



January 2024

Free TWSP multi-agency training

TWSP face-to-face training – either virtually or in-person – is available to all TWSP partner agencies. If you already have an Ollie account, please log in to Ollie and book your place, unless otherwise instructed. If you do not have an existing Ollie account, please email partnerships@telford.gov.uk and they will be able to assist.

If you have any problems using your Ollie account, please email ollie@telford.gov.uk

TWSP training is free for all professionals and practitioners but please ensure that when you complete your Ollie account form that you complete the billing details section. This is needed in the event of non-attendance or late cancellation, or where a course is chargeable. You will be notified if there is a charge for the course for non-attendance.

- [Brook Traffic Light Tool](#) - Thursday 22 February 2024 from 9:30am -1pm face to face
- All about Lasting Power of Attorney - Friday 23 February 2024 from 12pm-1pm via Teams. Please email [Partnerships](#) to book your place.
- [St Giles SOS+: understanding all aspects of gang involvement, exploitation and violence course](#) - Monday 26 February 2024 from 10am - 11:30pm via teams.
- [Brook Traffic Light Tool](#) - Monday 4 March 2024 from 9:30am -1pm face to face
- [TWSP Raising Awareness of Private Fostering](#) - Monday 11 March 2024 from 2pm-3pm via Teams.
- [St Giles SOS+: understanding all aspects of gang involvement, exploitation and violence course](#) - Monday 11 March 2024 from 10am - 11:30am via teams.
- [Brook Traffic Light Tool](#) - Tuesday 19 March 2024 from 5:30pm -9pm face to face
- [TWSP - Raising Awareness of Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements](#) - Tuesday 19th March 2024 from 9:30am-12:30pm face to face
- [Managing Allegations \(LADO\)](#) - Monday 15th April 2024 from 10am- 12:30pm face to face
- [TWSP Raising Awareness of Exploitation and Vulnerability](#) - Friday 19 April 2024 from 9:00am - 11:00am
- [St Giles SOS+: understanding all aspects of gang involvement, exploitation and violence course](#) - Friday 29 April 2024 from 4pm - 5:30pm via teams.
- [TWSP Raising Awareness of Private Fostering](#) - Friday 24 May 2024 from 10am-11am via Teams.
- [TWSP - Raising Awareness of Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements](#) - Tuesday 11th June 2024 from 9:30am-12:30pm face to face

- [St Giles SOS+: understanding all aspects of gang involvement, exploitation and violence course](#) - Wednesday 23 June 2024 from 10am - 11:30am via teams.
 - [Managing Allegations \(LADO\)](#) - Monday 8th July 2024 from 10am- 12:30pm face to face
 - [TWSP Raising Awareness of Private Fostering](#) - Thursday 18 July 2024 from 10am-11am via Teams.
 - [TWSP Raising Awareness of Exploitation and Vulnerability](#) - Tuesday 10 September 2024 from 1pm - 3pm
 - [TWSP - Raising Awareness of Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements](#) - Tuesday 17th September 2024 from 9:30am-12:30pm face to face
 - [TWSP Raising Awareness of Private Fostering](#) - Wednesday 25 September 2024 from 2pm-3pm via Teams.
 - [Managing Allegations \(LADO\)](#) - Monday 14th October 2024 from 10am- 12:30pm face to face
 - [TWSP Raising Awareness of Exploitation and Vulnerability](#) - Thursday 5 December 2024 from 9:30am - 11:30pm
 - [TWSP Raising Awareness of Private Fostering](#) - Friday 8 December 2024 from 11am-12pm via Teams.
 - [TWSP - Raising Awareness of Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements](#) - Tuesday 10th December 2024 from 9:30am-12:30pm face to face
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Other Training Opportunities

TWSP Refreshed Resolution and Escalation Policy

The TWSP have updated the Resolution and Escalation policy. Please find the new policy [here](#).

Learning from Statutory Reviews

NSPCC Parental Substance Misuse - Case Reviews

NSPCC have published their learning from [parental substance misuse related local case reviews](#). Please could you cascade to local commissioners/ children's services/ other relevant professionals?

The report highlighted several failings including lack of understanding of substance misuse and its effect on caring responsibilities, workers not always asking whether drug and alcohol users have children, and lack of information sharing between children's social care and specialist alcohol and drugs services. Examples of findings are below.

Substance use problems were sometimes seen as historical, rather than a current issue. Professionals didn't always consider how becoming a parent or carer for a new child could increase stress and trigger further substance use.

- *Problem substance use, in particular use of cannabis or alcohol, had become normalised in some local areas. This meant practitioners didn't always fully consider their impact on parenting.*
- *Levels of problem substance use sometimes fluctuated over time or were triggered by specific events. Professionals didn't always respond to changing circumstances or identify triggers for increased use.*
- *Professionals working with adults with substance use problems weren't always aware, and didn't check, whether they had children.*

- *Sometimes professionals with important insight into parental substance use weren't included in risk assessments, including pre-birth assessments.*
- *Non- or dis-engagement with drug and alcohol services wasn't always flagged to other services. This meant professionals assumed parents/carers were receiving help from drug and alcohol services when they weren't.*
- *Specialist services weren't always available to fill in knowledge gaps. For example, drug and alcohol professionals weren't always available to provide partner agencies with clarity on the meaning of drug test results.*

Several key recommendations are included in the report, which we could encourage local areas to read and consider.

The TWSP have created a 1 page **7 minute briefing on substance use in pregnancy**. Please see the briefing note [here](#).

7 Minute Briefing - Professional Curiosity

The TWSP have created a 7 minute briefing around professional curiosity. Please see the briefing note [here](#).

Home Office Adult Safeguarding Update

The adult safeguarding activity has been undertaken by the Home Office across 2023 in relation to migration, borders, and citizenship. The Home Office adult safeguarding adult update can be found [here](#). Please contact [Mark Walsh](#) if you would like to learn more about the information included in this update.

Other News

Goodbye and Good Luck to Andrew Mason

After more than 12 years' service, Andrew Mason, the current Chair of both the Adults and Childrens Safeguarding Board's will be stepping away from this role. He will be sorely missed. The Safeguarding Partnership have recruited to the vacant posts and the new Chairs have already started taking up the reins, with a period of handover between Andrew and the new Chairs up until March. Andrew's last day will be 15th March 2024 where he will be attending his last Safeguarding Adults Board. At the end of the meeting a short presentation will take place in the Council Chamber in SW1 starting at 3.30pm, followed by drinks in Southwater where it is hoped you will be able to join him.

We are sure you will want to join with us in saying goodbye and wishing Andrew well by adding a message to his leaving card/collection which will close on 1st March - <https://giftround.co.uk/page/65a510649d25b>

Welcome to the new Independent Chair for the Safeguarding Adults Board of the Telford and Wrekin Safeguarding Partnership - Sue Howard



I have worked in adult social care (ASC) for most of my career, firstly, many years ago, as a night carer in a residential care home for older people. I went on to support adults living with learning and/or physical disabilities before moving into care management. I was registered manager of a care home and domiciliary services before moving into regulation and becoming an ASC inspector in 2002. I progressed through various management roles and ended my full-time career in the Care Quality Commission in 2022, in a senior executive role, as Deputy Chief Inspector for ASC regulation.

Since retiring I have been actively involved in working with a local Women's Aid charity, first as a helpline volunteer before also being invited to apply for a position on the organisation's Board. I am passionate about person-centred, safe care for everyone, and I am not afraid to positively challenge to achieve the desired outcomes and promote equal opportunities. I welcome every opportunity to contribute to creating a safe world for people to live in. I am really looking forward to working in the role of Independent Chair for the Safeguarding Adults Board of the Telford and Wrekin Safeguarding Partnership.

Welcome to the new Independent Chair for the Safeguarding Children Board of the Telford and Wrekin Safeguarding Partnership - John Clements



I am looking forward to working as the Independent Chair of the Telford and Wrekin Safeguarding Children Partnership, and doing what I can to support the children and young people in our area. I intend to build on the great work already undertaken and bring a slightly different style of working as your chair. I enjoy interacting with people. I want to get to know, and work with as many people as possible. I am excited by what I have seen and experienced already in Telford and Wrekin. There are many pressures on all of us, but I have felt loads of energy and ambition.

I am privileged to have been working in child safeguarding for a little while. I have been the Independent Chair for child safeguarding in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly since 2014 and the Independent Scrutineer for child safeguarding Plymouth since June 2022. I have worked with amazing people in both locations and have learned continually. I have worked also with the Home Office in respect of Immigration and Modern Slavery so have a range of experiences and knowledge.

Hopefully, I will get to meet you in the coming weeks and months. Please feel free to contact me on john.clements@telford.gov.uk



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