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| **Swindon Safeguarding Partnership**  **News & Information from the Partnership, Partners and beyond…**  Issue No. 5 13th July 2020 |

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| **Quality Assurance of Early Help Assessments**  See the source image | The Early Help Hub (EHH) are coordinating the quality assurance of Early Help Assessments submitted to the EHH. The audits are completed with agency representatives who attend the SSP Early Help Subgroup. This includes police, health, fire service and education. A report of the audit findings is reported back to the Early Help subgroup. Moving forward the multi-agency audit group will be providing feedback to individuals completing Early Help Assessments and plans. If you require further information or support on the completion of an Early Help Assessment or Team Around the Family then please contact the Early Help Hub on 01793 466479 or email: [EHHub@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:EHHub@swindon.gov.uk). There is also a one-minute guide regarding the [Early Help Hub](https://localoffer.swindon.gov.uk/content/send-local-offer/landing-pages/early-help-landing-and-content-pages/early-help-services/). |
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| **Mental Capacity Law and Policy**  See the source image | Alex Ruck Keene is a barrister who specialises in the field of mental capacity and mental health law. He has produced another webinar which looks at the law, dilemmas and good practice in testing, focusing in particular on those with impaired decision-making capacity. <https://www.mentalcapacitylawandpolicy.org.uk/testing-capacity-and-covid-19-shedinar/> |
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|  | Research in Practice – Practice Guidance - [Deprivation of liberty and 16-17 year olds](https://www.researchinpractice.org.uk/all/publications/2020/march/deprivation-of-liberty-and-16-17-year-olds-practice-guide-2020/). This aims to support health and social care practitioners and managers who work with young people to identify the circumstances in which young people may be ‘deprived of their liberty’, and highlight the importance of taking action to ensure that any deprivation of liberty is authorised. This has been created in response to recent case law that provides guidance as to when 16 and 17 year olds are to be considered to be deprived of their liberty and, in particular, the limits of the decision-making role of people with parental responsibility. |
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| **Virtual Classroom**  **SSP**  [**Book Here**](https://safeguardingpartnership.swindon.gov.uk/info/4/training/11/training/9) | Although we are still not able to deliver any face-to-face training, we are continuing to expand the range of topics for which we have on-line learning available. So please look for the next edition of this [news sheet](https://safeguardingpartnership.swindon.gov.uk/info/2/about_swindon_lscb/9/about_ssp/3) or visit the [eLearning page](https://safeguardingpartnership.swindon.gov.uk/info/4/training/11/training/9) of the SSP website.  **Virtual Training:**  There are still spaces on the following virtual courses:  Right Help @ The Right Time virtual training on 29th July 2020 and 17th August 2020.  MASH/ACP open mornings 7th August 2020 and 3rd September 2020. |
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| **Modern Slavery** | From 24th June 2020 for three weeks Crimestoppers have launched the #SlaveryonYourDoorstep social media campaign. To raise awareness of labour exploitation within different sectors and promote the signs to spot. More information is available [here.](https://crimestoppers-uk.org/campaigns-media/campaigns/modern-slavery-how-you-can-make-a-difference)  The Home Office have released an online modern slavery-training module for all First Responders. This will provide a consistent level of knowledge to effectively identify and refer, where appropriate, potential victims of modern slavery to the National Referral Mechanism.  This is available via the Modern Slavery and Organised Immigration Crime (MSOIC) Unit [website](https://response.smartcdn.co.uk/homeofficeR4/mailresponse.asp?tid=20619&em=17349684&turl=https://policingslavery.co.uk/transforming-our-response/training-delivery/first-responder-training/). |
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| **Because We All Care**  See the source image | Because We All Care is a campaign launched jointly by CQC and Healthwatch, encouraging as many people as possible to feedback their experiences of health and social care in England. The campaign is being launched firmly in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on nearly all health and social care services, resulting in many patients finding it more difficult to access non-COVID related care during this time. Further information can be accessed on the [Healthwatch website](https://www.healthwatch.co.uk/share-your-experiences-becauseweallcare) or the [CQC website](https://www.cqc.org.uk/get-involved/share-your-experience/because-we-all-care). |
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| **Phase One – Child Protection Conferences – Towards a Family Safeguarding Model**  **SSP** | A more collaborative approach is required in CP conferences, which will ensure that the family are at the centre of the meeting, and do not feel ‘done to’.  Families have many different levels of support and resilience and these need to be harnessed and used in a way that enables families and professionals to work to together, to agree what are the risks (harm) that need to be addressed and how and who is going to support the family with this. To support the development of this approach there are two consultation sessions being held for frontline practitioners on 16th and 22nd July 2020. Invites have been sent but if you would like to attend please contact the [safeguardingpartnership@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:safeguardingpartnership@swindon.gov.uk) |
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| **SSP**  **Child Protection Conferences Update** | Thank you for your continued support and commitment to hold conferences during Covid 19 and lockdown requirements.  It is important that they are run in a professional manner that is respectful of all participants, especially parents and their children. It appears there are still some barriers for some partners to this so please make sure the following are completed:   * the timely preparation and submission of reports (as per the agreed [Multi Agency Standards](https://safeguardingpartnership.swindon.gov.uk/downloads/file/423/multi-agency_standards_for_safeguarding_children_2020)); * the sharing of those reports with parents before the conference in a meaningful way and not at the last minute; and, * thorough preparation for the conference. * The start times for conferences is 10.00am & 1.00pm – please ensure you are logged in and ready to start 10 minutes before. * Planning for the recovery: from the conference perspective, it has been agreed that in August, parents, their Social Worker, the CP Chair and note taker where it is safe to do so will be brought into the room. This is for Initial Child Protection Conferences. These will be held in the Civic Offices not Clarence House. Further information will be provided when details are confirmed.   Full guidance for CP Conferences during the Covid-19 pandemic can be accessed via the Partnership website at: [CP Conferences - Covid-19](https://safeguardingpartnership.swindon.gov.uk/info/3/workers_and_volunteers/10/workers_and_volunteers/6) |
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| **Carers Emergency Card Scheme (ECS)**  Swindon Carers Centre in partnership with Swindon Borough Council and NHS Swindon CCG | The Emergency Card Scheme (ECS) is about what would happen to your cared for (Dependant) in the event of an emergency to you. This offer is for any carer over 18 years old and registered with Swindon Carers Centre. If you are already on the scheme you do not need to contact us again unless your current plan has changed.  For more information or to register with Swindon Carers Centre, please call on 01793 531133 or visit our [website](https://www.swindoncarers.org.uk/emergency-card-scheme/). **Please Note:** Due to demand there may be delays for individual plans to be finalised. |
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| See the source image | If you have any information that can be included within the fortnightly SSP newsletter please send the information to the [safeguardingpartnership@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:safeguardingpartnership@swindon.gov.uk) |
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