

SVPP Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the September edition of the Wiltshire Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership newsletter. If you have any comments or feedback on any of the items featured or, if you would like to submit an article for future editions, please email svpp@wiltshire.gov.uk. Don't forget you can get the most up to date safeguarding news and information from the partnership by following us on social media using the Twitter handles above.

Learning from Case Reviews

Following the completion of a **Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR)** by the SVPP, a briefing has been published to summarise learning from the case. The briefing has been designed to be shared with staff and facilitate discussion at team meetings. The review concerned the death of a vulnerable 59-year-old woman who had significant physical and mental health needs, multiple hospital admissions and lived in conditions considered to be unhygienic and unsafe. Additional risk factors included alcohol, opiate addiction, and domestic abuse. Learning from this case highlighted the importance of professionals' understanding and ability to assess mental capacity, especially when adults display high risk behaviours. Other learning emphasised the importance of using local practice tools to support adults with complex needs including the [High Risk Professionals Meetings](#) tools and [Self-Neglect Practice Guidance](#). **To read the full learning briefing for Adult L please [click here](#)**

Child to Parent Violence and Abuse

Child to Parent Violence and Abuse (CPVA) is a relatively unknown and unresearched issue and there can be many misconceptions about it. It is often assumed that it involves older adolescents, however according to one study 50% of the incidences were by children aged 12 or younger. There is no clear definition, no one cause and is likely to be a pattern of behaviour rather than a one-off incident. It can be understood as, *"Any behaviour used by a child to control, dominate or coerce parents. It is intended to threaten and intimidate and puts the whole family at risk"* (Child to parent violence and abuse, Helen Bonnick 2019).

Children who are behaving in this way will be very vulnerable and need to not be labelled as perpetrators, but work done to understand why they feel the need to have power and control. Risk factors may include:

- children having suffered physical as well as emotional abuse or trauma, grief/bereavement
- children may be mirroring violent behaviours
- learning disability and/or autism
- systemic family problems including cultural factors

How can professionals support parents?

- **Listen:** Parents find it very difficult to ask for help if they are experiencing violence from their child - they will often feel isolated, blamed, ashamed and not listened to.
- **Realise the impact:** the impact will be on the wider family not just the parent and child
- **Consider safety:** the safety of all family members needs to be considered. Consider putting together a safety plan to ensure all household members are kept safe.

In Wiltshire, the Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board is currently exploring this issue and its prevalence locally in order to inform further support and guidance.

Please listen to [Learn on the Go – Community Care podcast](#), which discusses child and adolescent to parent violence, covering the definition, what we know about it and why it occurs.

Harmful sexual behaviour - tools for parents, carers, and professionals

These leaflets developed by Parents Protect are designed to help parents, carers and professionals to better understand and spot the difference between healthy and developmentally expected sexual exploration and play in children of specific ages, and behaviour that is not appropriate and can cause harm to others or increase a child's vulnerability. More information on guidance can be found [here](#).



Wiltshire Multi-Agency Hoarding Protocol

The [Multi-Agency Hoarding Protocol](#) is aimed at improving how all agencies deal with people with hoarding behaviours using a person centred approach. The protocol has recently been updated by members of a multi-agency working group through the SVPP. This multi-agency protocol is designed to: **Improve how to support people who have a hoarding disorder and assist agencies to work together in identifying the most appropriate solutions.**



Private Fostering – a guide for professionals

A child is considered privately fostered if they have been living away from home for more than 28 days or the arrangement is due to last more than 28 days. Privately fostered children could include:

- adolescents that are living away from the family due to separation or divorce at home
- teenagers living with the family of their boyfriend/girlfriend
- children from overseas sent here for education or health opportunities
- children from overseas whose parents are working unsociable hours and conventional childcare provisions aren't available
- unaccompanied asylum-seeking children
- any children whose parents have made a private arrangement for them to be looked after by someone else

If you believe a child is being privately fostered you should notify the MASH: 0300 456 0108. For general questions please call the kinship and fostering team on 0122716510

Safeguarding Training for Designated Safeguarding Leads in Education

From September 2021, safeguarding training for Designated Safeguarding Leads will be facilitated by Wiltshire Council and courses will be advertised and booked through [Wiltshire Right Choice](#). Courses will offer full induction training for DSLs and DDSLs new to the role/county and refresher training. For all multi-agency training including Neglect, Domestic Abuse, Child Criminal Exploitation, Safer Recruitment, Conferences & Core Groups, Sexualised Behaviour, Contextualised Safeguarding, Graded Care Profile, Adult Safeguarding Workshops and Prevent please continue to book through the [SVPP website](#).

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Wiltshire and Swindon Child Death Overview ([CDOP](#)) newsletter – Autumn edition
- Laura Roberts is on a secondment into a new role as Interim Principle Social Worker, Adults.
- Professionals referring to adult care on behalf of another can refer online [here](#). You can set your LAS portal accounts to default to professional settings. Simple instructions are on the professionals page here: [Professionals \(wiltshire.gov.uk\)](#)



Community Safety Partnership

Wiltshire’s Community Safety Partnership (CSP) underwent a review earlier this year. The review made recommendations to improve the CSP’s effectiveness and build on the existing work and structures already in place.

The new structure is shown below, including:

- new Safer Communities sub-group focussed on neighbourhood and rural crime and anti-social behaviour
- new Perpetrator and Offending sub-group linked to the Domestic Abuse sub-group
- CSP Delivery Group to help coordinate work across the sub-groups and support their effectiveness

What is the relationship between the Community Safety Partnership and the SVPP?

Wiltshire's Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership brings together:

- the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board
- partnership activity in relation to safeguarding children
- the work of the Community Safety Partnership



The CSP Executive provides strategic oversight of Wiltshire’s Community Safety Plan. It is chaired by Assistant Chief Constable Mark Cooper of Wiltshire Police who is also a member of the SVPP Executive. This ensures strong links and join up across the partnership particularly in relation to key areas of safeguarding such as domestic abuse and exploitation. If you have any questions about the CSP please contact SVPP@wiltshire.gov.uk

SVPP Safeguarding Week 2021

The SVPP is hosting a week of free events to raise awareness of safeguarding in Wiltshire. Events will include a range of training sessions and short webinars on a number of safeguarding topics including: Working with Child Sexual Abuse, Safeguarding Adults: Managing Risk, Radicalisation, Domestic Abuse and Young People, Update from the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel, Introduction to the Safeguarding Vulnerable People and Community Safety Partnership, Learning from practice and case reviews: A national and local perspective, Making Safeguarding Personal, Working with Neglect, Graded Care Profile 2 Refresher, Safeguarding Under 1s.

Booking for all events is via our Virtual College learning management system. To register for an account and book courses please click [here](#) existing users can log in [here](#)