



# South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and Children's Partnership

Safeguarding Newsletter  
September Edition

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL PARTNERS

SEPTEMBER 2021

## September Edition

This September edition of the newsletter is a combined newsletter for both the South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership and the Safeguarding Adults Board. Please share widely within your organisation.

This newsletter, and back copies from the last few months are now available on the website. You can find them all [here](#) on the Children's Partnership site and [here](#) on the Safeguarding Adults Board website.

### Book NOW! – Stop Adult Abuse Week of Webinars

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm – Emotional Health and Wellbeing [BOOK HERE](#)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm – Trauma informed Practice [BOOK HERE](#)

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm – Gambling Awareness [BOOK HERE](#)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm - Exploitation of Adults [BOOK HERE](#)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm – Safer Cultures [BOOK HERE](#)



### Compass Posters

Compass have been developing some posters for partner agencies to display internally, which include information around the role of Compass and the Voice of the Child. Compass have also designed a poster which can be displayed externally for parents signposting to the main frequently asked questions about Early Help. If you require any further information, please email [compass@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:compass@southglos.gov.uk)

Download Posters here:

[The Compass Team](#)  
[The Voice of the Child](#)  
[Early Help Directory](#)



## Messages from Young People



Members of the Youth Board led a conference in August. One theme was based on the experiences of autistic young people. Here are some key messages they shared.

Face Coverings



"I can't wear one for a long time. I don't look 'disabled' and therefore I feel anxious that people are looking at me."

They agreed that the medical-grade facemasks are "a bit smelly" and prefer fabric face coverings.

**We want professionals to know that every autistic person is different.**

I have never enjoyed school due to there being too much sensory input & I really struggled with the social situations in school. Due to this, it's been nice learning from home as it's given me some time to focus on my education on my own terms

Questions to Consider:

Do you think it's fair for young people to feel questioned or disbelieved about having autism?

What could you do as a worker to prevent this from happening and promote diversity and acceptance of differences?

I'm not particularly keen on online calls though again, I have mixed opinions. Face to face meetings can be extremely difficult due to the pressure to make eye contact and to appear as neurotypical (not autistic) In that sense, video calls are easier as I can turn off my camera and type in chat if I don't feel able to physically engage

## Overcoming Barriers to engaging with families – Training Opportunity

This training is offered as an Avon & Somerset area wide workshop to allow practitioners from across the region to share knowledge, experience and best practice and is part of the Avon & Somerset Strategic Safeguarding Partnerships (ASSP) Training Initiative. This course aims to equip leads and practitioners with the skills and knowledge base to work more effectively with families where there are barriers to engagement.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 12:30pm-4:30pm Book a place [here](#)**



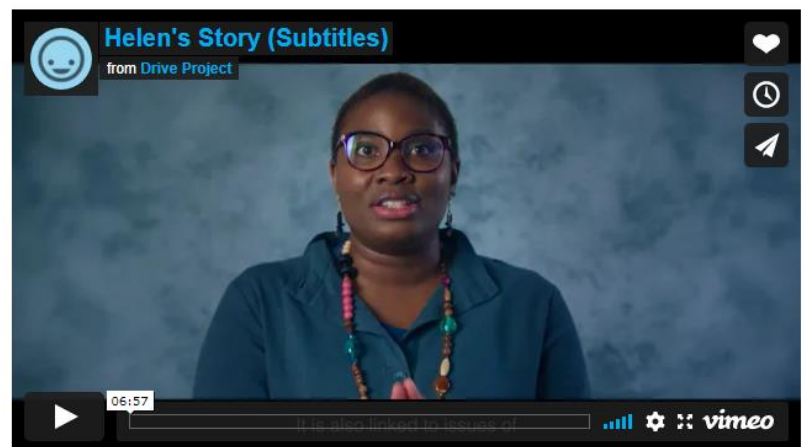
## DRIVE: Helen's Story

Click the picture to watch Helen's Story.

“Thank you for watching and sharing my story. It shows that perpetrator interventions are an absolute must and save lives. On this page you can find out more about how you can help to make sure there is a response for every perpetrator.”

- Helen, survivor

DRIVE >



## Safeguarding E-Learning

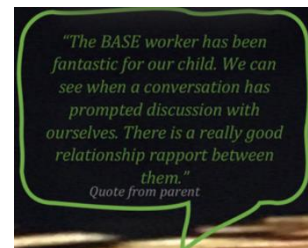
Have you started an e-learning module? Or completed one and haven't downloaded your certificate? The current site (Virtual College) is moving to a new updated training platform on 28 September 2021. There can be no new registrations on the current site after 3 September 2021. Please ensure that you complete all courses that you have started and download all certificates by 27 September 2021.

## Barnardo's BASE CSE Leaflet



Barnardo's BASE have produced a leaflet about their service for South Gloucestershire.

Find a copy on our Partnership Website [here](#)



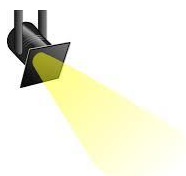
## Learning from a Rapid Review – Safeguarding Adults



Recently there was a referral to consider a Safeguarding Adults Review, the SAR subgroup undertook a rapid review of all organisations involved to help identify if the incident met the criteria for a review. On this occasion it did not, but there is still some learning to share.

The rapid review identified that practitioners were not confident about the process for reporting concerns about adults in a position of trust.

### Do you know what to do if you are worried about the behaviour of someone working with adults?



Professionals from all organisations need to know where to get help. We have multi-agency guidance. Please read and share widely in your organisation.

#### 'Guidance on managing allegations against people in a position of trust'

You can read the guidance [here](#)

## Tricky Friends

Norfolk SAB has launched '**Tricky Friends**' – a 3-minute animation developed to help people to understand what good friendships are, when they might be harmful, and what they can do. This animation was created following discussions with groups and organisations in Norfolk who support people with learning disabilities and autism, about how to raise awareness of issues like **exploitation, county lines, cuckooing**. You can use this to help people to think about the issues, to start those conversations, and keep them safer while enjoying friendships.

You can watch the animation here [Tricky Friends animation | Norfolk Safeguarding Adults Board](#)

## Community Learning

The Community Learning & Skills Service are pleased to bring you our updated list of courses starting in September 2021. The new prospectus for free courses for adults available [here](#)

For more information contact [community.learning@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:community.learning@southglos.gov.uk)