

Safeguarding Update COVID 19

January 2021

1.0 Introduction.

COVID 19 continues to challenge us all and our families but we must take heart from the manner in which we have been able to continue to offer learning and advice and support to our learners and clients through out the pandemic. Thankfully, the light at the end of the tunnel is shining bright as the vaccine is made available across the country.

As ever, as we go forward we need to keep Safeguarding in our thoughts at all times and continue to support our learners and clients to make real progress in a safe manner and support each other as restrictions change.

Colleagues should reacquaint themselves with the Safeguarding Update April & September 2020. These Safeguarding updates are available at;
<https://www.hampshirefutures.co.uk/course/view.php?id=542>

This Safeguarding update covers the following:

- County lines
- Essential annual CPD updates
- Wellbeing
- Domestic Abuse
- Reporting a concern

2.0 County Lines

County Lines is a major problem for Hampshire Police, we have the highest incidence of County Lines in the country and with increased vulnerability due to the pandemic this is something we all need to be aware of. Dee attended County Lines training just before Xmas, please see the ppts attached. All staff are asked to read all the slides and pay particular attention to the Signs and Indicators slide.

3.0 Essential annual CPD updates

All staff are required to refresh their Safeguarding and PREVENT training every year. Links and resources have been sent out to staff, we will be monitoring compliance, so please get this completed and update your CPD Annual log.

A number of colleagues have completed a free 3 hour on line programme called Psychological First Aid and have commented on how helpful this has been as its

particularly focused on supporting young people to build/rebuild their resilience in this unpredictable time.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/psychological-first-aid-covid-19/1>

3.0 Wellbeing

Wellbeing of our learners, clients and staff continues to be a high priority for us all. See links to 3 VLE pages about Wellbeing...

Keeping Mentally Well During Social Isolation -

<https://www.hampshirefutures.co.uk/course/view.php?id=583>

External Organisations for Health and Wellbeing -

<https://www.hampshirefutures.co.uk/course/view.php?id=592>

Mental Wellbeing - Every Mind Matters Resources -

<https://www.hampshirefutures.co.uk/course/view.php?id=619>

4.0 Domestic Abuse

Many children and young people are living with domestic abuse in their households. The ongoing COVID 19 restrictions mean that some children are much less visible to us, we need to be increasingly vigilant for the signs. Attached to this email and update you'll find a briefing for schools which many of you will find very useful, it sets out the risks, support and advice on handling disclosures and links to helpful resources.

Further details and all courses are listed on [Hampshire Domestic Abuse Partnership Training and Events webpage](#). There are lots more new courses on their way shortly so check in regularly to see what's new.

21 January 2021: [Alcohol and Domestic Violence](#)

21 January 2021: [Counselling Skills for Those Working with Survivors](#) (CPD accredited)

27 January 2021: [An Introduction to Honour Based Abuse \(HBA\), Forced Marriage \(FM\) and Dowry](#)

27 January 2021: [Domestic Violence and Mental Health](#)

3 February 2021: [Introduction to Gender-based Violence](#)

8 February 2021: [Becoming Trauma Informed for Health and Social Care Managers](#) (CPD accredited)

16 February 2021: [Domestic Abuse – How to Ask & Responding to Disclosures](#)

26 February 2021: [Introduction to Gender-based Violence](#)

1 March 2021: Trauma Informed Practice for Health and Social Care Workers

3 March 2021: Understanding the role of Adverse Childhood Experiences in Domestic Abuse Perpetrators and Violent Offenders

16 March 2021: Alcohol and Domestic Violence

17 March 2021: Domestic Violence and Mental Health

Pre-recorded webinars – available anytime

'8 days a week': A snapshot report on the precariousness of LGBT+ domestic abuse services'

Lockdown Changes: A Support Seminar by SafeLives

Covid-19 Domestic Abuse Crisis: Working with Police partners on responding to the 'shadow pandemic'

5.0 Reporting a concern

5.1 For **learners** and **S&P clients** we have created a dedicated email address HASafeguarding@hants.gov.uk so they have a confidential route to report concerns, please ensure that this email address is widely promoted and is included in new literature, both on line and hard copy.

5.2 For **staff**, if in doubt, always report a concern

Dealing with Safeguarding concerns, quick guide for staff

All those who come into contact with children, young people and vulnerable adults in their everyday work have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of these individuals. They should:

- be familiar with, and follow their organisation's policy and procedures for safeguarding & Prevent
- know who to contact to express concerns about a child's, young person's or adult's welfare, including safeguarding & Prevent concerns
- attend regular training that raises awareness of safeguarding and Prevent issues, and equips them with the skills and knowledge needed

If you become aware of concerns that a child, young person or vulnerable adult is being abused, or if you have any other safeguarding concerns, you must report it immediately to your Centre's Designated Safeguarding Officer, ensure you tell the DSO the name and date of birth of the young person along with details of your concerns

***Designated Safeguarding Officers:**

<p>Hampshire Achieves: Apprenticeships Traineeships and supported internships Sub Contracted Provision Hampshire Futures Dee John, Head of Service dee.john@hants.gov.uk 07784 264713</p> <p>Deputy Safeguarding Officer: Deborah Copeland 07926 077442 Deborah.copeland@hants.gov.uk</p>	<p>Hampshire Outdoors: Duke of Edinburgh Outdoor Education Clare Dobbs, Head of Service. clare.dobbs@hants.gov.uk Mobile: 07701 020336</p>
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If you are unable to contact a DSO and need to seek immediate advice please contact the Hampshire County Council Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) through the Children's Professionals Line **01329 225379** or by email to csprofessional@hants.gov.uk

Ensure you always inform the DSO in writing of any disclosure made direct to MASH.

This helpline brings together professionals from a range of agencies into an integrated multi agency team providing triage and multi agency assessment of safeguarding concerns.

Additional Contact Telephone Numbers

During office hours 8.30am – 5pm

Children's Services 0300 555 1384

Adult Services 0300 555 1386 Out of Hours Service 0300 555 1373

If you believe a crime has been committed contact Hampshire Police 101 or, if the individual is in immediate danger call 999 .