



Quarterly News Bulletin

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Welcome from Independent Chair & Scrutineer

As I write this introduction to our quarterly newsletter the autumn weather is setting in, and the days are getting shorter. Summer seems a long time ago, but I hope you all managed to find some time to relax and revitalise yourself.

The Warwickshire Safeguarding team remained busy. During the summer, we have continued to enjoy meetings with the sub groups of our board and I would like to thank everyone involved in this work. The sub groups underpin our belief that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone, and the meetings develop a strong culture of working together.

We have reviewed a number of CSPR and adult SAR referrals during the summer period. Sadly, the same things continue to challenge us, namely, neglect and mental health. I urge you all to read the reports and the learning briefings and share these with your colleagues.

Finally, we were delighted to run our first Warwickshire Safeguarding conference over the summer. Attendance was high and feedback very positive. I hope you will be pleased to know that we are about to begin planning the 2024 conference and welcome any ideas or offers of help that you may have!



We look forward to hearing from you and thank you again for all you do for the people of Warwickshire.

Elaine Coleridge Smith

Warwickshire Safeguarding Independent Chair & Scrutineer

Who are we?

Warwickshire Safeguarding is a multiagency Partnership established to ensure safeguarding measures are met and that vulnerable adults and children across Warwickshire are protected from harm and abuse and lessons are learned from case reviews and improvements identified/implemented

Meet the Business Team

Amrita Sharma
(Business Manager)

Holly Reed &
Jenn Coxley
(Quality, Learning &
Improvement Officers)

Chelsea Jones &
Joanne Price
(Business
Development Officers)



For further information and to keep up to date with our latest news, please visit:

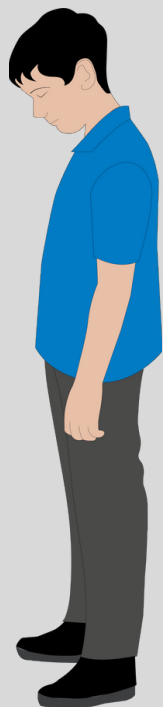
www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk



NEW - Published Review

Provided below are details of the report which has been recently published by the partnership following the conclusion of the safeguarding review. Copies of the full reports relating to children and adults can be found by clicking on either of the following links:

- [Children's Reviews](#)
- [Adults Reviews](#)



James: In February 2021, James stabbed his father at home in an apparent act of self-defence. James's father was not seriously harmed but James and his family had been known to a wide range of services over a number of years. He was extremely vulnerable with several complex needs including risk of criminal exploitation, mental health issues, self-harm and suicide attempts, a history of traumatic childhood experiences and frequent cannabis misuse. He had missed a significant part of his secondary education. James experienced chaotic early life experiences and instability in his care arrangements moving between his parents care throughout his childhood. He had been involved with Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) since the age of nine and there was an extensive history of mental health issues including nine recorded episodes of overdose and/or suicidal ideation. There were 37 recorded attendances at Accident and Emergency departments. James had been subject to a child in need plan and a child protection plan, and the family had been offered support from several agencies.

View a copy of the full report [HERE](#)

View the full Lessons Learned [HERE](#)

7 Minute Briefings

Warwickshire Safeguarding produce 7-minute briefings as a quick and simple way to share learning on a range of safeguarding topics. Click on the briefing below to link you to some the briefings that have been published since the last News Bulletin:

- [Rapid Reviews \(Safeguarding Adult Reviews\)](#)
- [Child Accident Prevention](#)
- [Child Sexual Exploitation](#)
- [Contextual Safeguarding](#)
- [Early Help](#)
- [Female Genital Mutilation](#)
- [Harmful Sexual Behaviour in Children and Young People](#)
- [LADO Process](#)
- [Making a Referral to the Front Door](#)
- [Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking \(Adults\)](#)
- [Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking \(Children\)](#)
- [New Partners Joining Households](#)
- [Suicide Awareness](#)
- [Underage Sexual Activity](#)

Lessons Learned Briefings

Lessons Learned Briefings are produced following the completion of a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) or an Adults Review (SAR), or in those cases where the criteria for a formal review was not met, however the initial scoping process identified key areas of practice which highlighted the need to promote awareness. You can see the latest Lessons Learned Briefings by clicking [HERE](#)



Warwickshire Safeguarding Partnership held their first face-to-face conference since the global pandemic on Thursday 22nd June 2023.

The theme of the Conference was 'Tackling Online Social Influences'

Workshops were held on the following subject areas. You can click on the title of each workshop to access the PowerPoint that was shared on the day for further information:

- **Responding to youth produced sexual imagery** (introduced by Ruby Nailor of Warwickshire Police)
- **Reframing masculinity in society for young men and boys** (Introduced by Dr Sophie King Hill, Birmingham University)
- **Abuse via modern day technology and the impact of misogynistic online influences** (Melanie Jones, Refuge)
- **A trip into the world of hackers, fraudsters and online scams** (James Squire, Warwickshire Police)

The key note speaker, Tim Mann gave an inciteful overview of the work of The Breck Foundation. Click [**HERE**](#) to see his presentation.

Feedback was very positive and some great ideas have been suggested for future conferences.



Warwickshire
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Warwickshire Safeguarding Partnership Conference

Tackling Online Social Influences

Warwickshire Safeguarding Strategic Plan 2023-2026

Warwickshire Safeguarding Partnership launched it's new Strategic Plan for 2023 - 2026.


The streamlined plan sets out the Partnerships shared vision and actions that will help keep children, young people, and adults at risk safe from abuse and neglect and will support and enable local agencies to work together in a system where:

- Excellent practice is the norm
- Partners work collaboratively to achieve the same end goals
- Partner agencies hold one another to account effectively
- There is early identification of 'new' safeguarding issues
- Learning is promoted and embedded
- Information is shared effectively
- The public can feel confident that children and adults are protected from harm


The Strategic Plan is a statutory requirement and sets out the Partnerships strategic priority areas of focus for 2023-2026 and will be reviewed annually.

To access the Strategic Plan 2023-2026, please click [**HERE**](#)





Safeguarding Spotlight



WARWICKSHIRE THINK FAMILY PROTOCOL

Recent Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews have found that opportunities to 'Think Family' have been missed.

'Think Family' means that practitioners working with children, young people or adults identify the wider family needs which extend beyond the individual they are supporting. Warwickshire Safeguarding's Think Family Protocol ensures practitioners take into account the whole family circumstances and responsibilities.

Click [HERE](#) to read the Warwickshire Think Family Protocol

For more information about each Key Considerations, please click [HERE](#) and read each sub-heading



Safeguarding Spotlight



YOUNG PEOPLE'S DASH RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Did you know there is a version of the DASH for use with young people are experiencing domestic abuse?

The SafeLives DASH for adults has been amended for practitioners to use to identify risk in cases of domestic abuse, stalking and 'honour'-based violence for young people aged 13 to 17 years old.

The Young People's DASH Risk Checklist should be used with every young person who discloses that they are experiencing current domestic abuse. Similar to the adult DASH, the checklist offers an opportunity for practitioners to identify the levels of risk a young person may be exposed to, inform and make appropriate referrals to Children's Services/MARAC and offer support.

To access the SafeLives Young People's DASH Risk Checklist and for full guidance on how this should be used, visit: www.safelives.org.uk.

For more information on the Young People's version of the DASH Risk Checklist, Safelives have created a short video that can be accessed via the following link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jFMgb4jfYE





Domestic violence and abuse is the abuse of someone within an family or intimate relationship (including ex-partners).



It is the repeated, random and habitual use of intimidation to control a person. There are a number of upcoming training courses being run by Warwickshire County Council focused on Domestic Abuse.

Please contact Amy Hilton
(amyhilton@warwickshire.gov.uk) for more information.

Further information regarding these courses can be found [HERE](#):

Children are negatively impacted by experiencing domestic abuse and without early intervention and support this negative impact can last through a child's life course.



Operation Encompass is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse. Operation Encompass aims, by directly connecting police and schools, to secure better outcomes for children , to enable schools to better understand the impact living with domestic abuse has upon children, to help schools to better understand a child's lived experience and to therefore be able to support and nurture each child , making a child's day better and giving them a better tomorrow.

**Click [HERE](#)
to read more about
Operation Encompass**

Free Contextual Safeguarding Resource

Enfield Council have released a [free contextual safeguarding resource](#) called [Save Me](#), which includes a short film and professional handbook to be used across all organisations that work with children. The film and handbook can be used to aid discussions, enhance learning and educate children, parents, communities, businesses and professionals around key themes such as grooming, child criminal exploitation, sexual abuse, substance misuse and intimidation control.

You can access the safeguarding resource [by clicking HERE](#)

The film can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#):



Spread the word about #DogSafety

Recently we've seen several tragic dog attack fatalities, so it's paramount that families are equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to enjoy spending time with their dogs safely.

The Canine and Feline Sector Group Dog Safety Code highlights three crucial messages that all dog owners and families need to know:

- **Be alert – Always keep an eye on your dog around kids. Never leave them alone together**
- **Be aware – Dogs use signals to tell us how they feel – What is your dog telling you?**
- **Be safe – Any dog can bite. Accidents happen fast.**

We're encouraging safeguarding partners to display and share the infographic as widely as possible to get the #DogSafety message out there.

Defra's [dog safety partner pack](#) also includes a range of downloadable resources to support your dog safety communications both online and in person

Available in digital and print versions – download from the Canine and Feline Sector Group website [HERE](#)
Warwickshire Safeguarding have produced a **7-minute briefing** on Safeguarding Children around Dogs which is a useful tool for Practitioners and Families alike.

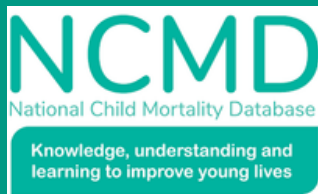


The Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse

The Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse has published their latest report identifying key messages from their research. Click [HERE](#) to review the full report.

There is also a free online training course on Identifying and responding to intra-familial child sexual abuse. Designed to complete in under 90 minutes - or in convenient shorter bursts - it's for professionals at all stages of their career; for those new to safeguarding, or as a helpful refresher. This could be used for CPD for the team.

Take the eLearning course by clicking the link [HERE](#)



NCMD have recently published their latest data reporting on deaths of children and young people related to traumatic incidents. Click [HERE](#) to read the full report

National Referral Mechanism (NRM)

There is a national framework to assist in the formal identification and help to coordinate the referral of victims of modern slavery to appropriate services, known as the National Referral Mechanism. Certain public bodies such as local authorities and chief officers of Police have a statutory duty to refer.

For more information about the Warwickshire Pilot, contact: Nigel Jones, WCC
nigelajones@warwickshire.gov.uk or the NRM Coordinator via NRM@warwickshire.gov.uk

Resources:

- [7-Minute Briefing - National Referral Mechanism & Devolved Decision-Making Pilot](#)
- [NRM Newsletter \(Downloadable PDF\)](#)





The Child Sexual Abuse Review Panel (CSARP)

The Child Sexual Abuse Review Panel (CSARP) is a joint initiative between the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) and reviews cases in England and Wales where a victim or survivor feel the decision to take no further action (NFA) in an investigation was unjust and would like the decision to be reconsidered. The CSARP was established in June 2013 to revisit cases that were not covered under the Victims' Right to Review (VRR) scheme. VRR was introduced to enable victims to seek a review of either a CPS or police decision to take no further action in respect of allegations they made; however, the scheme only applies to decisions made on or after 5 June 2013.

Cases will be considered if:

- The report is about an alleged sexual offence against the victim or survivor.
- The victim or survivor is referring to a report previously made to the police about the sexual offence.
- A decision to take no further action was taken by the police or by the CPS.
- The alleged sexual offences were committed when the victim or survivor was under 18 years of age.
- Police believe the alleged offender may still pose a risk.
- The alleged offence was committed in England and Wales.
- The case was investigated and marked no further action by police or CPS before 5 June 2013.

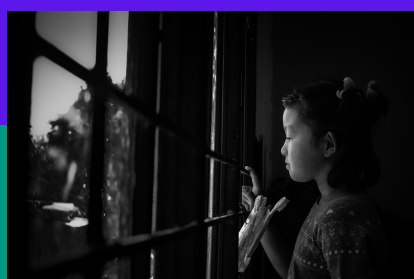
Cases will not be considered if:

- The victim or survivor hasn't previously reported the matter to the police as this will therefore be a new complaint that the police will need to investigate.
- New evidence has come to light prompting a fresh investigation by the police.
- The case was investigated and marked no further action by police or CPS before 5 June 2013 (after this date cases are covered by the Victims' Right to Review Scheme).
- The alleged offence did not take place in England or Wales.

For more information please click on the following links:

[NPCC Child Sexual Abuse Review Panel Information Leaflet](#)

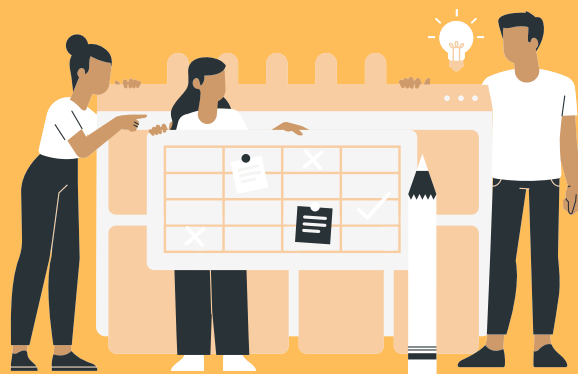
[NPCC Child Sexual Abuse Partner Information Pack](#)





Multi-Agency Training Programme 2023/24

further dates to follow



Warwickshire Safeguarding Partnership are pleased to share our multiagency training programme. Sessions are being delivered on:

- Using the Mental Capacity Act in the context of Safeguarding and Self-Neglect
- Professional Curiosity
- Integrated Children and Families Front Door & what makes a good referral
- Vanguard Bitesize Session: Social Prescribing and its use in Trauma Informed Practice
- Vanguard Bitesize Session: Vicarious and Organisational Trauma
- Vanguard Bitesize Session: Building Relationships
- Vanguard Bitesize Session: Victim Blaming and Language
- Vanguard Bitesize Session: Safeguarding through a Trauma Informed Lens
- Vanguard Bitesize Session: Engaging with children who have experienced Child Sexual Abuse

For further information visit the [Safeguarding Multi-Agency Training page](#)

Safeguarding Week 2024

Warwickshire Safeguarding Partnership are starting to prepare for Safeguarding Week, which will be held on the week commencing 26th February 2024.

More details will be available soon.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list for further information regarding Safeguarding Week and for future training notifications please email [**wstraining@warwicksire.gov.uk**](mailto:wstraining@warwicksire.gov.uk) with your details

To report an adult safeguarding concern or to make a safeguarding referral for a child, please contact one of the following:

Social Care & Support (Adults): 01926 412080
Children Social Care: 01926 414144

Includes options for FIS (Option 1), EH Support Line (Option 2) and Safeguarding (Option 3)