

Solihull Local Safeguarding Children Partnership Newsletter

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Welcome to the second edition of the **LSCP** newsletter.
Do contact us if you have any queries.

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Wider Exploitation Screening Tool

Definition of Exploitation:

An individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, control, manipulate or deceive a child, young person or adult and exploits them:

- a) through violence or the threat of violence, and/or
- b) for financial or other advantage of the perpetrator or facilitator and/or
- c) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants.

The victim may have been exploited even if the activity appears consensual. Exploitation does not always involve physical contact, it can also occur through the use of technology Solihull recognises that exploitation is deliberate maltreatment and manipulation irrespective of their age, gender, ethnicity, background or ability and sexuality and comes in many forms including:

[Modern Slavery](#)
[Human Trafficking](#)
[Sexual Exploitation](#)
[Criminal Exploitation](#)

[A screening tool](#) has been developed to assist professionals who have concerns that a child/young person is at risk from exploitation. This screening tool provides some examples of indicators that may be seen if someone is being exploited, you may not see all of them or any of them, so those included are a guide, when completing the form it is not necessary to tick or complete all of the boxes, but the more information that can be provided the more helpful it is for someone to understand the concerns as it is important that you are able to share your professional judgement for each section.

It is also important to engage the child/young person in a dialogue around your concerns and where appropriate their family/carers, there is an [online resource](#) to help professionals prepare for conversations. The tool has been adopted for screening of children and young people in Solihull and it is envisaged that pathways will be developed for adults in the future.

Modules 5a and 5b of the LSCP training will change to reflect wider exploitation.

Message from Home Office: update on new digital national referral mechanism

Trafficking is the practice of recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of a person into, within and out of the UK or any other country for the purposes of exploitation.

When an agency comes into contact with a person who may have been exploited or trafficked, a first responder (Home Office, Local Authorities, Police, National Crime Agency, Gangmaster Licensing Agency, Salvation Army, NSPCC and some specific named voluntary organisation) should complete an NRM: The Digital National Referral Mechanism (NRM) Referral Form was made available to all First Responders from 29 August 2019.

The new online process will allow First Responders to submit an NRM referral or Duty to Notify through a single online form regardless of their location in the UK, or whether the victim is an adult or child. The form has been designed to be responsive, and will change depending on the options selected. The new form can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.modernslavery.gov.uk/start>

Solihull Early Help Guidance and Procedures

Solihull is a great place to grow up. We have strong communities, excellent schools and early education, good opportunities for work and training, and much, much more. But we can do better. We want every child, young person and family to get the help that they need to succeed as early as possible. We call this early help. Early help can make the biggest difference when it is given before things go wrong, and when people get the help they need from family, friends, or within their community.

Solihull LSCP Early Help [guidance](#) and [procedures](#) assist professionals in delivering Early Help and include an Early Help Assessment. New dates for Module 1- Early Help training will be available from November 2019 and can be booked via the [website](#)

New Stalking Service from Black Country Women's Aid

Stalking means persistent and unwanted attention that makes you feel harassed, threatened and frightened. This can include a range of behaviour, the important thing is that you find it unwanted and unwelcome.

Stalking behaviour usually includes repeated unwanted contact, by phone text, in person or online. Stalkers may also contact your children, friends, family or colleagues. The behaviour may be disrupting your life and causing distress to you and those around you.

Stalking can happen to anyone. Most people know their stalkers in some way, but some people don't or may have only had a brief encounter with them. Stalking is a crime and is not something you should have to put up with.

If you or someone you know (from age 13+) are experiencing this kind of unwanted attention then a new West Midlands Stalking Support Service can help: Call 0121 553 0090

To meet the Solihull support worker and find out more there is a briefing session taking place at Sans Souci on 26 September 9.30-11.30 to book a place please email lscptrain@solihull.gov.uk

SIAS (Addiction Service) – Free Training for Professionals

Would you like some awareness re drugs, alcohol misuse or problematic gambling? Would you like to learn how to approach the conversation with the clients you work with? SIAS addiction service are providing free training for professionals. They are offering 3 levels of drug and alcohol awareness sessions starting with Basic level awareness leading to intermediate level then advanced level.

The dates for the basic awareness sessions are:

7th November 2019 9.30-12.30 Gambling awareness
13th November 2019 9.30-12.30 Alcohol Awareness
20th November 2019 9.30-12.30 Drugs awareness

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gambling-awareness-training-tickets-72369004641>

Password is Gambling19

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/basic-alcohol-awareness-training-tickets-72368396823>

Password is Basic19

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/basic-drugs-awareness-training-tickets-72368804041>

Password is BasicD19

Please use the links above to book or contact Lubna Siddiquee on 07725252213 for more information.

New LSCP Training Module

There have been 3 recent serious case reviews in Solihull where domestic abuse was present, but the male/s in contact with the household/ children were not adequately identified and therefore the risk was not fully recognised and assessed. This session therefore aims to support and enable professionals to question gender bias; look at the reasons why men should be involved in safeguarding processes; while being able to confidently have effective and proactive conversations with men who perpetrate domestic abuse against their intimate partner and explore and develop an understanding of how working with perpetrators and women together can increase risk, fear and isolation to women and children

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, participants will have:

- An increased understanding around how domestic abuse is used as a tool to control Women and Children
- Greater understanding as to why we work with perpetrators
- Increased awareness around how to approach/open the conversation with a perpetrator about their behaviour
- Expand skills and confidence to challenge perpetrators about domestic abuse
- How to respond to disclosures of perpetrating domestic abuse
- Greater understanding of how to work with the perpetrator to take responsibility for their behaviour
- Improved understanding of how to work with perpetrators to increase motivation to change their behaviour
- An understanding of learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews
- An awareness of what women might do to assess their own risk, and the impact this may have on her behaviour

10 Training Places Available 2nd October 2019, 8:45am – 13:00

There are a limited number of places available for an interactive morning with Geese Theatre that will focus on the learning from the Safeguarding Adult Review – Rachel was 20 when she died and had been a victim of abuse, exploitation and trafficking.

The SAR can be found at

[https://www.ssab.org.uk/media/upload/about_document/Solihull%20SAR%20-%20Rachel%20-%20Executive%20Summary%20\(30.01.19\)%20v8%20final.pdf](https://www.ssab.org.uk/media/upload/about_document/Solihull%20SAR%20-%20Rachel%20-%20Executive%20Summary%20(30.01.19)%20v8%20final.pdf)

If you would like to enter an expression of interest to attend this morning please email lscptrain@solihull.gov.uk

LSCP Training Courses: 2019/2020

Course	Aimed at	Dates
Module 1: Early Help	Those who identify additional needs and carry out early help assessments	7 th November 2019 21 November 2019 28 November 2019 16 th January 2020
Module 2: An Introduction to multi-agency working	Those who identify child protection concerns and make child protection referrals.	16 th October 2019 20 th November 2019
Module 3: Child Protection: The challenges of multi-agency working	Those who also regularly attend child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do, or lead organisations that do	4 th December 2019
Module 4: Child Protection: Analysis, judgement and leadership in partnership working	Those who may provide evidence in criminal and civil proceedings and those who lead or contribute to serious case reviews and those involved in the LSCB including sub-groups	17 th October 2019
Module 5(a) Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness	Those who work with young people and who are responsible to identify and respond to child sexual exploitation	Dates to be Confirmed
Module 5(b) – CSE: Skills for working with vulnerable children & young people	Those who work directly with vulnerable children and young people in relation to child sexual exploitation.	22 nd October 2019
Module 6 Neglect: Impact on child development	Those who identify and assess child protection concerns and regularly attend and report to child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do.	3 rd October 2019 3 rd December 2019
Module 6(b) Neglect: Domestic Abuse	Those who identify and assess child protection concerns and regularly attend and report to child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do.	9 th October 2019

Module 6(c) – Neglect: The Graded Care Profile 2	Those who identify and assess child protection concerns and regularly attend and report to child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do. Those who make home visits as part of their duties.	12 th November 2019
Module 6 (d) Neglect: Substance Misuse	Those who identify and assess early help or child protection concerns and regularly follow a multi-agency approach and /or attend and report to child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do	3 rd March 2020
Module 6 (e) Neglect: “Who is he”	Those who identify and assess early help or child protection concerns and regularly follow a multi-agency approach and /or attend and report to child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do	27 th November 2019
Module 7- Physical Abuse: Impact on child development	Those who identify and assess child protection concerns and regularly attend and report to child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do.	27 February 2020
Module 8- Emotional Abuse: Impact on child development	Those who identify and assess child protection concerns and regularly attend and report to child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do.	6 th November 2019
Module 9- Sexual Abuse: Impact on child development	Those who identify and assess child protection concerns and regularly attend and report to child protection conferences and core groups and/or supervise or manage those who do.	30 January 2020

Practitioners are also able to access safeguarding training from the Safeguarding Adults Board:

<http://training.ssab.org.uk/Learning-and-Development.aspx>

Learning and Development Forum (Previously the Learning Faculty)

The next Learning and Development Forum will take place on:
21st January 2020, 2-4:30pm

**For more information and booking visit the LSCP website.
<http://www.solihullcsp.co.uk/training.php>**