

Solihull Local Safeguarding Children Partnership Newsletter

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

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Consultation about the Multi-Agency Referral Form to Children's Services

Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership carried out an audit of multi-agency referrals to Children's Services in 2020 and a recommendation was made to review the multi-agency referral form. A working group has been established that would like to consult you on the proposed content of the referral form. Please follow the link below to see a word version of the form and complete a survey.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BQM7AC/>

The survey will be open until 3 October 2021.

Autumn Term – 'Being a Parent' group

The 'Being a Parent' virtual group is a supportive group where parents & carers of children aged 0-18 years can meet in a relaxed & friendly environment without their children, the sessions will run for 90 minutes via Microsoft Teams.

Groups are led by trained parent volunteers, and aim to help parents to manage challenging behaviour, improve communication, build and understand their relationship with their child.

The groups run weekly for 8 weeks, giving parents the opportunity to support one another and share knowledge & experiences with the help of tried and tested resources from the 'Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities' programme.

For more information please click [here](#). To book a place, please contact the parenting team via email to bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net

Operation AIDANT

The West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit (WM VRU) will be supporting Op Aidant through a social media campaign raising awareness of Sexual Exploitation and Modern Slavery (6th – 17th September 2021). This AIDANT phase aims to enhance and develop our knowledge of modern slavery with a focus on adults and YP who have been trafficked to the UK, or exploited in the UK, for the purposes of sexual exploitation, especially where there are indications of high sophistication organised crime group (OCG) offending models. The regional communications campaign aims to raise awareness of all forms of sexual exploitation and modern slavery, how to spot the signs of abuse, and to direct people to support resources and systems. The communications plan is part of the VRU Op Aidant Communications Pack and details the social media posts which will be going out from the West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit's Facebook and twitter accounts. (@WestMidsVRU on both channels).

West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit Presents the Op Aidant Victim Support Directory

This directory is intended to be used by frontline professionals and practitioners working with adults and/or children and their families who have been identified as potential victims/survivors of all forms of exploitation and abuse. The directory can be used as a guide to support services available in the West Midlands locally, regionally and nationally for those victims and survivors of all forms of exploitation and abuse. The link to the additional resources section can be used to find further information, advice, and guidance.

West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit Presents the Op Aidant Training Programme: 6th till 17th September 2021

This regional awareness training programme supports one of the operation's objectives to develop and improve our understanding of the threat from Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (MSHT) & Sexual Exploitation. On behalf of the West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit and our partners we would like to share our deepest gratitude to our third sector partners who are delivering the training within the programme. We encourage you to share this awareness training programme far and wide amongst your networks.

If you have any enquiries regarding the above and would like to access any of the resources mentioned please email: Bethan Lonsdale: b.lonsdale@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk & Zeba Chowdhury z.chowdhury@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk (WM VRU Exploitation Leads)



**Picture a large football stadium filled with
100,000 seats**

**If the audience was solely male, that would
mean that at least 25,000 men have been
or will be sexually assaulted**

#VMEXPLOITATION #OPAIDANT

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GamCare – Womens Gambling and Related Harms

The subject of gambling and its associated harms is currently a hot topic and is acknowledged by experts as a serious health issue with far reaching consequences. In the UK, we are seeing huge cultural shifts in the gambling context with the gender gap rapidly decreasing.

The evidence suggests that more and more women are accessing online gambling activities and putting themselves at risk of developing gambling problems. The evidence also firmly points out that women are significantly more likely to be affected by somebody else's gambling problem than men, placing women at risk of being negatively affected by gambling related harm – statistics show that 80% of affected others calling the National Gambling Helpline are women.

To help with this growing issue, GamCare provide a free CPD accredited 2 hour online training session on the topic of women and gambling related harm. The training aims to:

- Increase awareness of gambling-related harm, including hidden harms;
- Boost confidence in having discussions about gambling with those you work with;
- Raise awareness of support and treatment available to those who are experiencing gambling-related harm;
- Increase confidence to screen, signpost and refer individuals experiencing gambling harms.

To book onto a session please click on the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/women-and-gambling-related-harms-free-online-training-tickets-157928134301?aff=ebdsoporgprofile> click on select different date for the various dates available.

Trauma Informed Training

The West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit has launched the new Trauma Informed section of the website which includes access to **FREE ONLINE WEBINARS**. These webinars offer training in Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Trauma-Informed Practice.

The training is designed to help professionals instil a more human centric approach into their daily practice. It aims to raise awareness of relevant psychological theory behind mental health and the benefits of relationship-based practice. It explores the potential impacts of trauma and adversity across a person's entire life and promotes professional practices, activities, attitudes and behaviours that take on a trauma informed approach.

FREE follow up support and consultation is also available to organisations in the West Midlands to help you embed learning into your organisation.

You can access the training here: <https://westmidlands-vru.org/about/trauma-informed/>

All Age Exploitation Screening Tool Reminder

In March 2021 Solihull launched its new [All Age Exploitation Procedures](#). In July a new all age exploitation screening tool was launched - watch the briefing by right clicking [here](#) and selecting open link in new tab, you will then need the password **Sol290721**

LSCP Training

The courses we are currently offering are detailed below. All courses can be booked through the LSCP website <https://solihulllscp.co.uk/training.php>.

Course	Dates
<p><u>Module 6c- Neglect the Graded Care Profile 2</u> This will be delivered by WebEx (You will need to have completed Module 6 prior to attending this course unless you are a qualified social worker or paediatrician)</p>	<p>9 September 2021 9.30-4.30</p>
<p><u>Module 1 -Early Help</u> This will be delivered via WebEx</p>	<p>22 September 2021 9.30-12.30</p>
<p><u>Interim Course - Child Protection- an introduction to multi-agency working</u> Audio power point- 1 month to complete from date of issue</p>	<p>12 September 2021</p>
<p><u>Module 5A - Child Exploitation Awareness</u> This will be delivered via WebEx</p>	<p>29 September 2021 9.30-12.30</p>
<p><u>Virtual training- Parents as partners in tackling child exploitation (CE): Working with and supporting parents affected by CE</u> This will be delivered via WebEx</p>	<p>21 October 2021 9.30-12.30</p>
<p><u>Virtual training - an introduction to contextual safeguarding</u> This will be delivered via WebEx</p>	<p>12 October 2021 09:30 - 12:30</p>
<p><u>Virtual Training - An introduction to safeguarding for voluntary & community sector organisations</u> This will be delivered via WebEx</p>	<p>7 October 2021 10-13.00</p>
<p><u>Managing Allegations Against Staff</u> This will be delivered via WebEx</p>	<p>20 October 2021 13.30-16.30</p>
<p><u>Knowledge Pool- Reducing Parental Conflict e-learning</u> This e-learning comprises of 4 modules; the code to access these will be sent on the date booked you then have 1 month to complete the modules you wish to undertake.</p>	<p>12 September 21</p>

Crisis Tools – Health Education England and Healthy Teen Minds

Health Education England and Healthy Teen Minds have worked together to develop and launch a suite of [mental health crisis learning resources](#).

This bitesize Crisis Tools learning resource will help address the urgent need for individuals working in a range of settings to have the awareness and confidence to support young people in a mental health crisis. These resources have been designed by young people, working with professionals too, allowing you to hear directly from them about what helps in a moment of crisis. The tools complement existing training and education. They aim to build an individual's confidence to have effective conversations and provide personalised support to a young person in a mental health crisis.

The short Crisis Tools learning guides are:

- [What you need to know](#)
- [How to start the conversation](#)
- [So you want to talk about risk?](#)
- [How to wrap things up](#)

These learning resources would be hugely beneficial to those working on the front line, especially to those who work in health and care, educational and emergency response settings.



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