

Newsletter, July 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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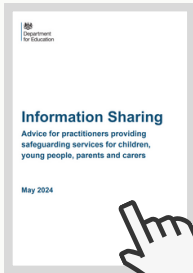
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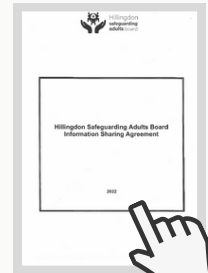
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Information Sharing: Advice for Practitioners

We know that good information sharing is fundamental to effective safeguarding practice. Statutory safeguarding reviews often identify missed opportunities for professionals to seek, and share, information about the children, adults and families they are working with.



Information Sharing
Guidance For Safeguarding
Professionals



Hillingdon Safeguarding
Adults Board Information
Sharing Agreement

The first and most important consideration is always whether sharing information is likely to support the safeguarding of a child or vulnerable adult. If yes, share.

The Data Protection Act and GDPR enables the sharing of information to safeguard children and vulnerable adults, when it is necessary, proportionate and justified.

Seeking and sharing information helps us to identify:

- patterns of behaviour and experience
- risks and protective factors
- relevant circumstances
- a richer picture of the lives of those we are trying to support

This information supports good risk assessment and management.

Key Messages

- If you believe a child or adult is at risk of harm you do not need consent to report this as a safeguarding concern or share information. Where it is safe to do so it is best to discuss your concerns with the adult or family first.
- Sharing information to safeguard children or adults is everyone's responsibility. If you are not sure, get advice.
- Sharing information can be justified solely based on preventing harm to a child or vulnerable adult.
- Always clearly document what you are sharing, why, and with whom.
- Follow up information you have shared, make sure the recipient understands it and has acted upon it.
- Think about who else might hold relevant information and ask for it.



There is a duty under section 7 of the Care Act 2014 on all relevant organisations to cooperate with the local authority in their attempts to protect adults with care and support needs - this can include sharing information to support needs assessments, reviews and safeguarding enquiries.

There is a duty under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 on all relevant organisations to support the local authority in their enquiries about children at risk of significant harm - this includes sharing information.

Recognising and Managing Fire Risk for Vulnerable Adults

The majority of people who die or are seriously injured in fires have common vulnerabilities and risk factors. They are often known to service providers and agencies. Dementia, learning disabilities, reduced mobility, and a range of healthcare equipment can increase the risks of fire and make it much harder for someone to protect themselves from it.

Professionals providing support must be alert to the risks and take prompt action to manage the risks wherever possible. This is relevant in people's own homes, and in care homes, extra-care and supported housing, and day centres.

The Safeguarding Partnership have produced this new briefing to support anyone working with vulnerable adults in any capacity to recognise and manage fire risk. It covers the following topics:

- Best Practice Tips
- Learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews about Fatal Fires
- Indicators of Fire Risk
- Specialist Healthcare Equipment
- Hoarding and Fire Risk
- Telecare
- Legal Powers to Manage Risks in a Person's Home



NSPCC

Talk PANTS Champion Training Opportunity

The Safeguarding Partnership is currently working with the NSPCC Talk PANTS Pan London Campaign to prevent child sexual abuse and support children to seek help if they need it.

Training is now being rolled out for the Talk PANTS Campaign and is free and open to all professionals. Parent and Carer information sessions are also available.

The dates and booking links for the champions training sessions can be found in this briefing.





Managing Allegations Against People in Positions of Trust

Lunch and learn Webinar - Hillingdon Adult LADO Process

The Hillingdon Safeguarding Partnership Adult LADO Process has been reviewed and refreshed. The document sets out the local expectations and processes for managing allegations against people who work in a position of trust (PiPoTs) with adults. This would include anyone working in a paid or voluntary capacity with vulnerable adults.

The Safeguarding Partnership is hosting a free Lunch and Learn Webinar event to provide an overview of the new process. This session is open to all professionals, volunteers and employers.

30th October 2024

12-1pm

[Click here to register your place](#)



How the Courts Can Support Adult Safeguarding

The Role of the Court of Protection and the Inherent Jurisdiction of the High Court



Most of the time local safeguarding partners can make a safeguarding plan which effectively safeguards an adult at risk without needing to go to court.

There are a range of powers available to professionals set out in the Care Act 2014 and the Mental Capacity Act 2005, as well as some housing laws, which can be utilised without going to court. There are also powers under a range of criminal justice laws that police officers can use to keep people safe.

However, there are some situations in which legal powers can only be used by a court. This briefing looks at the role of the Court of Protection, the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court, and magistrates courts in safeguarding adults.



New Health and Care Passport Implementation Guidance

It's good practice for people with a learning disability and autistic people to have a health and care passport which can be regularly updated in response to changes in their health and wellbeing and interaction in the health and care services they use.

Click on the icon to read the new guidance

This new guidance supports organisations and individual professionals to understand the purpose of health and care passports and to explain best practice in completing them. The guidance also includes a template for the passports.

Benefits of a health and care passport:

- Empowers patients and carers – enabling better informed clinical decisions and shared decision making
- Improves patient safety
- Provides consistent, clear, patient centred information
- Reduces health inequalities
- Can support organisations and professionals to meet their legal duties including Mental Capacity Act and the Equality Act.

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

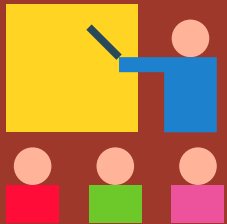


According to the World Health Organisation FGM means “*all procedures involving partial or total removal of the external female genitalia or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons.*”

FGM is child abuse. It is a safeguarding concern and it is illegal. Click on the National FGM Centre icon to learn more about FGM and other harmful practices.

Girls are more at risk of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) during the summer holidays. Be vigilant. As summer approaches, be curious about long holidays, female-only holidays, girls talking about ‘becoming a woman’ ceremonies, parents being evasive about holidays, or girls saying they are being asked to keep holidays or events secret. Ask questions. Be direct.

Read up on the key information you need and find resources to support you in identifying and assessing risk of FGM available from the [National FGM Centre](#).



The Safeguarding Partnership delivers free training on FGM for all professionals working with children and adults. Book your place through [Learning Zone](#)

If you don't have a Learning Zone account, please complete this [form](#)

Elective Home Education (EHE) and Safeguarding Children



Elective home education (EHE) is a term used to describe a choice by parents to provide education for their children at home, or elsewhere, which does not involve them being registered on a school's roll.

EHE in itself is not a safeguarding concern. Many EHE children are safe, having their educational needs met and are thriving.

However, EHE children have very limited or no contact with professionals, compared to children attending school. When professionals do encounter children being home educated they should be vigilant and take responsibility for acting on any safeguarding concerns they identify.

Ensure safeguarding concerns are reported and followed up correctly through the [Hillingdon Stronger Families Hub](#).

A series of 5 Minute Guides about Elective Home Education for professionals, schools, and families are available on Hillingdon LEAP. These provide more in-depth guidance.



If you are concerned the education being provided to a child is not suitable, efficient or full time, you should contact Hillingdon's Elective Home Education Team to discuss your concerns.

Elective Home Education Team: EHE@hillington.gov.uk



Partnership News

Free Webinar - Learning from the 'Carol' Safeguarding Adults Review



Hillingdon Safeguarding Partnership undertook a Safeguarding Adults Review for Carol. Learning from the SAR is relevant to all professionals and volunteers who come into contact with adults who may be at risk of neglect.

7th August 2024

**Book your place
here**

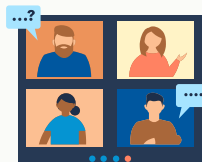


This webinar will cover the key areas of learning, and support people to reflect on how to apply the learning to their own work. It is open to any and all professionals or volunteers who come into contact with adults - social workers, nurses, doctors, care providers, housing officers, volunteers, and anyone else who is interested. It is free and simple to register.

Safeguarding Partnership Information 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
a session

1 August 2024

**14 November
2024**

**6 February
2025**

6 May 2025

**19 August
2025**

Safeguarding Partnership Training Programme 2024-2025

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.

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