

# Swindon Safeguarding Partnership

## News

### Information from the Partnership, Partners and beyond...



## Minute Briefing



The SSP Business Support Unit have produced a number of 7-minute briefings covering a range of safeguarding topics. Based on research which suggests that seven minutes is an ideal time span in which to concentrate and learn, these short briefings are ideal for team meetings where they can support individual and service development

[SSP 7-Minute Briefings](#)

There is now a specific post that will look to engage with parents where substance misuse is a factor and where they are receiving community treatment. Information on what the Swindon and Wiltshire Turning Point Hub offers can be found at <http://wellbeing.turning-point.co.uk/swindon-and-wiltshire/hubs/swindon/>

The NSPCC in Swindon have just started to deliver a new service – Seeking Solutions.

It is a solution-focussed service that offers children and young people help and support to deal with problems that are affecting their life, happiness and wellbeing. The service is led by the young person working alongside their support network to improve their confidence, skills and strengths so that they are better prepared to cope with future problems. More on this project at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/childrens-services/>



### Swindon Abuse Support Services (SASS)

During the Covid-19 pandemic and until the end of July 2020, SASS 24Hour helpline will take 'out of hours' calls for the whole of Wiltshire.

If you work with clients from the Wiltshire area you can signpost them to 01793 610610 between 5pm and 9am and at weekends. During office hours, you should continue to signpost victims to Splitz Support Service in the usual way. SASS will take calls, deal with the immediate crisis and then refer on to Splitz for ongoing support. Please get in touch if you require further information

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## Swindon Safeguarding Adults New online referral form

There is a new online referral form for Adult Safeguarding:

[Report a concern about an adult experiencing or at risk of harm](#)

The form is designed to –

- Improve the collection and quality of the information about adults at risk of, or experiencing harm.
- Help us to personalise Safeguarding and make informed decisions
- Improve the timescales for completing enquiries and making decisions about supporting vulnerable adults.

## SSP Training Update

Although we are still not able to put on any face to face training we are expanding the range of topics for which we have on-line learning available through our website. [SSP - Online Learning](#)

Child Protection Awareness	Disability Matters	Attachment in the early years
Child Sexual Exploitation	Self Harm & Risky Behaviour	Dementia Awareness
Applying Social Work skills in practice	Exploring Learning disability: supporting belonging	Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
Fire Safety in the Home for Home Carers and Housing Providers	Forced Marriage	Making Sense of Mental Health Problems
	Young People's Well-being	
Suicide Prevention	Modern slavery	Introduction to Personalisation
Parents as Partners	Prevent awareness	Channel Awareness
Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults	Safeguarding Adults: Level 3 Training	Safeguarding Child Victims of Trafficking
Children & Young People's Participation	Supporting Victims of Domestic Abuse	Teaching Students who have suffered complex trauma
Understanding Animal Welfare in Violent Homes	Understanding Depression and Low Mood in Young People	Understanding Mental Capacity



Fearless is a service that allows people to pass on information about crime 100% anonymously. See more at <https://www.fearless.org/>

There are to be a series of free workshops for youth professionals on County Lines and Exploitation – please sign up and help to spread the word!

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Swindon [eventbrite - Swindon workshop](#)

November 4<sup>th</sup> – Trowbridge/Chippenham [eventbrite - TrowbridgeChippenham workshop](#)

November 5<sup>th</sup> – Salisbury [eventbrite - Salisbury workshop](#)

## Covid-19 news

As we start to think about what safeguarding will look like as we emerge from a period of lockdown this article about social care raises some questions about we can learn from our experiences to adapt and improve services in the 'new normal'.

The full article can be read at: [SCIE - Social care recovery & reform beyond COVID-19](#)

- How do we capture and galvanise the undoubted social solidarity, which has risen up in many communities? Could it be possible for us to maintain a permanent army of volunteers to support people?
- How do we create a new contract between the citizen and the state which binds people to a relationship of mutual rights and responsibilities?
- How do we create a sector that has put in place better universal systems for protecting it against future outbreaks, such as better information sharing and access to equipment, whilst maintaining the uniqueness and independence of small providers?
- How in the emerging world of Teams and Zoom, where so much more is now done online, do we finally harness the true potential of technology to aid better, more person-centred care?
- What is the role of the care home in the future? Do they need to be smaller, or have a different staffing structure? Or do we need to re-think how we build homes in the future which are better equipped to support people to live much longer at home?
- What should the workforce of the future look like? It will need to be better paid, and more widely respected. But what will it need to do differently?