

THE



# SAFEGUARD

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NHS SOMERSET SAFEGUARDING E-NEWSLETTER

## Safeguarding is everyone's business

**Contact the ICB Safeguarding and Children Looked After Teams:**

**Telephone:** 01935 381999  
(please leave an answerphone message, if no response)  
**Or, e-mail:**  
[somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net](mailto:somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net)

**To report a child or adult at risk, including during weekends and public holidays, please phone Somerset County Council on:**

**Council on:**  
**0300 123 2224**



## Our Safeguarding Star

This edition we award Dr Alice Gallen from Wincanton Health Centre a Safeguarding star! Dr Gallen had an unexpected walk in of a baby brought to the surgery who had been severely injured by its father. She assessed the baby incredibly thoroughly, took photos to share of the injuries, that led to the immediate arrest of the baby's father. Dr Gallen then phoned for an ambulance for rapid conveyance. The ambulance took

some time, necessitating a further call to escalate, and during this time she was the only doctor in the practice. Dr Gallen performed 10 minute observations on the baby for over 2 hours.

Dr Gallen, we can't thank you enough for your amazing work, you definitely deserve a safeguarding star!

**Primary Care Safeguarding Snomed Codes shared by the National Safeguarding Team.** Please see

the attached list for a national update on Safeguarding Snomed codes. The ICB safeguarding adult and children policies which many practices adopt as



Primary Care

Safeguarding Snomed codes





## Safeguarding Training Opportunities:

Please click on the link below to find out about the latest training opportunities at the Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP). You will also find links to the latest Learning Bulletins.



### Reminder of Somerset ICB Safeguarding



team training events in 2023: The strategic safeguarding team at the ICB are running a repeat of the “Neglect and Self-Neglect across the lifespan” on Wednesday 1st November 2023, at 9.30 – 4.30pm. This event will be face to face at Wynford House in Yeovil. Please book your place by emailing the team: [somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net](mailto:somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net)



## Learning Disabilities and/or Autism: Building on the Right Support conference

9th November 2023, Royal National Hotel, London

The latest policies and strategies will be reviewed, examples of best practice will be shared and lived experience will be heard. A line-up of expert speakers who will discuss challenging topics, debate contentious issues and analyse the way forward.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE:

## SAFEGUARDING ADULTS: MAKING IT PERSONAL

VENUE:  
PENDULUM HOTEL & MANCHESTER CONFERENCE CENTRE

DATE:  
23RD NOVEMBER 2023

This will bring together all those with responsibilities to safeguard adults, whose personal circumstances could deem them as vulnerable and at risk of harm. To book a place on either of these conferences please contact [luke.boulter@ofehealthnews.co.uk](mailto:luke.boulter@ofehealthnews.co.uk)



## **Birth Companions**

### **Website:**

Please see below the link to the Birth Companions website where you will find the newly published birth charter.



<https://www.birthcompanions.org.uk/resources/birth-charter-children-social-care>

### **Reminder for GP Practices!**

**Remember!**

You can claim £40.00 for each formal Child Protection report (plus £5.00 for each additional child of the family within that report) submitted to Children's Social Care, at the end of each quarter with your other item of service claims, to the ICB. Please contact the Safeguarding team at [Somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net](mailto:Somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net) if you are unsure.

**FREE Fraud and Cybercrime webinars hosted by Avon and Somerset Police.** Lunchtime training sessions for "Fraud Prevention and Cyber Awareness" have been arranged for Safeguarding Partnerships. This training is aimed at providing the simple steps and basic advice to support vulnerable individuals. Sessions will be an hour long:

- Monday 14 August 2023 at 13:00.
- Tuesday 12 September 2023 at 12:00.

To book a place, please use the following link -

[https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/safeguarding-partnerships-webinars-](https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/safeguarding-partnerships-webinars-1958389)

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SAFEGUARDING  
CHILDREN: DELIVERING  
A MORE EFFECTIVE  
AND ROBUST SYSTEM

VENUE:  
THE PENDULUM HOTEL &  
MANCHESTER CONFERENCE  
CENTRE

DATE:  
28TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Delegates will be updated on the latest developments and initiatives to strengthen safeguarding through a series of insightful and informative presentations delivered by expert speakers. Throughout the day there will be the ample opportunity for sharing best practice, interactive discussion, and informal networking to complete the full conference experience. To book your place please contact [luke.boulter@ofehealthnews.co.uk](mailto:luke.boulter@ofehealthnews.co.uk)

SOUTH WEST

NHS 75  
England  
South West

Issue 21 of the South West Regional Safeguarding Bulletin has been released.

Included in this edition:

- Response to the Children's Social Care Implementation Strategy from the Department of Education.
- Child Safeguarding Practice Review - Baby M.
- Safe Care at Home Review and more.



SW Regional  
Safeguarding Newsletter



## **Non fatal strangulation –A Rapid Read.**



Strangulation is common in interpersonal violence. In domestic abuse, up to 44% of victims report having been strangled. In sexual violence, 1 in 11 adults reporting rape also describe strangulation as part of the assault.



The full Rapid Review can be read here:

Non Fatal  
strangulation -A Rapid

## **The Menopause and Learning Disabilities.**

A resource for women with learning disabilities on perimenopause and menopause has been produced by Newson Health in association with dimensions. The full guide can be read here:



Menopause and  
Learning Disabilities

In addition to this, please see a link to a podcast, sharing experiences of menopause - This is the first time a podcast has included women with learning disabilities, sharing their experiences. Please see the link below to the podcast:

<https://thedrlouisenewsonpodcast.podbean.com/e/209-learning-disabilities-and-the-menopause/>

## **Approved Mental Health Professional (AMHP) Legal Update**

A course is running on 12 September 2023.

Address the latest, significant legal developments around the topic of mental health law, on this one day training course.

For further information and to book a place contact 020 7549 2549 or [info@bondsolon.com](mailto:info@bondsolon.com)



## The Diversity Trust:

Part of the work of the Diversity Trust is working with the LGBT+ Network, developing and delivering workshops and events across Somerset in partnership with Somerset Council.

A Trans & Non-Binary Mental Health panel event took place earlier this year. The event comprised a facilitated discussion and live Q&A with a panel of five trans and non-binary people with lived experience of mental health and service access. The event was well attended and extremely well-received with some amazing feedback and informed the production of a digital resource on supporting trans/non-binary mental health, which you can find at

<https://www.diversitytrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Trans-Workshops-Supporting-Trans-Mental-Health-.pdf>.

Following the success of this event, a similar free-to-attend online event focusing on Trans & Non-Binary Sexual Health, is being planned to take place as part of Sexual Health Awareness Week in **September** (registration information will be shared nearer the time). This is aimed at anyone working in sexual health and adjacent services across Somerset who would like to develop their awareness and understanding of trans and non-binary sexual and reproductive health.

## Gender Dysphoria Information:

Please see the attached summary updates for Gender Identity Disorder (GID) and prescribing for gender dysphoria in children and young people, together with a letter from the South-West Named GPs for Safeguarding Group.



Cover letter

Summary Update  
for GID



## **DOMESTIC ABUSE EXTRA SUPPLEMENT**

The following pages are dedicated to information and updates related to Domestic Abuse.

The ICB Domestic Abuse Policy has recently been revised and can be found here: [Domestic Abuse - NHS Somerset](#)

This policy has been significantly rewritten to reflect recent legislative changes and to ensure that it is a useful template for providers within primary care. A separate SOP has also been produced that sets out

the practical procedural steps to take, with associated specific support and guidance documents also included. See attached.



DA SOP 2023

## **Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) updates:**

SafeLives, a domestic abuse charity, has set out a series of statistics regarding the health impacts of domestic abuse:

- 80% of women in a violent relationship seek help from health services, usually GPs, at least once. This may be their first or only contact with professionals.
- 30% of domestic abuse starts and/or escalates during pregnancy.



Ending  
domestic  
abuse



DHR Updates

The Department of Health reports the NHS spends more time dealing with the impact of violence against women and children than “almost any other agency”.

There are currently 21 open DHR cases in Somerset. Key learning themes for all agencies involved (including Primary Care) can be found in the attached document, as well as other information about Domestic Abuse and DHRs.





## **DOMESTIC ABUSE EXTRA SUPPLEMENT**

### **Domestic abuse and Acquired Brain Injury:**

The CEO at Headway Somerset gave a presentation at the Somerset



Domestic Abuse Board, outlining the role of the organisation. At the presentation it was highlighted that over the last couple of years more people are disclosing their acquired brain injury is related to domestic abuse. There are around 8-9000 people with acquired brain injuries (ABI) every year in Somerset. Of those, 1500-1600 brain injuries are related to stroke. Over 5000 non-admissions of people presenting at Emergency Department. The definition of an ABI is a brain injury after birth and doesn't include hereditary disorders /illnesses. Many victims through the research highlight concerns over disclosing that they have experienced an ABI, including perpetrators using the injury against them, or within issues with child custody/contact. Further information is can be found by visiting [www.thedtgroup.org](http://www.thedtgroup.org) and searching for Brain Injury & Domestic Abuse –An Invisible Impact.

### **Launch of expanded domestic abuse service for litigants in person.**



**A Healthy and Caring Somerset**

The team at Citizens Advice Taunton have expanded to help more survivors of domestic abuse and violence in Somerset. The Litigants in Person (LiP) service will help survivors not eligible for Legal Aid, understand their rights around issues such as divorce and child arrangements. A guide, poster and leaflet are attached for further information.



LiP Service



LiP Poster



LiP Leaflet







## **DOMESTIC ABUSE EXTRA SUPPLEMENT**

### **Domestic Abuse training:**

A course focussing on the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 will take place on 29 September 2023. This course has been designed to provide health and social care professionals with the essential knowledge and skills required to support those seeking protection through the courts. Free Webinar - The Domestic Abuse Act

To accompany this course, a free webinar is available. For further information, or to book a place on either of these events, please contact 020 7549 2549 or email [info@bondsolon.com](mailto:info@bondsolon.com)



**DARE (Domestic Abuse Routine Enquiry) A FREE course for professionals working within Somerset.** Somerset Council have commissioned specialist training on identifying and engaging perpetrators of domestic abuse by supporting them to access specialist services. The DARE Toolkit provides the tools to identify, explore and engage perpetrators. Before booking onto this course, you must have completed the Level One foundation training at Domestic Abuse awareness ([somersetsurvivors.co.uk](http://somersetsurvivors.co.uk)). Full details are available at [www.daretoolkit.org.uk](http://www.daretoolkit.org.uk).

