

# Safeguarding Newsletter



NHS England and NHS Improvement - South West

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



## #covid safeguarding fortnight

Thank you for your contributions and support offered during the #covid safeguarding fortnight which took place between Friday 12th June-Thursday 25th June 2020. We hope that many of you were able to take the time to attend one or several of the live webinars hosted by the NHSE/I National Safeguarding team during this time. For those of you who were not able to attend you can access all of the sessions on [FuturesNHS by following this link](#).

## Children and Young People Safeguarding

### Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health



Guidance released on 19th June 2020 by this college in relation to [best practice for management of intimate images which may become evidence in court](#). Please share this with relevant personnel in your systems.

## Contextual Safeguarding

### Prevent

Thank you for submitting your Prevent Training Q4 data by the extended deadline of 31st May 2020 - we were the first and only region to reach the 100% compliance on submission of data by the deadline. The team are currently analysing the Q4 data and will be sharing the headlines including risks and next steps with the NHSE/I SW Safeguarding Steering Group on 8th July 2020.

As a reminder Q1 (2020-2021) Prevent training data submission window opens on Wednesday 1st



July 2020 and closes on Tuesday 7th July 2020.

Launch of the report 'False Positive: the Prevent counter-extremism policy in healthcare'. There is an event taking place on Thursday 2nd July from 6.30-8pm regarding this paper with a Panel of experts including;

- Dr Hilary Aked, author of the report and Medact's Research Manager
- Rosalind Comyn, Liberty
- Dr Mayura Deshpande, Royal College of Psychiatrists
- Dr Tarek Younis, Middlesex University

[Register for the event here](#). Places are limited and filling up fast so register soon to guarantee your spot.

The Prevent duty is a strand of the Government's counter-extremism strategy that creates a legal duty on public service providers - including the NHS and its staff - to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". This report brings together new research into the impacts of the Prevent duty in the NHS.

If you are unable to attend the launch but are interested in this work, please email [reemabuhayyeh@medact.org](mailto:reemabuhayyeh@medact.org)



## Modern Slavery

Tuesday 22nd June 2020 marked the first day of Op Aidant - a national campaign led by the National Crime Agency and Gangmasters Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA).

This campaign will last until the end of July and will involve some proactive intelligence gathering by law enforcement agencies about modern slavery. The focus of this year's campaign is labour exploitation and the following [link will take you to a webpage full of worker's rights leaflets](#) in 19 different languages, these have been created by the GLAA and refreshed for this campaign.

Please also share these two rapid read resources created by colleagues in the Home Office about Modern Slavery.

- [MODERN SLAVERY AND COVID-19: What to look out for and how to get help](#)
- [MODERN SLAVERY AND COVID-19: What to do if you are a First Responder](#)

## Making Safeguarding everybody's business.....

**Recognising signs of abuse or neglect: guidance for those working in the community**

The current lockdown restrictions mean that vulnerable children and adults may be particularly isolated. This means that the family, community and professional networks they usually rely on may be unavailable or hard to access.

The Home Office, in collaboration with a number of other Government departments, has produced information and guidance for those working in the community who may not be trained to recognise the signs of abuse or neglect. The guidance covers signs to spot and what to do if there is a concern.

The guidance can be found on the [Home Office Brandworkz portal](#), and includes print and online versions of the guidance, as well as a poster which can be downloaded and printed for display in staff rooms.

Please help us share these resources across the region.

## Adult Safeguarding

### **Cross Government Guidance on Admission and care of residents in a care home during COVID-19**

Please see the [latest version of this guidance with a summary of changes](#) - published on 19th June 2020.

### **British Medical Association**

BMA have produced a [leaflet for patients which is about 'Thinking about care if you are seriously ill'](#). This leaflet helps with advanced care planning.

### **Local Government Association and Association of Directors of Adults Social Services**

LGA and ADASS [published a FAQ document](#) on 22nd May 2020 providing advice and guidance on a number of adult safeguarding issues grouped under three headings; overarching issues; issues for Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs); and safeguarding issues regarding specific areas of abuse or neglect. It is aimed at a wide range of people involved in safeguarding adults including local government officers and members as well as partners of SABs.

## Local System Shout Out

### **Safeguarding guidance on Non Face to Face Health Assessment or Review (NFFHAR)**

A HUGE thank you to BSW CCG colleagues who have produced [this excellent document](#) which provides guidance to ensure safeguarding is considered when conducting non face to



face health assessments or reviews.

This guidance was requested by providers operating within the BSW locality due to the lack of any other guidance. The guidance is aimed at all health professionals to be used alongside professional body advice and the usual guidance and policies related to safeguarding. The guidance will be reviewed in 6 months following any feedback from health professionals using it. Many of you will have seen this on FuturesNHS- however we wanted to recognise and share this across the region too.

## And finally...

Next month's newsletter will be circulated on Friday 31st July 2020.

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