

Safeguarding Newsletter



NHS England and NHS Improvement - South West

Welcome to the July edition of the NHS England and NHS Improvement South West Safeguarding newsletter!

IMPORTANT NEWS: Many of you will already be aware from national news and other routes however please note that the Implementation of Liberty Protection Safeguards has been delayed until April 2022. Please follow this [link](#) to read more.

Please note some of the links below are on the Future NHS Collaboration Platform, please follow the link to access and to register.

Children and Young People Safeguarding Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

Colleagues from the NHSE/I National FGM Group have created this [newsletter](#) which provides some useful updates on prevalence, law, culture and society, religion and arts.

The following publication is based on a piece of research which included our region, Bristol, and was undertaken by Dr Saadye Ali who is also a registered nurse. The study examined how young people living in FGM affected communities in the United Kingdom interpreted and explained FGM. There are some useful learning points within this [document](#) which remind us of the importance of working 'with' communities on this issue rather than 'on' or 'to' them. This paper has been discussed at the National NHSE/I FGM group.

Deprivation of liberty and 16-17 year olds

Co-written by [Research in Practice](#) and 39 Essex Chambers, this really helpful practice [guidance](#) aims to help professionals identify when a deprivation of liberty may be occurring in the context of a 16 or 17-year-old, in particular in light of the Supreme Court decision in [Re D](#) in 2019, and to provide key pointers as to what should happen at that stage.

National policy/guidance from Association of Directors of Children's Service

The Association of Directors of Children's Services have published a [paper](#) on building a community that works for all children post

COVID-19 which may be of interest.



Additionally, please see ADCS [information](#) for their national Families Policy Committee and recently published papers and finally their Safeguarding Pressures Research can be found [here](#)

Contextual Safeguarding

Prevent

Thank you to you all for your Q1 Prevent data submissions into NHS Digital on time this is much appreciated given the competing priorities we all currently face with Covid-19. The first Regional Prevent Health Leads Group will take place in early September and we look forward to engaging in some detailed conversation about this topic with you, we will also be discussing training data at this meeting and before then we will share some data analysis with the members of that group.



Please follow this link to see a revised version of an exemplar [Prevent policy](#) which one of our colleagues in another region has produced and we thought would be worth a share.

The Home Office Prevent Training Team has been working with a supplier on the delivery of a new Prevent Training e-Learning platform. They recently passed the alpha phase assessment and are now on the final build stage of the project. The updated platform will be launched in the autumn with a new landing page to access the modules.

The Home Office are seeking volunteers to test the awareness package. are also keen to recruit a number of volunteers to test the revised referrals package. To register your interest, or are able to identify colleagues that would like to participate, please contact the training team at prevent.training@homeoffice.gov.uk

We also want to make you aware that the Channel training module will be unavailable from 21st September 2020 for a period of around six weeks until the new module is live. Therefore, we would encourage any staff needing to undertake [Channel training](#) to complete this before 21st September 2020.

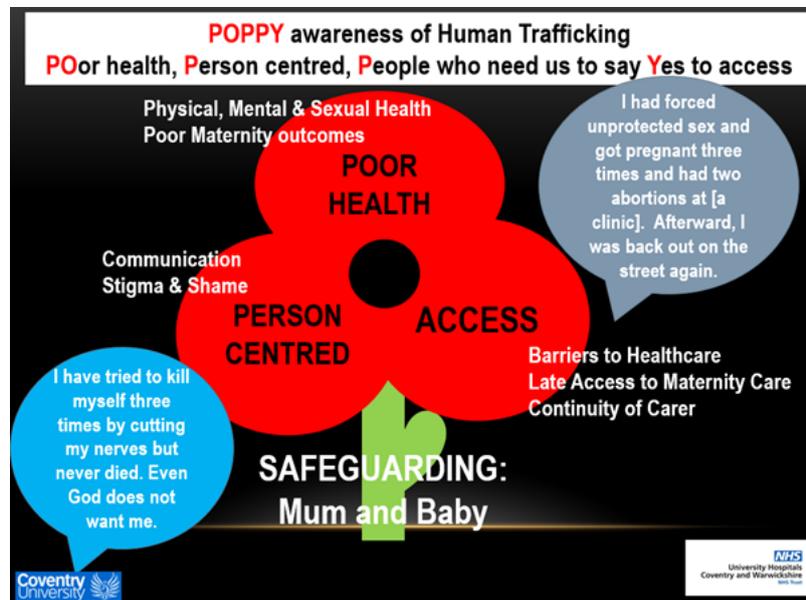
Many of you will be aware that there is a new Bill being discussed in Parliament, please follow this [Link](#) for more information.

The Dept of Health & Social Care are looking to create a series of “Prevent positive blogs” from across the healthcare system to share different experiences and perspectives of Prevent as well as raise awareness, and in turn hopefully have a positive impact on referral numbers.

If this is something that you would be happy to do then please let us know, likewise if you have any other relevant contacts who would be able to author a blog, we can ask DH&SC to reach out to them

also. We'd potentially be looking to publish blogs on NHS Futures and in our SW Safeguarding newsletter and would work with Home Office to promote it through their Prevent networks as well.

Modern Slavery



A systematic review was undertaken by colleagues from University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust and Coventry University to evaluate all eligible national and international qualitative evidence to determine the impact of human trafficking with sexual violence on the health and wellbeing of women and their babies. This [resource](#) is a product of the research looking at the experience of vulnerable women accessing antenatal care.

Mental Capacity Act case law

The Vice President's judgment- reported as **London Borough of Tower Hamlets v PB [2020] EWCOP 34** - emphasises the importance of not setting too high a test for capacity in issues such as residence and care. The judge held that:

1. the fact PB seriously overestimated his ability to keep his alcohol use under control was not enough to establish a lack of capacity;
2. not every addict in some degree of denial can be regarded as incapacitous; and
3. the requirement to be able to understand the "reasonably foreseeable consequences" of a particular decision does not mean that the relevant person must accept the professions' view that they will not be able to control their drinking.

The full judgment can be found [here](#)

Serious Violence and Violence Reduction Units

Addressing the "shadow pandemic" through a public health approach to violence prevention' is an

article which has recently been published in Journal of Community Safety and Wellbeing. You can access the article [here](#). It derives from some work undertaken in Wales by the Multi agency Wales Violence Prevention Unit.

As an overview, the article highlights early trends in monitoring data on the impact of COVID-19 restrictions on violence, including likely increases in domestic and sexual violence and abuse, concerns over the safety of children and young people, both online and in the home, and increased reporting of elder abuse.

The article supports the notion of a shadow pandemic, emphasizing the lack of data that routinely measures violence in the home and online that disproportionately affects women, children, and older people, as well as vulnerable and minority populations. This renders these forms of violence much less “visible” to policy-makers in comparison with violence in public spaces, but they are of no less public health significance.

July 2020 the first edition of the Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme is published. Spotlight on exploitation, county lines, threats and weapons: Learning from two serious case reviews. While this is a police brief, the linked reports have lessons for other agencies within local systems too. [Read more](#)

Local System Shout Out



Guidance on Prevent training strategy; The Five Tiers of Prevent training

A HUGE well done to Devon CCG colleagues for working collaboratively with their key partners and Prevent partnerships to develop and agree a Prevent training strategy to equip people to work effectively to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people and adults in relation to Prevent. Please follow this [link](#) to view their training strategy with very helpful appendices which reference training competencies for the workforce.

And finally...

Next month's newsletter will be circulated on Friday 28th August 2020.

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