

Safeguarding Newsletter



NHS England and NHS Improvement - South West

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

As the end of the year is almost upon us, we hope you manage to have some time off to relax, reflect and recharge your batteries over the festive period, after what has been a very challenging year.

Children and Young People Safeguarding

Teenage pregnancy

Public Health England provided a short presentation to the Looked After Children Clinical Reference Group this month with some useful thinking surrounding pregnancy, sexual health and vulnerable groups. They outlined some research relating to these areas which we would urge you to read, consider and explore further in your local system. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

A new CPD accredited e-learning course: Making sense of SEND has been produced, looking at the SEND Code of Practice 2015 and the way it influences the way support is provided for children with special educational needs and disability.



This has been produced by SCIE, and the London boroughs of Enfield, Lambeth and Southwark and is aimed at health and social care professionals who want to explore how they can better support children with SEND. Further details, along with registration can be found [here](#).

Contextual Safeguarding

PREVENT - ACT EARLY Campaign

Many of you will be aware that Counter Terrorism Policing launched a campaign this month, on 18th November 2020, aimed at families and friends who are worried their loved ones are at risk of radicalisation and are being encouraged to 'act early' and share their concerns with the police in confidence. Alongside this, a public facing safeguarding website www.actearly.uk has been launched, tailored specifically to directly support families and friends giving them confidence to seek help.



The website features signs to spot, case studies, other partner organisations who can offer support

and how to share concerns with the police. It is supported by a new national police advice line where families and friends can seek help in confidence from specialist Counter Terrorism officers. It is more important than ever in the current pandemic climate to promote this campaign and website. The decline in Prevent referrals during the first lockdown means that we need to ensure families and friends have the confidence to seek help with concern about loved ones who they worry could be vulnerable to radicalisation and research shows that very often the first place someone with concerns will go to for help will be to look online for support.

If you would like to find out more, please email nctphq.comms@met.police.uk

One of the key benefits of the campaign is that it has an accompanying toolkit with a range of ACT Early assets and supporting material that can be adapted by partner organisations to support Prevent community engagement activity <https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/actearlypartners>.

Channel Duty guidance

Refreshed Channel Duty guidance can be read [here](#), along with a copy of the [letter](#) sent by the Home Office.



'16 Days of Action' in the South West

Wednesday 25 November marks the start of '16 Days of Action - a national campaign that aims to raise the awareness of domestic abuse and related issues.

25 November is also White Ribbon Day, where men are encouraged to [wear a white ribbon](#), and [pledge](#) never to commit, excuse or remain silent about male violence against women.

The campaign runs until the International Day of Human Rights on 10 December.

This timeframe creates an opportunity for us all to be more aware of the fact that we may have colleagues, friends, relatives or neighbours who are experiencing domestic abuse because it can affect anyone regardless of gender or sexuality.

Please visit the campaign toolkit [here](#) to find out more about this joint PHE/NHSEI 16 days of action campaign #NHS16days.

IRISi

IRISi is a domestic violence and abuse (DVA) training, support and referral programme for general practices that has been evaluated in a randomised controlled trial. A national review of IRIS programmes across England, Wales and Northern Ireland and early findings from the Covid-19 pandemic has taken place and can be found by visiting this [link](#).

Modern Slavery

To help inform the work that non-law enforcement agencies are doing in response to Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, a Modern Slavery Organised Immigration Crime Unit Multi-Agency Investigations Overview has been produced. This [report](#) is based on data submitted on live investigations, covering the period between 3rd October 2020 and 2nd November 2020.



Salvation Army's referral helpline

The Salvation Army has asked for partners to use the new 0800 referral number and for the following wording on any information shared:

If you suspect that you or someone you have come across may be an adult victim of modern slavery and in need of help, please contact The Salvation Army's confidential and anonymous referral helpline on 0800 808 3733 – available 365 days a year, 24/7 with interpretation services where needed.

Additional Information

Family Justice

Nuffield Family Justice Observatory formed in October 2019 and aims to improve the lives of children and families by putting data and evidence at the heart of the family justice system. Please follow this [link](#) to their website where you will see a host of resources/articles about consultations and research - some focussed on the impact of Covid-19.

Access to healthcare

Latest [RCPCH guidance](#) on rights to access healthcare has been written, to provide healthcare professionals with the knowledge and tools to advocate for migrant children and their families. It provides tools for clinicians to recognise those most vulnerable and provides advice on how to best advocate and support. RCPCH guidance is supplementary and clinicians should use this in conjunction with their local Trust policy.

Local System Shout Out



This month's great **BIG Shout Out** is given to our colleagues in the Dorset system who are working with the Director of Safewise, Rob Hattersley, to develop a module around children, young people, exploitation and violence within a virtual village.

Through the use of an app, children will be able to access a virtual village where they will be given a hypothetical scenario with three options and depending on the choice they take, they will be able to

see the consequence of their action and decision. The purpose of this is for children to be able to safely explore challenging risk behaviour. Topics for modules can be used for anything so could be for minor injuries through to serious crimes.

The app will be cascaded to schools across the SW region and also be included within health education. For more information please visit [Safewise](#).

And finally...

The next issue will be circulated on Friday 29th January 2021.

From all of us here in the SW Safeguarding regional team, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to working with you all in 2021!