

The Safeguarding Learning Forum

13th June 2023, 2-4pm

Agenda

- SSCP updates
- SAB updates
- Findings from Domestic abuse Audits

Break

- Focus on Youth Offending Service & Police Early Help

Mirror good multi-agency practice by:

- * Knowing this is about safeguarding
- * Respecting each other as people; those in the room and the stakeholders who are not here
- * Listening to each other
- * Trying to understand views that are different to our own
- * Challenging constructively if we disagree

| Course | Date/time |
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| *An Introduction to Safeguarding Children for the Voluntary & Community Sector | 16.6.23 13:00-16:00 |
| *Module 1 Early Help | 13.6.23 9.30-12.30 |
| Module 1b – Early Help- Recognising and supporting parents in parental conflict | 5.7.23 9.30-16.30 |
| Module 2 – Child Protection; an introduction to multi-agency working | 9.7.23 9.30-16.30 |
| Module3- Child Protection; the challenges of multi-agency working | 6.7.23 9.30-16.30 |
| *Module 5a – All Age Exploitation Awareness | 20.7.23 9.30-12.30 |
| *Module 5.2 Working with Parents as partners in Child Exploitation | 22.6.23 9.30-12.30 |
| Module 5.3 Including contextual safeguarding in individual assessments | 13.9.23 9.30-13.00 |
| Module 6b Domestic Abuse | 18.7.23 20.9.23 9.30-16.30 |
| Module 6c Neglect; Graded Care Profile 2 | 21.6.23 9.30-16.30 |
| Module 6.4 Understanding and responding to perpetrators of domestic abuse (must have completed Module 6b first) | 14.6.23 3.10.23 9.30-16.00 |
| Module 7- Physical Abuse | 28.6.23 9.30-12.30 |
| Module 9 Sexual Abuse | 11.10.23 9.30-16.30 |
| Welfare return interviews | 29.6.23 13.30-14.00 |



These courses have dates available for booking- there are other courses advertised, but dates have closed; you can express an interest to be notified when new dates are added

SSCP updates- priorities 23-24



•Implementation of the Neglect Strategy-

- Strategy Launched Dec 2023
- Organisations nominating neglect champions- first meeting 19 June 2023

•Improvement and Learning: JTAI and National Review

- Learning from Solihull SCPR event held 22.6.23- outlining actions taken to date-recording to be made available shortly

•Early Help

- Multi-agency task & finish group established to develop a multi-agency early help strategy

Nationally

Stable Homes, Built on Love; Implementation Strategy & consultation for Children's Social Care reform launched Feb 23 closed 11.5.23

[Government response](#) to the final report of the independent inquiry into child sexual abuse May 2023

Mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse consultation closes 14 August

SSAB Training Offer

| Course | Trainer | Date/Time |
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| Mental Capacity Act (Advanced) | David Gell Consultancy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 13th June 2023 - 10:00am to 1:00pm |
| Domestic Abuse Revisited | David Gell Consultancy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 20th June 2023 -10:00am to 1:00pm Tuesday 12th December 2023 - 10:00am to 1:00pm |
| Hoarding Awareness | Heather Matuozzo, Clouds End | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 10th July 2023 - 10:00am to 4:00pm |
| Outcome Based Safeguarding and Positive Risk Taking | David Gell Consultancy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 18th July 2023 - 10:00am to 1:00pm |
| Mental Capacity Act & Best Interest Decision Making | David Gell Consultancy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 12th September 2023 - 10:00am to 1:00pm |
| Making Safeguarding Personal | David Gell Consultancy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 19th September 2023 - 10:00am to 1:00pm |
| Working with People that Self-Neglect | David Gell Consultancy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 10th October 2023 - 10:00am to 1:00pm Tuesday 5th March 2024 -10:00am to 1:00pm |
| Professional Curiosity | David Gell Consultancy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 14th November 2023 - 10:00am to 1:00pm Tuesday 13th February 2024 - 10:00am to 1:00pm |
| Self Neglect and Mental Capacity Act | Edge Training and Consultancy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be confirmed |

SSAB Updates

Local news

- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - 15th June 2023
- Multi Board Coordination Session

NATIONAL NEWS

- Safe & Wellbeing Reviews: Thematic Review & Lessons Learned
- Deprivation of Liberty & The Mental Capacity Act - The Way Forward

- Board Priorities for 2023-24
- Making Safeguarding Personal Audit
- Financial Abuse & the Financial Abuse Dip Sample Audit

Needs Assessment - Identified

Develop Refuge spaces - Solihull currently has 17 units in refuge however we should have 21 spaces, based on population and forecasts show we should have 23 units by 2030 – throughput impacts on required unit numbers

In sufficient safe TA to Stop victims being placed in Bed & Breakfast.
Refuge and SCH to Link to Mash & MARAC

Increase in reports rates for 55+ women

32% of reports to the police, are a repeat. 592 had more than 5 incidents logged

DA a factor in 19% of households assessed as homeless – above national average

Expected prevalence rates are highest for females aged 16-19 years, with reporting rates highest for those aged 25-34 years

Increase in male victim reports

Growing increase in MARAC

69% of DA is unreported, with those aged 60-74 the most under-represented. The under reporting for older people, also aligns to low reporting in some wards with above average age population

All wards show an increase, but reporting levels highest in north. The north has high deprivation and a high young population.

Substance misuse is a factor in a large number of our DHR's

No access to a local behaviour change programme .

* Strategy & Delivery Plan

Strategy Priorities

1. Prevention & Early Identification

2. Protection

3. Strengthening Accountability

4. Partnership

Goals

1. Identify and support individuals & families at risk
2. Awareness & Healthy Relationship to Educational settings
3. Early identification of abuse of adults including those with additional needs
4. Awareness to all Solihull residents
5. Staff are trained to understand and respond

1. Re-commission services in partnership with professionals & service users.
2. Staff understand & adhere to standards, referral route and pathways
3. Meet the diverse and emerging needs of Solihull
4. Supporting Employees experiencing DA
- 5 Children who witness & experience DA receive advice & support

1. Support for all survivors throughout the criminal justice system
2. All agencies are able to identify, challenge and help to change the behaviour
3. Commission services to support perpetrators

1. All agencies commit to working together to achieve shared objectives
2. Information sharing to reduce under reporting
3. Collection of data to identify trends, gaps etc.
4. Agencies participate in Domestic Homicide Reviews
5. Working together to access external funding opportunities

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Training –
- Educational Settings
- Multi-agencies

Recommissioning of services for Victims and Perpetrators
- Pathways and referral process is clear
- Meet Equality gaps & needs

Comms Plan –
- Review website
- Branding
- Campaigns

Manage and respond to recommendations from DHR's

Improve information sharing & data collection

* Mapping of agencies' competency in understanding and responding to Domestic abuse

Domestic abuse statutory guidance was issued in July 2022. Section 84(4) of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 requires persons exercising public functions to have regard to the guidance, which should be applied in conjunction with any other relevant statutory duties in relation to safeguarding victims of domestic abuse. The guidance focuses on support for victims, for the purpose of increasing awareness and improving the response to domestic abuse.

The Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP), the Domestic Abuse Partnership Board (DAPB) and the Solihull Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) are developing a joint position statement on Solihull's response to domestic abuse.

This assurance exercise will inform Solihull's strategic priorities around domestic abuse and the actions required to support the improvement of frontline practice

The assurance tool is asking agencies to consider carefully how your organisation identifies and responds to the whole spectrum of domestic abuse.

Learning from Multi-Agency Audits: Domestic Abuse



Background: The audit looked at the multi-agency response to 7 children for whom there were concerns about domestic abuse. This included 2 children who were in receipt of early help, 2 children who had Child in Need Plans and 3 children who had Child Protection Plans.

What did the audit find?

- A disconnect between the MARAC process and the child protection response
- Specialist assessments to screen for domestic abuse are not routinely being shared when referrals are made
- Limited evidence of attention to coercion and control on the family dynamics or on the behaviours of the perpetrator
- Variable practice in understanding the lived experience of children at risk of domestic abuse and seeing them as victims of domestic abuse in their own right
- The focus of interventions tends to be on the non-abusing parent which can lead to them feeling they are being held responsible for the abusers' behaviours
- The impact of other factors, such as mental health and substance misuse, are not always being considered in terms of cumulative risk and the likelihood of domestic abuse

What do we need to do to improve?

- Check whether the family is known to MARAC and the outcome of discussions
- Remember that children living with domestic abuse are victims in their own right
- Share specialist risk assessments when making a referral to MASH
- Remember that trauma will impact on the way family members respond
- Consider the extent to which controlling and coercive behaviours are impacting on the family dynamics
- Consider cumulative risks, e.g., substance misuse or mental health, which may increase the risk of DA
- Focus on the source of the harm and do not hold the non-abusing parent responsible for managing the behaviours of the abuser
- Think about the 4 practice principles: DA-informed, Trauma-informed, Intersectional and Whole Family

Resources:

[Joint Learning Resource Coercive Control](#)
[Solihull SCP - Domestic Abuse webpage](#)
[DVPN/DVPO Webinar](#)
[Solihull Domestic Homicide Review Learning](#)
[Reflective Supervision Guidance](#)
[SMARTER Planning Guidance](#)

[Trauma Informed Practice Training](#)
[NSPCC Intersectionality Learning Podcast](#)
[National Panel - Domestic Abuse Briefing Paper](#)
[Step-Up, Step-Down Guidance](#)
[Risk Assessments Learning Resource](#)



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Date of next meeting 26 September 2023, 2pm