

Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership Newsletter

September 2023

Welcome to Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership's newsletter.

Lancashire Safeguarding is a multi-agency Partnership established to ensure safeguarding measures are met, and that vulnerable children and adults across Lancashire, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen are protected from harm, and abuse and lessons are learned from case reviews and improvements identified and implemented.

Training Opportunities

Please find below details for safeguarding training available online and locally:

Discriminatory abuse Toolkit webinar Thursday 21st September 1-2pm

Partners in Care and Health (LGA and ADASS) have created self-assessment tool intended to support councils on their work surrounding discriminatory abuse. This tool aims to support better identification, reporting and analysis, encourage awareness of bias, development of policies and embedding good practice. You can register [here](#).

Learning from SARs – Mental Health Webinar

Wednesday 27th September 2-4pm

The second in the Learning from SARs series, this webinar will explore key themes and issues regarding mental health from Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR). Register [here](#).

Non Fatal Suffocation and Non Fatal Strangulation Training - [Book here](#)

Places available on the following dates:

Wednesday 20th September 12-1pm

Wednesday 18th October 12-1pm

Orange Button Community Scheme

People who are having thoughts of suicide, or who are worried about a friend or family member, can now push the button when they see someone wearing a distinctive orange badge, and ask them for information and support. The orange button is worn by people in Lancashire and South Cumbria who have undergone specialised suicide prevention training, and while they are not able to counsel people, they can provide comprehensive signposting to relevant services. There is also an orange button sticker that can be supplied to businesses and organisations such as cafes, shops and pubs, to place in a prominent window alerting people to trained staff available to help.

Join the Orange Button community by accessing the training [here](#).

Non-Accidental Head Injury (NAHI) Learning from reviews session

[Book here](#)

Tuesday 19th September 10-11.30am

This multi-agency Learning from Reviews session is aimed at front line practitioners who work with children, families and within the wider community and practitioners who work within universal services or provide an early help service. It's also aimed at those who work within specialist services which sit under statutory intervention who wish to gain an understanding of the key messages around non-accidental head injury (NAHI) and the ICON campaign.

Financial Abuse Masterclass - [Book here](#)

Friday 15th September 12-1pm

Economic Abuse is often a hidden element of domestic abuse but affects around 95% of survivors/victims. This session will explore the concept of economic abuse and the many forms that it takes.

Things to look out for

NSPCC Case Reviews update

The NSPCC Library hosts the National collection of case reviews. This update highlights case reviews recently added to the collection and features one of our Learning from case reviews briefings. More information can be found [here](#).

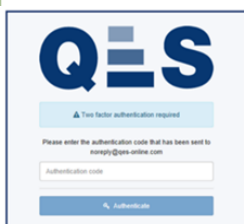
DADPAD for new dads

Dads-to-be in Lancashire and South Cumbria can now download the DadPad app for advice and support. The app is a useful resource before baby arrives and after baby is born, and is designed to be used as a quick, on-the-go reference tool, allowing new dads to enjoy their babies and feel more confident about fatherhood.

Section 11 Practitioner Survey

We are asking all front line practitioners who work in a local authority, district council, police and probation services and health services. The survey should only take 10 minutes to complete and will be available between 1st August and 30th September. You can find the survey [here](#).

QES Case Review System for all CSPRs and SARs—we are now live!



We've now been live on the new referral system since 17th July 2023, and have received a few new referrals for consideration, as well as a number of requests to access to the system.

Remember instead of emailing referral forms to the JPBU, we are requesting that any **new** CSPR and SAR

notifications are made via this link: <https://www.casereview.co.uk/#!/Login>

Please note that you don't need to have access to the QES system to be able to make a new referral. Instructions to support making a new referral have been sent to SPOCs across all key agencies. The current process still remains that senior managers/Single Points of Contact should be informed that a referral/notification is going to be made.

Anyone involved in CSPRs/SARs reviews who requires access to the system will need to complete an Acceptable Use Agreement. Note that you will only be able to see new referrals which you are involved in. Requests for access can be made to JBPU@lancashire.gov.uk and note that you will have 24 hours to register once you get the link.

National News

Dysphagia (swallowing difficulties) -Sharing Good Practice

Research has shown that between 50% and 75% of care home residents have a condition that affects their eating, drinking or swallowing. This can be caused by another health condition e.g. dementia, stroke, Parkinson's, COPD, learning disability, brain injury and some forms of cancer or from general age related physiological changes. The LCC Strategic and Integrated Commissioning, together with the Integrated Care Board have produced a Lessons Learned brief about this issue to help improve quality and safety of front line practice. Link to the information can be found [here](#).

The NSPCC produce their own learning podcasts, a series of episodes that cover a range of child protection issues to inform, create debate and tell you about the work they do to keep children safe. Listen to the podcasts [here](#).

[A blog by Sara Griffiths MBE](#), a national expert on school attendance explains how the issues of safeguarding and attendance are intertwined, and offers recommendations on effective practice for schools and education settings.

The Guardian published a news story on the use of hotels for housing unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in the UK, following legal action against the Home Office by charity Every Child Protected Against Trafficking (ECPAT). The High Court ruled that the routine housing of unaccompanied child asylum seekers in hotels is unlawful. Read more [here](#).

University of Bedfordshire's Safer Young Lives research centre have published a comic to help young people and professionals understand each other's views about young survivors' participation in efforts to address child sexual abuse and exploitation. Access the comic [here](#).

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has published a draft version of their assessment framework which will enable them to assess how well local authorities are performing against their duties under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014. It can be found [here](#).

Awareness Days

ICON WEEK 25 - 29 SEPTEMBER 2023

During ICON Week we aim to raise awareness of infant crying and how to cope to support parents/carers and prevent serious injury, illness and even death of young babies as a result of Abusive Head Trauma that happens when someone shakes a baby.

ICON is a programme adopted by health and social care organisations in the UK to provide information about infant crying, including how to cope, support parents/carers, and reduce stress. Learn more [here](#).

Have a safeguarding concern? - Contact your local authority here:

Blackpool Children:

01253 477 299 Duty.assessment@blackpool.gov.uk

Blackpool Adults:

01253 477 800 01253 477600 (emergency out of hours) Adult.socialcare@blackpool.gov.uk

Lancashire Children :

0300 123 6720 0300 123 6722 (out of hours) [Online here](#)

Lancashire Adults:

0300 123 6720 0300 123 6722 (out of hours) [Online here](#)

Blackburn with Darwen Children:

01254 666 400 01254 587 547 (out of hours) [Online here](#)

Blackburn with Darwen Adults:

01254 585 949 01254 587 547 (out of hours) safeguarding.adults@blackburn.gov.uk

We want to hear from you!



We are continuously learning and wanting to improve the work that we do. If there is anything you would like to see on this newsletter that would help you and your colleagues to safeguard adults and children better we want to hear from you. If you would like to be added to the distribution list for this newsletter you can also contact us directly. Please email us at : JPBU@lancashire.gov.uk with the email title 'Safeguarding newsletter'.