



Newsletter

Safeguarding Adults Week Special Edition

Each year the Ann Craft Trust put a spotlight on Safeguarding Adults, with a week dedicated to raising awareness. This year it takes place between 16th – 22nd November.

Each day of the week focuses on a different safeguarding theme. Detailed in this newsletter for each day are a range of resources specific to the theme.

Please share these resources with your teams and staff, and on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

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Monday – Safeguarding and Wellbeing

There is a strong link between safeguarding and mental & physical wellbeing. If someone's wellbeing is suffering, they may consider certain actions that put them at risk. It's important to look after yourself, but just as important to look out for others. Learn to spot the signs that someone might not be doing so well, and don't be afraid to ask "Are you okay?"

[Sense](#) are campaigning to help the critical issue of **loneliness and isolation among disabled people**. 1 in 2 disabled people say they feel lonely and 1 in 4 feel lonely every day.

[To learn more about the campaign click here.](#)

In 2017 Sense brought together a coalition of disability charities to collectively highlight the issue of loneliness for disabled people and call for action.

[To read the report click here](#)



[Ann Craft Trust](#) are highlighting **Period Poverty, Safeguarding and Wellbeing**.

Take a look at the article linked below which talks about how Covid-19 has impacted period poverty, how it links to safeguarding and what is being done to tackle the problem.

[Click here to read](#)

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Public Health England produced guidance on 'Oral Care and People with Learning Disabilities'.

Good oral health is an important factor in people's general health and quality of life. The evidence shows that people with learning disabilities have poorer oral health and more problems in accessing dental services than people in the general population.

"Poor oral health is significantly associated with major chronic diseases such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, respiratory disease and stroke".

[Click here to read the guidance in full](#)



**Public Health
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Tuesday – Adult Grooming & Exploitation

Grooming is a form of abuse that involves manipulating someone until they're isolated, dependent and more vulnerable to exploitation. When most people think about grooming, they think about children, but adults are vulnerable to grooming too. Grooming can lead to many different types of harm, including modern slavery, physical, sexual and financial abuse.

This video is part of the 'Trapped' campaign, raising awareness of the criminal exploitation of young people and vulnerable adults.

It tells the story of a boy who has been groomed by a drug dealer and then forced to sell drugs in another town.

[Click here to watch the video](#)



We have put together a **One Minute Guide on Adult Grooming**.

Explaining:

- What is adult grooming
- The signs to look out for
- Why it happens
- What to do if you suspect it is happening

[You can find this on our website here](#)

ADULT GROOMING

What is it?

- It's a gradual process. The groomer often starts by being nice and friendly and then slowly starts to isolate the victim from their family and friends.
- It often starts with grooming. They groom you by being nice to you, giving you gifts, and making you feel special. They may try to get you to do things for them, or to do things for other people.
- Grooming can also be in a relationship. A groomer may start by being nice to you, but then they start to isolate you from your family and friends.

Signs of Grooming

1. They are making you feel special, but you don't know why.
2. They are making you feel like you are special, but you don't know why.
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Why does adult grooming happen?

- There are many reasons why someone might groom an adult or child.
- Some people groom to get money or drugs.
- Some people groom to get sex or a relationship.
- Some people groom to get a job or a place to live.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT GROOMING IS HAPPENING?

- If you suspect someone is being groomed, you should talk to them about it.
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[You & Co](#) have information and resources available for professionals who may have **conversations with children and young adults about grooming**.

[To read more click here](#)



We also have **posters** on exploitation available to download on our website.

- Cuckooing
- Sexual Exploitation
- Trafficking
- Spot the Signs of Exploitation

[You can find them all here](#)

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Wednesday – Understanding Safeguarding Legislation

All safeguarding matters are governed by certain legislation, including The Care Act and The Mental Capacity Act. This legislation might seem confusing at first, but all of it is designed to be as easy as possible to understand and apply.

Ann Craft Trust have put together a list of the key safeguarding adults legislation and initiatives [which you can find here](#)

These links also give a brief summary of each piece of legislation

- [Sexual Offences Act](#)
- [Mental Capacity Act](#)
- [Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act](#)
- [Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards \(DoLS\)](#)
- [Disclosure & Barring Service](#)
- [The Care Act](#)
- [Making Safeguarding Personal Guide](#)



[Busting Myths that Surround Making Safeguarding Personal - Podcasts](#)

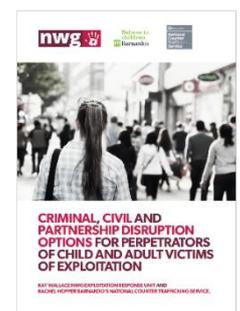
Esi Hardy and Michael Preston-Shoot have recorded a series of podcasts which explore some of the myths around Making Safeguarding Personal. Together they combine lived experience with practitioner experience to begin to make sense of what it means to make safeguarding personal for everyone.



The 11 episodes are a useful resource for people to listen to on their own, or to use as a group discussion or learning events.

[NWG Network](#) have produced a toolkit on '**Criminal, Civil and Partnership Disruption Options for Perpetrators of Child and Adult Victims of Exploitation**'.

The aim of this is to consider options available to disrupt perpetrators, using a variety of different powers and tools, which are available through a multi-agency approach



[Click here to access the toolkit](#)

The **Domestic Abuse bill** is continuing through parliament, on target to be ratified into the UK's first domestic abuse legislation by April 2021. It has strong cross-party support and is based on a four-part statutory framework for the response to domestic abuse. The bill introduces the UK's first statutory definition, based on the previous working definition which has been adopted by Solihull for many years. The key change is the description of financial abuse amended to economic abuse.

[Find out more about the Domestic Abuse Bill here](#)

Thursday – Creating Safer Places

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. It refers to measures designed to protect the health, wellbeing and human rights of individuals. These measures allow children, young people and adults at risk to live free from abuse. Every organisation, small group and individual should be aware of their responsibility, in work and society.

Ann Craft Trust have a safeguarding checklist available to assess your knowledge. It will then provide a tailored report with additional learning resources and materials.

[You can access this here](#)

[Find more information, support and resources from NCVO here](#)

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Our safeguarding checklist

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Doorstep crime is financial abuse and ruins lives. Criminals prey on the elderly and vulnerable by gaining their trust and convincing them that urgent and usually unnecessary work needs to be carried out. Large amounts of money are then defrauded from the victim.

[Click here to watch the video of how victims are targeted](#)



Friends Against Scams have online training, in which anyone can learn about the different type of scams and how to spot & support a victim. [To complete this training click here](#)



'Stand by Me' is the latest project from Communities Inc. It aims to tackle bystander apathy and empower people to assist those who are victims of bullying, harassment or hate crime through bystander interventions.

[Find out more about the 'Stand by Me' project here](#)

[Click here to learn about the 'Bystander Effect'](#)



Groups from across the public and voluntary sectors in the West Midlands came together to launch the country's first set of **standards for domestic violence and abuse services**.

[You can find the West Midlands Domestic Abuse & Violence Standards on our website](#)



SSAB have worked with Caroline Murray to develop a brief guide on **'Care or Control'**, which explores coercive control, how control can be mistaken for care and how professionals can support people to identify coercive & controlling relationships.

[Click here to access the guide](#)

Friday – Organisational Abuse

Organisational abuse includes neglect and poor care practice within a specific care setting. This could be a hospital or a care home, but also the care a person receives in their own home. Organisational abuse doesn't have to involve physical violence. It can be something as small as insisting a person in care must drink their tea at the same time every day. The abuse can either be a one-off incident or an ongoing culture of ill-treatment.

CQC have been working on a project on '**Closed Cultures**'. A closed culture is a poor culture in a health or care service that increases the risk of harm. This includes abuse and human rights breaches. The development of closed cultures can be deliberate or unintentional – either way it can cause unacceptable harm to a person and their loved ones.



[Click here to read more](#)

SCIE have a practical guide to help define **dignity in care**, as well as how best to implement it. It is aimed at care providers, managers and staff who work with adults – especially older adults.



[Find out more here](#)

Age UK have produced the '**Safe to Be Me**' resource guide, which offers practical advice on providing the kind of service in which older lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) people can feel safe to be themselves. This resource is written for anyone working or volunteering in health, social care or the voluntary sector who would like to support older people who are LGBT.



[You can access the full resource pack here](#)

Saturday – Safeguarding Adults in Sport and Activity

Abuse in sport and activity is more prevalent than you might think. Safeguarding adults is a responsibility for every sport and physical activity organisation. Getting it right ensures a wider and safer participation in sports and activity for all.

[Ann Craft Trust](#) have a collection of resources for safeguarding adults in sport & activity.

- [Safeguarding Adults in Sport – Resource Pack](#)

The purpose of the Adults in Sport Resource Pack is to assist achieving best practice in safeguarding. Also, to understand how legislation applies to adults in sport and activity; and to know the best practice for keeping adults safe within your organisation.



- [Safeguarding Adults – The Essential Guide for Sport & Activity](#)

This guide is designed to give an overview of your responsibilities towards safeguarding adults. It explains what safeguarding adults is, explores relevant legislation and guidance and links this to sport and activity settings.



- [The Safeguarding Adults in Sport Framework](#)

This online tool supports all sports organisations to implement best practice in safeguarding adults.



Sunday – Safeguarding in Your Community

Safeguarding is everyone's business. The Government's latest guidance provides advice on how to spot the signs of abuse and neglect. You can also find information on who to contact if you have concerns for an adult or a child.



[Click here to read the guidance in full.](#)

We have a wide range of safeguarding posters available on our website, which you can display.

[Available to download from our website here.](#)

West Midlands Fire Service have produced 'Fire Safety Guidance for Professionals & Carers who work with Adults with Care & Support Needs'. It includes; identifying risk and vulnerability to fire, risk assessment & care planning and the process for making safe & well referrals.

[Click here to find out more](#)



Ann Craft Trust have information on 'Keeping Yourself Safe When Receiving Voluntary Support'.

[To read more click here](#)

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West Midlands Adult Safeguarding Policy & Procedures

Adult Safeguarding: Multi-Agency Policy and Procedures for the protection of adults with care and support needs in the West Midlands

The Procedures can be viewed [HERE](#)



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0121 605 6060 (out of hours)
101 – Police

On-Line Referral Form

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Professionals - https://eservices.solihull.gov.uk/SMBCWebForms/?Form=Report_Abuse