

SHROPSHIRE SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP



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COVID-19 UPDATE

INFORMATION SHARING

There is a great deal of information available in relation to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic already and the impact it has had on every part of our daily life, not least frontline services such as health, social care, police, and education.

The Shropshire Safeguarding Partnership (SSP) Business Unit have set up dedicated pages on their websites [Shropshire Safeguarding Children Covid-19 Information](#) and [Keeping Adults Safe in Shropshire Covid-19 Information](#). These pages provide a single point of access for anybody who is needing to seek information and resources in relation to safeguarding children, young people and adults with care and support needs, whilst the pandemic is ongoing and the measures remain in place from the UK Government.

Recent information added to both of these webpages include:



[Love Shouldn't Hurt](#) - Contact numbers and resources for people living with domestic abuse at this difficult time



[Professional Curiosity Management and Practice Guidance](#) - This joint guidance document had already been agreed for both adults and children before

COVID-19 began. We have provided some additional questions, tips and links at the end of the guidance for you to consider, to help you maintain professional curiosity during the COVID-19 pandemic.



[Safeguarding Children](#) - Contacts, Definitions & Information Handout



[Safeguarding Adults](#) - Identification, Definitions & Contacts Handout

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WEBSITES

<http://www.safeguardingshropshireschildren.org.uk/>

<http://www.keepingadultsafeinshropshire.org.uk/>

Given how quickly the situation is progressing the information detailed on our websites is subject to constant review and change. If you would like to share any resources or information on our websites please email the SSP Business Unit: SSPBusinessunit@shropshire.gov.uk

MEETINGS

The SSP is meeting regularly with partner agencies to assure itself of their safeguarding response during the COVID-19 outbreak. As a result of, and in order to support, the extraordinary pressure and challenges being placed upon our multi-agency partners to manage the current impact of COVID-19 in Shropshire and our bordering areas, the SSP have reviewed the need for and means of conducting all future meetings and multi-agency training provision.

For the foreseeable future, in order to respond to social distancing guidance and minimise travel and time, meetings arranged by the SSP Business Unit will be set up using virtual conferencing capabilities through Microsoft and Skype communications.

TRAINING

All multi-agency face to face Safeguarding training for the Children's workforce delivered by SSP will be suspended until the end of August 2020. We will look to re-commence the Multi-agency Safeguarding Children Training Schedule in September 2020 and will be reviewing this regularly as the situation progresses. Free Children's E-learning Safeguarding Modules offered by the SSP through Virtual College remain available and can be accessed via the [SSP Safeguarding Training webpage](#)

Please visit the Keeping Adults Safe in Shropshire Learning Resources Pages for access to learning materials including access to relevant e-learning modules: <http://www.keepingadultssafeinshropshire.org.uk/learning-resources/> Shropshire Council Joint Training team have suspended multi-agency safeguarding training for the next four weeks, effective from 17 March 2020. The Joint Training team is still available to help with training information, support and advice. More information is available at: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/joint-training/>

Shropshire Partners in Care has cancelled all forums, events, non-essential meetings and all non-mandatory training up to 30th April 2020, the scenario will be reviewed prior to that. More information from Shropshire Partners in Care is available at: <https://www.spic.co.uk/>

