

Newsletter, June 2025

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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Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI)

Over recent weeks, the partnership took part in a Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI), a collaborative inspection led by Ofsted, the Care Quality Commission (CQC), His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS), and His Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP). JTAIs are designed to evaluate how effectively local agencies work together to safeguard and support children, in this case, focusing on our multi-agency response to children who are victims of domestic abuse.

The inspection took place over three weeks and has now concluded with the formal written outcome to come at a later date.

The Safeguarding Partnership team would like to thank all our partners for their continued support and engagement throughout the inspection. Your contributions and commitment to joint working are greatly appreciated.

Thrive Framework

The THRIVE Framework is a person-centred, needs-led approach to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of children, young people, and families. Developed by the Anna Freud Centre and the Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust, it moves away from diagnosis-based models and instead focuses on what support is needed and when.

At its core, THRIVE promotes a common language for talking about mental health—one that is accessible and meaningful to everyone involved, including families, professionals, and young people themselves.

It categorises needs into five areas:

1. Thriving
2. Getting Advice
3. Getting Help
4. Getting More Help
5. Getting Risk Support



THRIVE promotes shared decision-making and empowers families to be active participants in their care.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Hillingdon Safeguarding Partnership website has a host of briefings and webinars that contribute to practice development. [Click Here](#)

Cuckooing and Adult Exploitation

Cuckooing is a form of exploitation where a vulnerable adult's home is taken over—often through coercion or manipulation—for criminal activity. Victims may be isolated, fearful, and unaware they are being exploited. Factors such as mental illness, substance misuse, and past trauma can increase vulnerability.

A new criminal offence of cuckooing is being introduced under the Crime and Policing Bill, alongside national guidance to support professionals in identifying and responding to this abuse.

Everyone working with adults should be alert to the signs and know how to respond.



Reflective Practice: Social GRRRAACCEESSS

The Social GRRRAACCEESSS framework developed by Dr. John Burnham, helps practitioners reflect on the social and cultural factors that shape identity, power, and relationships. It encourages inclusive, anti-oppressive, and culturally sensitive practice by recognising the visible and invisible aspects of difference.

The acronym stands for:

Gender, Geography, Race, Religion, Age, Ability, Appearance, Class, Culture, Ethnicity, Education, Employment, Sexuality, Sexual Orientation, and Spirituality.

By actively considering these dimensions, professionals can better understand how identity and lived experience influence safeguarding needs and outcomes.



Professional Curiosity

Professional curiosity involves looking beyond the initial presentation of a situation to consider what else might be occurring. It means noticing discrepancies, seeking clarification, and being ready to challenge explanations that do not align with other available information. In safeguarding contexts, professional curiosity is essential in identifying and preventing harm, especially when individuals may not disclose their circumstances due to fear, shame, or coercion.

Being professionally curious means:

- Not accepting things at face value
- Recognising disguised compliance or coercive control
- Understanding the impact of cumulative harm
- Challenging assumptions and stereotypes

A planned, focused week around professional curiosity is being developed for September.



Practice Development - Webinars

Working with Carers to Safeguard Adults

The purpose of this webinar was to share best practice and learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR) and local audits about the importance of working with informal carers to prevent, identify and respond to abuse, neglect and self-neglect for adults at risk.

The webinar covered:

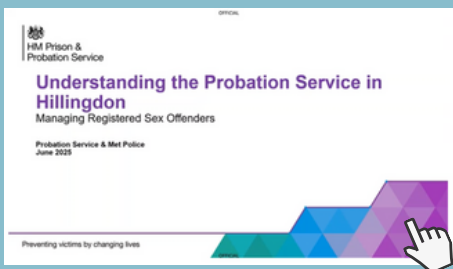
- legal duties and statutory guidance relating to informal carers in the Care Act 2014 and the Mental Capacity Act 2005
- building effective relationships with carers, including in the context of hostility, resistance to engagement and disguised compliance.
- an overview of the services in Hillingdon available to support informal carers.



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Understanding Probation

The purpose of this webinar was to support multiagency understanding of the Probation Service in Hillingdon, in response to the recommendation from the Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) National Review, which highlighted the need for improved understanding of the role of probation in safeguarding children. The webinar covered an essential overview of how probation services manage and work with people on probation, particularly those convicted of sexual offences against children, with a particular focus on safeguarding and offender management.



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Key highlights included:

- Insight into risk assessment and supervision strategies
- Understanding multi-agency collaboration to reduce harm and protect communities
- How those convicted of child sexual abuse are managed
- And guest input from Isabel Smith (Police JIGSAW) on perpetrator management

Learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs)

The purpose of this webinar was to share learning from local SARs published in Q4 2024-25:

- Mairead
- Rachel
- Ms. Stitch.

The webinar covered shared thematic learning – lived experience, legal literacy, partnership working, and management oversight and supervision.



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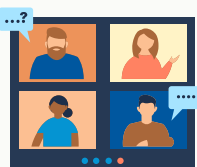
Briefing feedback form

Our briefings are concise, informative documents designed to provide quick insights that support learning, reflection, and practical application across the multiagency network.

Your feedback helps us understand how these briefings are being used in practice. Whether in team meetings, supervision, or direct work. We would like to know how we can improve our briefings to support you and your teams better.

Feedback form: [CLICK HERE](#) 

Safeguarding Partnership Information Webinars



The Safeguarding Partnership deliver webinars through the year to provide you with information about our roles, responsibilities, priorities, and relevant legislation. These sessions are 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.

[Book your place through Learning Zone](#) 

Safeguarding Partnership Training Programme

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. Book on to any of our training at [Hillingdon Learning Zone: Safeguarding Partnership](#). Some courses are chargeable to organisations that do not contribute financially to the partnership, and some courses are free to all.

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You'll need a Learning Zone account to access our training.
If you don't have one, [click this link](#) to create a new account