



## The Solent NHS Safeguarding Newsletter December 2023

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### CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING UPDATES

**Learning from a Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR):** A new CSPR has been published by Southampton Safeguarding Children Partnership. Uma is 14 years old and in care. A man, not previously known to Uma, has been convicted of rape after Uma bravely told professionals what happened to them after leaving school during the school day. Uma worked alongside the independent reviewer to share and consider their story. This collaborative process was extremely powerful and enabled the review to identify systemwide learning. [Learning Reviews – Southampton Safeguarding Children Partnership \(southamptonscp.org.uk\)](#)

**Online Safety Resources from Hampshire County Council:** These include advice for parents, carers, young people, and professionals within schools, and explain how to add parental controls on mobile phones and other devices within the home. There are also resources available regarding cyber bullying, sexting, and safety tips when children are active on online social media platforms. Further information and support can be found [here](#).

**ICON 7-minute Briefing:** The ICON campaign aims to help parents and carers to cope with a crying baby. The call for the campaign comes from several infant deaths and reviews where a baby has died or been seriously injured as a result of abusive head trauma. The 7-minute briefing can be found [here](#). More information on the national ICON programme can be found on [www.iconcope.org](http://www.iconcope.org) or on their social media:

- [ICON - Home | Facebook](#)
- [https://twitter.com/ICON\\_COPE](https://twitter.com/ICON_COPE)
- [https://www.instagram.com/icon\\_cope](https://www.instagram.com/icon_cope)

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COMMUNICATIONS TEAM



So Safe is brought to you by a dedicated communications team within the Safeguarding team, to make sure you are up to date with the latest safeguarding information.

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## ADULT SAFEGUARDING UPDATES

**Recent Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR):** The Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board has published SARs of the cases of Kim, Ronnie, and Paul. The review reports and learning summaries are available on the [PSAB website](#). All three individuals were homeless at the time of their deaths. Although the deaths were unrelated, the SARs have been published together to highlight the common learning; around unconscious bias, understanding of housing services and familiarity with Multi-Agency Risk Management (MARM) processes.

**Fire Safety in the Winter:** Did you know adults with care and support needs are significantly more likely to die or be seriously harmed in fire related incidents? Around 43 fires a year are caused by faulty electric blankets in the home and 3 fires a day are caused by heaters. As health and social care professionals we may be the only people stepping into our patient's homes; please use the [Multi-Agency Fire Safety Framework](#). Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless, tasteless, poisonous gas produced by the incomplete burning of carbon-based fuels, including gas, oil, wood, and coal. Steps on how to stay safe this winter when heating the home can be found [here](#).

**New SystmOne Safeguarding Adults Springboard:** To improve the way we record safeguarding information and concerns we have designed a new Safeguarding Adults Springboard within SystmOne. Please access the training video [here](#): [Springboard Training Video-20231026\\_134008-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

## THINK FAMILY

**The Prevent Agenda:** is about safeguarding individuals who are vulnerable to radicalisation by preventing them from being drawn into terrorism or extremism. We all have a responsibility to keep our communities safe and understanding what terrorism, radicalisation, and extremism are, can help reduce the threat. The Prevent toolkit supports professionals working with adults and children in Hampshire who may be at risk of, or are, being groomed for radicalisation. More information and resources to support professionals can be found [here](#). [Prevent Duty in healthcare - YouTube](#)

**SafeLives Counter Allegations Report & Guidance for Professionals:** Counter allegations, where both parties allege abuse, are a common challenge for professionals encountering domestic abuse, and prevailing misconceptions can result in increased risk. This guidance is designed to support all professionals in a position to identify domestic abuse as part of their role. It describes how multi-agency professionals can work together to confidently identify perpetrators and support victims. [Read the full report and listen to the podcast here](#). For any queries, please email [info@safelives.org.uk](mailto:info@safelives.org.uk).

**Mental Capacity Act 2005 guidance:** has been developed by Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board as an introduction to mental capacity and to support understanding around responsibilities when working with people aged 16 and over. This is an area that has been highlighted in recent SARs. The guidance aims to address the misconception that mental capacity assessments are formal and can only be carried out by senior professionals. It supports understanding about when and how to carry out an assessment and the flow chart is a great resource to support decision making. [Mental Capacity Act 2005 – Southampton Local Safeguarding Adults Board \(southamptonlsab.org.uk\)](#)

**Christmas and Mental Health:** Christmas can affect our mental health in lots of different ways. This could be if Christmas is part of your life, or if it is happening around you. It is a time of year that often puts extra pressure on people. [Mind](#) is here to offer support.

## SPOT THE SIGNS

SPOT THE SIGNS AND SPEAK OUT CAMPAIGN – FOCUS ON FINANCIAL ABUSE

MONEY, WELFARE BENEFITS, BELONGINGS OR PROPERTY BEING WITHHELD OR STOLEN BY ANOTHER PERSON.

SIGNS THAT MAY INDICATE FINANCIAL OR MATERIAL ABUSE IN ADULTS ARE:

- WITHDRAWAL(S) OF SUMS OF MONEY FROM BANK ACCOUNTS, AND/OR VIA CASHPOINTS
- UNEXPLAINED DISAPPEARANCE OF FUNDS OR VALUABLE POSSESSIONS
- LACK OF MONEY, FOOD, CLOTHING, HEATING
- UNPAID BILLS
- INTERNET OR SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMMING, SUCH AS DELIVERY OF UNEXPECTED ITEMS
- SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF PREVIOUSLY UNINVOLVED RELATIVES CLAIMING RIGHTS TO A VULNERABLE ADULTS POSSESSIONS.



## Portsmouth

The PSCP offer training courses which include ACES, Safeguarding Babies and Out of School Setting. These courses and many more can be found and booked [here](#). A Flyer for core training can be found here: [PSCP Core Course Flyer 2324.pdf \(solent.nhs.uk\)](#). There are also eLearning courses available. You can find more information [here](#).

PSAB training can be found here: [Adult Safeguarding Training \(portsmouthsab.uk\)](#)

## Southampton

The Southampton Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) provides fully funded multi-agency learning events, including online training, webinars, workshops, and e-learning. These events bring professionals together to develop knowledge and skills and emphasise the benefits of working together to deliver positive outcomes for children and families. To find out more about upcoming training and to book please see our [Eventbrite page](#).

Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board team facilitate learning sessions on a variety of topics. Visit the Southampton Safeguarding Partnership's [Eventbrite page](#) to see what is on offer.

## Hampshire

Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) offers a wide variety of fully funded multi-agency events, including virtual courses, webinars, workshops, and eLearning materials for professionals working with children and families who live in the Hampshire Local Authority area. These events bring professionals together to develop knowledge and skills and emphasise the benefits of working together to deliver positive outcomes for children and families. Further information, course dates and how to book, can be found [here](#).

Hampshire Safeguarding Adult Board (HSAB) Learning Zone is a platform where you can browse and book courses, you can access a range of supported resources and undertake eLearning. Further information can be found [here](#).

## Isle of Wight

The IOW Safeguarding Children Partnership has a range of free safeguarding training this winter and spring. Courses are available to all IOW professionals working with children and families. Training courses and dates can be found [here](#).

There are spaces available on the **Children's Reception Team (CRT) AND Multi- Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** Information Session on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 9.30am-11am via Teams. To book your space click [here](#).

**Medical Assessments in Suspected Child Sexual Abuse**, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024, 9.30-12pm via Teams, book [here](#)

The Isle of Wight Safeguarding Adults Board (IOWSAB) offers a range of fully funded courses throughout the year, as well as a range of free e-learning. All courses are free to professionals from any agency, including the voluntary sector and can be found [here](#).

## 4 Local Safeguarding Adult Board Training (4LSAB)

The Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board Learning and Development Programme offers virtual 'lunch and learn' sessions held between 12 – 1pm. Details of courses available, and how to book a place, can be found on the [Browse and Book Courses](#) page of the HSAB website.

