

The Weekly Update

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Each week – or as appropriate – the Partnership Team will share a roundup of all key messages, documents and links that have been sent to us for circulation. If you have anything that you would like to be included in the weekly updates, please send the information to partnerships@telford.gov.uk

[Working for babies: Lockdown lessons from local systems](#) by Parent-Infant Foundation

This report summarises the impact on babies of COVID-19 and the spring 2020 national lockdown. The report explores how local systems responded to the challenges presented by COVID-19, and seeks to understand the factors which have shaped the response by services which support babies and their families.

Free access to [Journal of Adult Protection's special issue: Violence, abuse, neglect and adult safeguarding in the time of COVID-19](#)

Practitioners will have access for three months to articles relating to adult safeguarding and COVID-19, from 11 January 2021 to 11 April 2021. Articles include:

- The COVID-19 pandemic and the struggle to tackle gender-based violence;
- Safeguarding adults and COVID-19: a sector led improvement response; and
- Safeguarding adults and remote working in the COVID-19 era: challenges and opportunities.

[SEND, safeguarding and preparing for adulthood free event](#) by Preparing for Adulthood

This free online event is brought by Preparing for Adulthood, working with partners from the NWG Exploitation Response Group, Sandwell Council, The Ann Craft Trust and the University of Nottingham, aimed at professionals across education, health and care – both children's and adults services – parents, carers and anyone who is supporting young people into adulthood. This event will explore links between safeguarding and exploitation with children and young people who have SEND and/or learning disabilities.

[NHS Safeguarding app](#)

This free resource is for healthcare workers, carers and citizens to increase their awareness and understanding of safeguarding.

[Safeguarding Adults Forum 2021-2022](#)

The forum will continue for 2021-2022, and will take place virtually via Zoom. Positive feedback has been received for previous sessions, and it is working well from an accessibility perspective too. Anyone is welcome to suggest topics for the forum to discuss, so please send these to dwarman@spic.co.uk

Look out for...

Updated Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) paperwork being circulated soon!

Restraint Reduction Network consultation

The Restraint Reduction Network has been commissioned by CQC, to help inspectors identify services where there is a closed culture and a high risk of abusive/restrictive practices. Further information on CQC's work on closed cultures can be found [here](#).

This [consultation](#) is aimed at people who have past lived experience of such service cultures, and their families will need to feed in to the CQC new inspection strategy. Please share this amongst your networks, as the consultation closes on 14 February 2021.

Child Safeguarding Practice Review webinar

The Department for Education ran a recent webinar, looking at the thematic analysis of Rapid Reviews during COVID-19. Along with the video, there is also a copy of the slides available [here](#).

Early Help Assessment training

Further dates have been booked for the Early Help Assessment training in February and March 2021, so book a place now to avoid disappointment. This training will be taking place online via Zoom, so please ensure that you have access to this.

Ask for ANI

Ask for ANI (Action Needed Immediately) is a code word scheme developed by the Home Office to provide a discreet way for victims of domestic abuse to signal that they need emergency help from the safety of their local pharmacy.

Hearing Hidden Voices: Domestic abuse in older women webinar

Taking place on 17 February 2021 from 10:45am, this free webinar will highlight issues faced by older women who are victims of domestic abuse, giving this hidden population a voice. The aim of the event is to help inform practitioners, and general members of the public key concerns in relation to older women and domestic abuse, and the barriers they face in accessing help.

Adult Safeguarding and Homelessness: a briefing on positive practice

This briefing aims to support and improve practice and encourage policy development conversations between commissioners, practitioners, operational managers and Safeguarding Adults Boards (SAB), who support people that are homeless and at risk of or are experiencing abuse and neglect.

Local Government Association webinars

- [Delivering under pressure: supporting the wellbeing of frontline staff](#) 11 February 2021
- [Legal literacy: safeguarding people experiencing homelessness](#) 15 February 2021
- [Tackling specific issues: safeguarding people experiencing homelessness](#) 1 March 2021
- [Making Every Adult Matter and Every Contact Count: safeguarding people experiencing homelessness](#) 8 March 2021
- [Childhood obesity trailblazer assembly: Part 1](#) 8 March 2021
- [Childhood obesity trailblazer assembly: Part 2](#) 9 March 2021
- [Masterclass 4: Culture change and partnerships](#) 10 March 2021
- [Masterclass 5: Digital, data and future trends](#) 24 March 2021