

Newsletter, July 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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Met Engage

The Metropolitan Police have launched Met Engage, a new platform designed to bring communities and policing closer together. Through Met Engage, residents can connect with their local officers, access important safety information, and play an active role in shaping how their neighbourhoods are policed.

This platform isn't just about sharing updates — it's a two-way conversation. Met Engage allows residents to raise concerns, highlight local issues, and help ensure that policing priorities reflect what matters most to the local community. Please share with the people you are working with so their voices can be heard.



Signs & Indicators of Cuckooing and Adult Exploitation

Everyone working with adults needs to be able to recognise the signs and indicators of exploitation and cuckooing. Building on knowledge of best practice, research and learning from serious incidents Hillingdon Safeguarding Partnership has developed a checklist to support practitioners and to inform assessments of risk and safeguarding plans. Ask your safeguarding lead for further information.



A pattern of missed or cancelled appointments



The adult appears fearful of others



The adult starts carrying weapons



Increasing isolation from family, friends and support systems



The presence of unexplained injuries



People preventing access to services



Unexplained increase in debt



Reports of antisocial behaviour or noise complaints



The adult is unable to speak freely

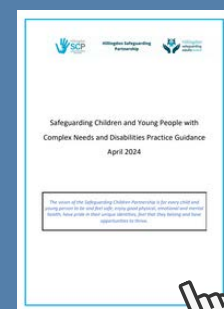
If you are concerned that a crime has been committed, or an adult is at immediate risk, contact the police.

If you are concerned about an adult with care and support needs contact Adult Social Care via

socialcaredirect@hillingdon.gov.uk or 01895 556633

Safeguarding Children and Young People with Complex Needs and Disabilities Practice Guidance

This guidance is for all professionals engaged in the care and support of children and young people with complex needs and disabilities. It is relevant for those working in a wide range of sectors, including children's social care, health, education, schools, early years, youth services, the youth justice system, the police, as well as the independent and voluntary sectors. It aims to raise awareness of best practice principles and of the additional safeguarding risks that affect children with complex needs and disabilities



Online Safety



Children and vulnerable adults can be harmed online. There are risks of radicalisation, exploitation, bullying, sexual abuse, and financial and material abuse. The Safeguarding Partnership has produced this briefing to raise awareness of the risks and how you can help to safeguard children and adults from online harms.

Falls from Heights

The Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) has highlighted that every day 45 children under five are admitted to hospital in the UK due to serious falls, many from windows, stairs, beds, or highchairs. These aren't just bumps and bruises; falls from height can lead to life-changing injuries, including head trauma and long-term disability.



As safeguarding professionals, we play a vital role in helping families understand how quickly children's abilities develop—and how easily they can get into danger. From fitting window restrictors and using stair gates to always strapping children into highchairs, small changes can make a big difference.

DID YOU KNOW?

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

Language

Why Language Matters

Our choice of words and phrases can influence the way we and others think about what is happening in abusive or neglectful situations.

Language affects our perceptions about who has the power to effect change, and perceptions of risk and responsibility. It can also influence whether children and adults feel respected by professionals, whether their dignity is preserved, and whether we can be trusted.

Professionals rarely intend to use language that is victim-blaming, shaming or hurtful and often do so because of cultural norms within their work environment, sometimes it serves to protect professionals from secondary trauma, and can arise as a result of compassion fatigue.

It is important to have an open mind and reflect on the language we use day to day, its impact on our work and on the people we are striving to help. Supervision should include critical reflection on the meaning and impact of the language we use.

Speaking with CARE Framework



The Safeguarding Partnership has developed the CARE framework. The framework is intended to serve as a consistent reference point for practitioners across all safeguarding agencies. It should inform daily practice, including the recording of case notes, contributions to multi-agency discussions, and the supervision of staff. All practitioners have a responsibility to challenge vague or minimising language, seek clarity, and ensure that communication accurately reflects the nature and severity of risk.

The CARE Principles:

- C – Challenge soft language
- A – Avoid victim blaming framing
- R – Reflect on tone and implication
- E – Empower with honesty

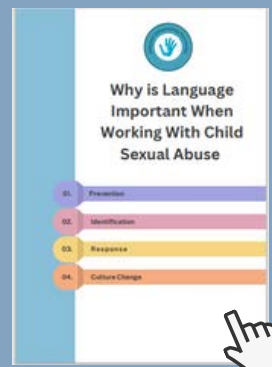
Resources



Communicating with Children with Disabilities Briefing



Appropriate Language Guide for Safeguarding Adults



Language and Child Sexual Abuse

Continuous Practice Development

CAMHS and Eating Disorder Service

Webinars

The purpose of this webinar was to provide a focus on the CAMHS and ED service offer for children and young people in the Hillingdon and wider North West London area.

The webinar covered:

- what services are available
- what treatments and interventions can be provided and how to access each service.



WATCH NOW

Safeguarding Adults from Pressure Ulcers

This Safeguarding Partnership webinar was held for National Safeguarding Adults Week. It is aimed at anyone who has contact with people who have significant health problems, have limited mobility, or are frail for any reason.

Key highlights included:

- Key aspects of the Department of Health and Social Care guidance on safeguarding and pressure ulcers
- Best practice in information sharing between professionals,
- The preventative actions that everyone can take to protect people from harm to their skin.

Practice Briefings / Guidance



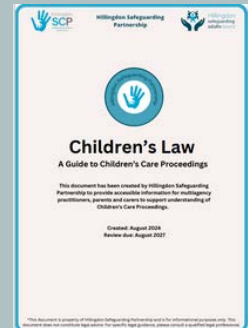
Cultural Literacy: Anti-Racist Practice



Best Practice in Safeguarding Adults Enquiries



Escalation Policy



A Guide to Children's Care Proceedings

If you are worried about a child contact the Stronger Families Hub on 01895 556006 and complete the referral form

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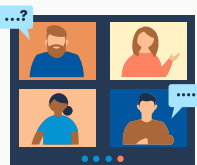
Briefing feedback form

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