

Dear colleagues,

We know everyone is working flat out, however with increased financial worries and increased enforced proximity there is likely to be an increase in abuse and neglect, so practical safeguarding remains a priority. The aim of this newsletter is to give useful information in one place. Please share within your practice.

As some of you know I am planning to retire completely in the summer, so think about whether you would be interested in a formal BaNES locality based Adult Safeguarding role, which will be 2 sessions a week going forward. I would be very happy to have an informal chat about this.

Keep up the excellent work, and keep safe.

The contact numbers and referral pathways remain the same from 1st April.

We will not be asking for q4 and q1 PQAF returns.

- We are sorry that neither the business case for clinician support nor a proposed LES have secured funding, however we are seeking other ways to increase resources and support for primary care safeguarding (adults and children) in the BaNES area.
- You can email me (louise.leach1@nhs.net) for adult safeguarding advice which might normally go to the practice safeguarding lead and I will also be happy to do any reports on your behalf if you are able to email me the records though I currently do not have access to any clinical systems.
- RCGP has produced some excellent Safeguarding guidance- attached- which I can't find on their website, so please share the PDF.
- BMA ethics guidance is useful - people may be struggling with the concept of "indirect discrimination", and this debunks some of that.
<https://beta.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/covid-19/ethics/covid-19-faqs-about-ethics>
- GMC guidance may also be useful especially around prioritising access to treatment
<https://www.gmc-uk.org/news/news-archive/coronavirus-information-and-advice/our-guidance-for-doctors>.
<https://www.gmc-uk.org/-/media/documents/treatment-and-care-towards-the-end-of-life> this is going to be increasingly relevant

- In future we will only send out highlights from the NHSE Safeguarding SW newsletter (via primary care news when it returns), as we no longer have to share the whole newsletter. There will be a link on the website.
The most recent ones highlight **training resources** and a domestic abuse app for professionals and those experiencing abuse.

- Useful information

https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/C0031_Specialty-guide_LD-and-coronavirus-v1_-24-March.pdf

<https://www.nhsx.nhs.uk/key-information-and-tools/information-governance-guidance/health-care-professionals>

- The 20-21 Adult safeguarding training requirements, and resources for training are on the CCG website, if anyone is self-isolating, and wants to use them, or perhaps if eg your HCAs are underutilised, they could be doing online training.

<https://www.bathandnortheastsomersetccg.nhs.uk/assets/uploads/2018/02/Primary-care-training-requirements-20-21.pdf>

<https://www.bathandnortheastsomersetccg.nhs.uk/assets/uploads/2018/02/Training-resources-March-20.pdf>

Was Not Brought training video: <http://bit.ly/2vhT7DV>

<https://www.nhsemployers.org/news/2020/03/covid-19-elearning>

<https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/mental-capacity-act/>

<https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/training/friends-elearning>

- Finally, you may find some of these useful for your websites.

<http://iconcope.org/> (crying babies)

<https://ihv.org.uk/families/parenting-through-coronavirus-covid-19/>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/875126/Easy_read_guidance_on_shielding_March_2020.pdf

Domestic Abuse support during COVID-19

Be aware that families often don't recognise intergenerational abuse affecting older people as domestic abuse.

App: <https://www.hestia.org/brightsky>

<http://safelives.org.uk/news-views/domestic-abuse-and-covid-19>

Safelives have produced some guidance and advice during this emergency

It offers some on-line support

Helps victims understand how they can seek help and have their voice heard

The section for professionals is small but highlights the need to share information, engage with the MARACs

It highlights Guidance for MARAC's during COVID-19 which suggest Domestic Abuse may escalate during this period of enforced isolation, so please be vigilant to known victims or those who are wanting to disclose.

At this time remember your IRIS training.