



Safer Newsletter

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**New e-Learning
course available**



We have been working very hard behind the scenes with partners to increase our safeguarding training offer. We now have 25 online multi agency training modules that are available for you to access 24 hours a day.

Modules available include:

- [Introduction to Child Abuse and Neglect - Level 1](#)
- [Introduction to Child Criminal Exploitation \(CCE\) - Level 1](#)
- [Introduction to Child Sexual Exploitation - Level 1](#)
- [Introduction to Domestic Abuse - Level 1](#)
- [Introduction to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - Level 1](#)
- [Introduction to Hate Crime - Level 1](#)
- [Introduction to Mental Capacity Act - Level 1](#)
- [Introduction to Modern Slavery - Level 1](#)
- [Introduction to Safeguarding Adults Awareness - Level 1](#)
- [Introduction to the Dudley Safeguarding People Partnership](#)
- [Look, Listen and Let us Know - How to Safeguard Children and Adults in Dudley - Level 1](#)
- [Online Safety - Module 00 - Introduction - Level 1 *](#)
- [Understanding Domestic Abuse - Level 2](#)
- [Understanding Female Genital Mutilation - Level 2](#)
- [Working Together for Dudley - Level 2](#)

* There are 10 additional level 2 modules that follow this introduction course including:

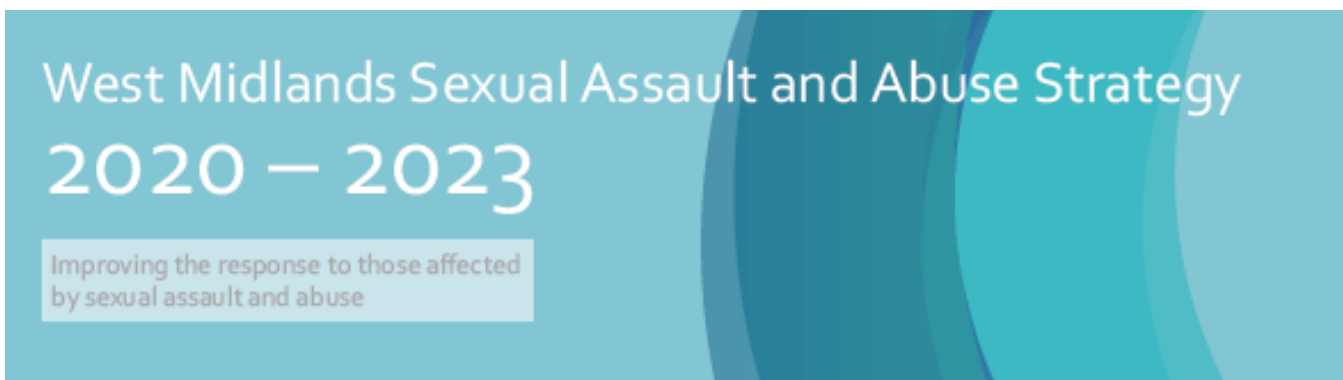
Module 01 - Disinformation Vs Misinformation	Module 06 - Emotional Health and Wellbeing
Module 02 - Online Abuse	Module 07 - Live Streaming and Virtual relationships
Module 03 - Cyber Security and Policing the Internet	Module 08 - Sexual Images
Module 04 - Cyber Bullying	Module 09 - Hate Crime and Extreme Views
Module 05 - Gaming or Gambling?	Module 10 - The Dark Web

Multi agency response to those refusing to self-isolate

DSPP have produced guidance which applies when someone with care and support needs continues to go into the community and fails to respond to the government's guidance about social distancing or self-isolating due to Covid-19 restrictions.

[View the guidance](#)

Safeguarding related updates from our Partners and the UK.



The West Midlands Sexual Assault and Abuse Strategy 2020-2023 has launched, See – <https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/police-launch-new-strategy-to-tackle-sexual-abuse/>



SCIE: Risk identification and virtual interventions for social workers

This quick guide from SCIE will help social workers and social care practitioners understand how to gather evidence and information, so they are able to identify and assess risks normally gathered through observation.

<https://www.scie.org.uk/care-providers/coronavirus-covid-19/social-workers/risk-identification>



SCIE: Providing care and support at home to people who have had COVID-19

This quick guide from SCIE will help home care workers and personal assistants (PAs) to provide care and support to people who have left hospital after having COVID-19. It explains what to expect as these people return to their lives at home under new circumstances.

<https://www.scie.org.uk/care-providers/coronavirus-covid-19/home-care/recovering-at-home>



GOV.UK

The MCA and DoLS during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic: additional guidance

Updated on 24th December, this government guidance now includes guidance about testing and vaccination when a person lacks capacity to consent.

COVID-19: deaths of people with learning disabilities

Review of available data on the deaths of people identified as having learning disabilities in England during the COVID-19.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-deaths-of-people-with-learning-disabilities>



People with learning disabilities face ‘discrimination’ as data shows Covid death rate six times the average

Expert warns of systemic failures in services as report highlights concerns over the use of DNR orders and applying Mental Capacity Act

<https://www.communitycare.co.uk/2020/11/19/people-learning-disabilities-face-discrimination-data-shows-covid-death-rate-six-times-average/>

How Black and ethnic minority mental health patients’ cultural needs frequently go unmet



Ward staff can mistakenly see religious beliefs as symptoms of mental illness and lack confidence in meeting cultural needs, but better training and effective assessments, using the social model, can help, finds research

<https://www.communitycare.co.uk/2021/01/08/black-ethnic-minority-mental-health-patients-cultural-needs-frequently-go-unmet/>



Ofsted finds that Isolation of children moving into secure care caused anxiety and increased self-harm

Regulator also found high levels of staff absences and use of temporary workers often destabilised homes but praised staff understanding of children's risks and vulnerabilities

<https://www.communitycare.co.uk/2020/12/15/isolation-children-moving-secure-care-caused-anxiety-increased-self-harm-finds-ofsted/>



Staying mentally well: winter plan 2020 to 2021

The government's plans to support people's wellbeing and mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic this winter.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-mentally-well-winter-plan-2020-to-2021>

Mental Health for All? The final report of the Commission for Equality in Mental Health

The Commission for Equality in Mental Health was set up to explore what causes mental health inequalities, what perpetuates them, and what might help to break the cycle.

Mental health for all?, the final report of the Commission, says that inequalities which have for too long been accepted or ignored can and should be reduced, through concerted action nationally and locally.

Centre for
Mental Health



Mental Capacity Act 2005, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards England 2019-20

These official statistics provide findings from the Mental Capacity Act 2005, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) data collection for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, Key facts:

- 263,940 applications made
- 243,300 applications completed
- 129,780 cases outstanding at end of period
- 23.6% of standard applications completed within statutory 21 day timeframe
- Average completion time of 142 days

<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/mental-capacity-act-2005-deprivation-of-liberty-safeguards-assessments/2019-20>



Guidance: Liberty Protection Safeguards: overview of the process

This overview published on 30.11.20 includes the following headings:

- Making a referral
- Representation and support
- Assessments and authorisation
- Reviews

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/liberty-protection-safeguards-factsheets/liberty-protection-safeguards-overview-of-the-process>



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Publish 'Safeguarding Adults England 2019-20' annual report

This publication provides the findings from the Safeguarding Adults Collection (SAC) for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

Key facts

- 475,560 concerns of abuse raised
- 161,910 Section 42 enquiries undertaken
- 15,655 other enquiries
- 31.8% of Section 42 enquiries related to Neglect and Acts of Omission
- Most common location of risk was the person's own home (43.8%):



Safeguarding Partners in Birmingham have launched the 'Who's In Charge' campaign

This campaign is about the impact of alcohol and substances on parental capacity to ensure the safe care and sleeping arrangements for very young infants. It is illustrated by five short films and useful information. The campaign was spearheaded by the Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and has been informed by a number of serious incidents over recent years as well as the Panel's national research.

<http://www.lscpbirmingham.org.uk/campaigns/who-s-in-charge>



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