

Newsletter, April 2024

The Safeguarding Partnership Vision

For every child and young person to be and feel safe, enjoy good physical, emotional and mental health, have pride in their unique identities, feel that they belong and have opportunities to thrive.

For adults, irrespective of age, race, gender, culture, religion, disability or sexual orientation to be able to live with their rights protected, in safety, free from abuse and the fear of abuse.

All previous newsletters can be accessed [here](#).

The Safeguarding Partnership produces and sources practice guidance, briefings and audit reports to support your safeguarding practice with children and adults.

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NSPCC

STOPLIGHT on NSPCC Child Sexual Abuse Campaigns and learning

NSPCC offer a range of services, including helplines, support for families, and advocacy. With a focus on raising awareness and providing resources. Currently the NSPCC is running some brilliant campaigns and projects to raise awareness around Child Sexual Abuse, below are some updates and links for further information.

Talk Pants Campaign

The NSPCC Talk PANTS campaign is an initiative aimed at empowering children to understand their rights to safety and recognise the potential risks of abuse. Through age-appropriate resources and educational materials, the campaign teaches children the "PANTS" rule:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up - someone can help.

The campaign encourages open conversations between children, parents, and caregivers about staying safe from abuse. It provides guidance on how adults can respond effectively if a child discloses abuse or expresses concerns. The NSPCC Talk PANTS campaign plays a crucial role in educating and safeguarding children against abuse. This campaign will be rolled out later this year in Hillingdon.



Click on the picture above to access a free PDF version of the Talk Pants Book.

Better Safe Campaign

The NSPCC have launched a campaign with the Home Office to tackle child sexual abuse and raise awareness of their Helpline. The Better Safe campaign encourages people to report on instances where there are concerns that a child might be experiencing sexual abuse.

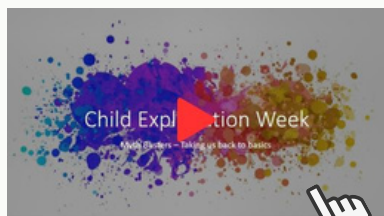


NSPCC Learning Podcast

Recommendations for Change: an NSPCC Learning Podcast series: An exploration of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse final recommendations, and what they mean for professionals working with children. For the full report click the link on the right.



Child Exploitation Awareness Week 2024



In recognition of Child Exploitation Awareness Day, the Safeguarding Partnership organised a week-long awareness campaign. The week consisted of three sessions, aimed at increasing awareness of Child Exploitation encouraging everyone to think, spot and speak out against abuse.

The sessions have been recorded and are available on the Safeguarding Partnership website. You can find them [here](#).

The first session focused on revisiting the basics of exploitation, clarifying key terms, recognising signs and indicators, and emphasizing the importance of language when working with children. The second session went deeper into the subject matter, with AXIS delivering an informative presentation that helped partners understand the local exploitation trends prevalent in Hillingdon.

The week's activities ended with a valuable session by The Children's Society, which highlighted strategies to disrupt exploitation and safeguard children from harm. Overall, 152 participants joined the three sessions to enhance their understanding of Child Exploitation.



Language Matters in Safeguarding Children from Exploitation and Sexual Abuse

When talking about children, language matters. It can be the difference between a child being properly safeguarded or put at further risk. Use language that reinforces that we are working to safeguard children. Using the term 'child' if they are under 18 years old helps to prevent adultification. Barnardo's has created this useful guidance about appropriate language to use when speaking about or engaging with children.



Charities and Organisations Offering Financial and Material Support

When you are working with people who need material and financial support, these charities may be able to offer assistance.

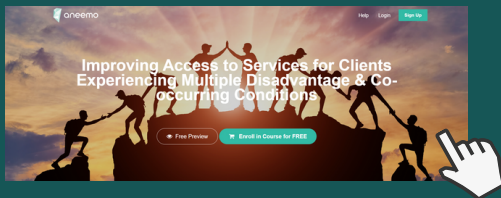


A charitable organisation that awards grants for furniture, carpets, and other household items. They accept applications from all over the United Kingdom with a vision "where everyone has the basics they need for a good life."

A national charity that provides financial assistance to those in need. They provide guidance and access to grants such as furniture and carpet grants. Turn2Us provides a search tool that can be used to locate and apply for local grants. In addition, they have a team of advisors available to provide guidance and support during the grant application process.



A charity dedicated to helping children and young people in the UK who have experienced crisis, are living with financial hardship and/or dealing with multiple challenging social issues. They provide support designed to improve emotional, educational and social outcomes through their Chances for Children grants.



FREE Online Training Resource: Improving Access to Services for People Experiencing Multiple Disadvantages

Anemo offers a free online training course backed by the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID). The course has been created in partnership with the NHS's Transformation Partners in Health and Care Co-Occurring Conditions Team to support cross-sector professionals in recognising and supporting the multiple and co-occurring needs of people who experience multiple disadvantages.

The comprehensive curriculum will benefit frontline staff and system leaders across health, social care, the voluntary sector and the criminal justice system. The content covers the use of legislation such as The Care Act, the Mental Capacity Act, NICE guidance, Drug Strategy and NHS Long-Term Plan, and what a Trauma-informed Criminal Justice System can look like.

The course aims to help you to:

- Develop an understanding of the individual, service and system-level barriers that exist for people with multiple needs accessing services
- Recognise the prevalence of trauma and working in a trauma-informed way
- Gain practical and creative approaches to assessment, engagement and support
- Recognise the importance of gender informed service models and peer support.

For more information click [here](#).

New Resource for Children and Young People affected by Domestic Abuse: Safer Space+ Victim Support

Victim support's Safer Space+ is a service for children and young people aged 5 to 17 years living in London, who have experienced domestic abuse at home. Safer Space+ aims to support children and young people to cope and recover from the impact the domestic abuse they have witnessed, to understand that they are not at fault or to blame for the domestic abuse.

Domestic Abuse Advocates deliver support across ten weeks. Sessions are mainly delivered at the child's/young person's school/education setting or in a safe and confidential space.

The ten sessions include:

- Setting an individual support plan
- Looking at safety and keeping safe
- Exploring and understanding what is a healthy and unhealthy relationship
- Exploring and understanding emotions, while developing skills in managing them
- Developing coping skills
- Building on their resilience
- An exit support plan.



If you are working with a child or young person who would benefit from Safer Space+ and they have given their consent, along with the non-abusing parent/carer's consent, contact the service email for a referral form: saferspaceplus@victimsupport.org.uk



Partnership News

Safeguarding Partnership Training 2024-2025 is now live.

The Partnership commissions a range of safeguarding training relevant to working with children and adults. This training is free to staff in the organisations that jointly fund the Safeguarding Partnership: NHS, Police, and Local Authority. Some courses are chargeable to organisations that do not contribute financially to the partnership, and some courses are free to all.

The courses are for professionals working with children or adults across all local services. This includes: social care, housing, education, policing, probation, health, and voluntary and private sector providers.

Here are some free courses you can access:

- Sexual Behaviours Traffic Light Tool (children and young people)
- Support for Children Affected by Sexual Abuse
- Sexual Harassment and responding to Incidents (children and young people)
- Female Genital Mutilation - Multiagency Awareness Raising Workshop
- Contextual Safeguarding Awareness Raising Workshop
- Managing Allegations against staff and volunteers/LADO training (children)

You need a Learning Zone account to access our training. If you don't have one, please complete [this form](#)

[Book on to any of our training at Hillingdon Learning Zone: Safeguarding Partnership](#)



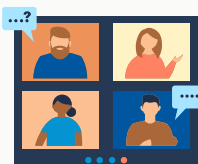
Webinars

Hillingdon Safeguarding Partnership records webinars to support safeguarding practice with adults and children. Click [here](#) to see what is available.

Safeguarding Partnership Induction Webinars

The Safeguarding Partnership are delivering a series of webinars, every 6 weeks, which will provide you with information about our roles, responsibilities, priorities, and relevant legislation.

These induction sessions are suitable for professionals working with children and adults across all local services. This includes social care, housing, education, policing, probation, health, voluntary and private sector organisations. New staff or people who want to refresh their knowledge are welcome.



Click on a date
to register for
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[9 May 2024](#)

[20 June 2024](#)

[1 August 2024](#)