reaching a resolution it is essential that at all times, disputes are approached in a considerate manner and respects and seeks to understand the views and concerns of others when engaging with the young person, their family and adults with care and support needs.





# Multi-Agency Process – Safeguarding Children

## Key Principles

- ✓ Keep the focus on what is in the child's best interests at all times.
- ✓ Professionals must share the key information and factual evidence, their interpretation and assessment appropriately and what may be the likely impact on the child.
- ✓ Professionals must seek to resolve the issue in a timely way.
- ✓ Avoid professional disagreement which may place children at further risk by obscuring the focus on the child or which may delay decision making.
- ✓ Work in a Professional way so that the family and child are not aware of the professional discussions
- ✓ Liaise with the lead professionals and safeguarding or child protection designates in the respective organisations at the earliest opportunity. Clarity is expected from all agencies in respect of designated roles and responsibilities.
- ✓ Ensure that at each stage of the process that there is accurate record made of the agreed actions of each agency.
- ✓ **N/B If at any time if a professional considers a child is at immediate risk of significant harm then the professional must ensure that their concerns are escalated on the same working day using established safeguarding procedures i.e. through MASH.**



**Multi-Agency Process for the Resolution of Professional Disagreements Relating to Safeguarding & Protection of Children**

Issued by: Swindon Safeguarding Partnership:  
Revised: January 2024  
Review Date: January 2026  
Author: Swindon Safeguarding Partnership

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**Familiarise yourself with the revised process: [Multi-Agency Process for the Resolution of Professional Disagreements Relating to Safeguarding Protection of Children - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)**



# Multi-Agency Process – Safeguarding Adults

## Key Principles

- ✓ Keep the focus on the adult's at all times.
- ✓ Professionals must share the key information and factual evidence, their interpretation and assessment appropriately and what may be the likely impact on the adult
- ✓ Professionals must seek to resolve the issue in a timely way.
- ✓ Avoid professional disagreement, which may place adults at further risk by obscuring the focus, which may delay decision making.
- ✓ Work in a professional way so that the family and adult are not aware of the professional discussions
- ✓ Liaise with professionals and safeguarding designates in the respective organisations at the earliest opportunity. Clarity is expected from all agencies in respect of designated roles and responsibilities.
- ✓ Ensure that at each stage of the process that there is accurate record made of the agreed actions of each agency.
- ✓ **N/B If at any time if a professional considers an adult is at immediate risk of significant harm then the professional must ensure that their concerns are escalated on the same working day using established safeguarding procedure**

**Familiarise yourself with the revised process:** [Process for the Resolution of Professional Disagreement Relating to Safeguarding Protection of Adults Policy - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)



# Publication of Safeguarding Adult Review

Safeguarding Adults Review – Robert, March 2024

- [SAR Robert Full Report](#)
- [SAR Robert Executive Summary](#)
- [SAR Robert 7 minute briefing](#)



# Local News and Updates

## Reminder SSP Monthly Safeguarding Themes

- Each month, we will be raising awareness about a safeguarding theme linked to our local priorities and where appropriate national campaigns.
- We will highlight information and signpost to local and national resources.
- Further information can be found on the SSP website [Events - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) or use the QR code below.
- If you would like to be involved or to include some information/resources, please contact us via [email](#).

Other themes for 2024 are:

Month	Theme
April	Exploitation – Adults and Children
May	Mental Health Awareness
June	Child Neglect
July	Self-Neglect
August	Think Family
September	Prevent
October	Child Sexual Abuse
November	Safeguarding Week - Children and Adults
December	Domestic Abuse – Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)



# Local News and Updates

## Domestic Abuse Training Audit

- Learning from a number of reviews we have produced a training audit to help us to establish what training has been undertaken within your organisation and to understand the gaps. This will help us to inform the training offer for Swindon.
- Please complete the audit by clicking on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/BzNWqtE0zH> by the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.



# Weekly Attendance Officer Drop-in Sessions – Every Wednesday

## Reminder

- To support the work of Attendance Officers and other colleagues concerned about an attendance issue we have arranged a weekly online drop-in session every Wednesday 11am-12 noon
- We would encourage colleagues to join the meeting if they have specific questions relating to attendance including individual cases or would like to share practice.
- There is no need to book, you can join the meeting at any time during the hour-long session
- If you would like to discuss a case for further advice and guidance please ensure this is discussed anonymously
- **These meetings are held term time only**
- **To join the meeting please follow this link. This is the same link for each meeting:** <https://msteams.link/WDMM>





# National Items of Interest

- Document which explores children's engagements with crypto assets. [Internet-Matters-Decrypting-Crypto-report-July-23.pdf \(internetmatters.org\)](https://internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Internet-Matters-Decrypting-Crypto-report-July-23.pdf)
- A new Guide from the Dept. of Work & Pensions has just been published on what services are available for domestic abuse victims and provides information on:
  - Housing Benefit
  - Jobseekers Allowance
  - Employment & Support Allowance
  - Universal Credit
  - The Benefit Cap
  - Removal of Spare Room Subsidy
  - Migrant Partner Duty
- Access the full guide [Help available from the Department for Work and Pensions for people who are victims of domestic violence and abuse - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-available-from-the-department-for-work-and-pensions-for-people-who-are-victims-of-domestic-violence-and-abuse)

# National Items of Interest

## Tackling Child Exploitation

Research study to explore the impact of the [Practice Principles](#). The Principles were endorsed cross-government and published last year to support multi-agency responses to child exploitation and extra-familial harm.

This study aims to find out **if** and **how** the Principles are being used in practice and whether they are making a difference.

There is a [short survey](#) that takes around 10 minutes to complete. To find out more, view the [survey information sheet](#).

The closing date for the survey is **7<sup>th</sup> May 2024**.



# National Items of Interest

## Institute for Addressing Strangulation

- ✓ Report 1: An analysis of Domestic Homicide Reviews with fatal suffocation and smothering
- ✓ Report 2: An analysis of Domestic Homicide Reviews with a history of non-fatal strangulation
- ✓ Both reports can be found on this link [DHR Reports 2024 - Institute for Addressing Strangulation \(ifas.org.uk\)](https://www.ifas.org.uk/dhr-reports-2024)
- ✓ [Tougher sentences for 'rough sex' killers - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tougher-sentences-for-rough-sex-killers)
- ✓ [Strangulation and Suffocation Offences Police Data Report 2024 - Institute for Addressing Strangulation \(ifas.org.uk\)](https://www.ifas.org.uk/strangulation-suffocation-offences-police-data-report-2024)
- ✓ [Guidelines for clinical management of non-fatal strangulation in acute and emergency care services - Institute for Addressing Strangulation \(ifas.org.uk\)](https://www.ifas.org.uk/guidelines-clinical-management-non-fatal-strangulation)

# National Items of Interest

- Nacoa UK: [1 in 5 Documentary: A film about the forgotten children of alcoholics \(youtube.com\)](#)
- Dr Jessica Taylor has launched [Life Experiences Reflection Tool by Dr Jessica Taylor \(outgrow.us\)](#) to help you understand your mental health, trauma, life experiences, and coping styles.
- Home Office has launched [Money laundering-linked financial exploitation: guidance for frontline professionals \(accessible\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Assessments: learning from case reviews | NSPCC Learning](#)
- [Supporting unaccompanied children who arrive in the UK and are at risk of going missing: Good practice guidance - Missing People](#)
- [Almost half of children and three quarters of parents and carers are worried about safety risks amidst fast-paced technological developments such as genAI. - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [New Instagram Privacy and Safety Checklist - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)



# Sign up for newsletters

Below are some links if you wish to sign up to mailing lists:

- ✓ Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse [Home - CSA Centre](#)
- ✓ NSPCC [CASPAR | NSPCC Learning](#)
- ✓ NSPCC [Case reviews update | NSPCC Learning](#)
- ✓ Social Care Institute for Excellence [Social Care Institute for Excellence \(SCIE\)](#)
- ✓ Child Accident Prevention Trust [Sign up to stay up-to-date | Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](#)
- ✓ Ann craft trust [Sign Up for Safeguarding Updates - Ann Craft Trust](#)
- ✓ Safe Spaces Newsletter [www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk](http://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk)
- ✓ VictimFocus Newsletter [Get the latest from VictimFocus \(confirmsubscription.com\)](#)



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