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Welcome

The Designated Nurses would like to welcome you to our first Safeguarding children looked after children and adults at risk newsletter.

We hope you find the information useful to help you understand the current developments in safeguarding children, looked after children and adults at risk.

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Changes to Mental Health Act

Sections 135 & 136 The Policing and Crime Act 2017 has introduced changes to the Mental Health Act Sections 135 and 136. The key changes are:

Section 136 can be used in more places than before. Previously a person could only be detained if they were in a place which the public had access to. With the change in the law, a person can be detained if they are anywhere other than a person's home or garden. This means a person can now be detained if they are within a business premises or other places which are not accessible to the public.

There is a reduction in the length of time that a person can be detained before having an assessment completed and assessments prior to someone being detained by the police under Section 136.

For more information, please see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/policing-and-crime-bill>

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Information Leaflets for Service Users

It has been recognised for some time that adults who use services who have been referred into Safeguarding, along with their carers, are reliant on various workers to tell them about the process, which can be variable. Stockport have a multiagency information sheet for adults with care and support needs explaining what they can expect when invited to a safeguarding meeting, along with other aspects of the process and this also includes an easy read version

[Stockport multi-agency safeguarding adults process leaflet.pdf](#)

[Stockport multi-agency Safeguarding adults - types of abuse.pdf](#)

[Stockport multi-agency](#)

[Safeguarding adults process easy read.pdf](#)

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What is a Carer's Assessment?

A Carers Assessment is simply a discussion with carers that will help understand the physical, emotional and practical impact that caring has on their life and to ensure that their needs are taken into account.

Carers have a right to have their needs considered when decisions are being made about support for the person they care for.

Everyone is entitled to access social care for information and advice but to get help and support from Adult Social Care, the person they care for must be eligible to receive services from social care. This will be decided when they carry out an assessment of their needs.

For carers who feel they need some support in their caring role, the Adult Social Care Team is the first point of contact for all referrals and general enquiries. You can contact them from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday on 0161 217 6029. In an

Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC)

A MARAC is a regular local meeting to discuss how to help victims at high risk of murder or serious harm. A domestic abuse specialist (IDVA), police, children's social services, health and other relevant agencies all sit around the same table. They talk about the victim, the family and perpetrator, and share information. The meeting is confidential. If you are a professional person involved in the care of adults at risk of abuse or neglect, you may get invited to a MARAC if there is a concern there is a high risk of murder or serious harm. You may like to know more about MARACs and how they work, there are resources and training videos at:

<http://www.safelives.org.uk/practice-support/resources-marac-meetings/marac-videos>

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Self-neglect

Self-neglect: “covers a wide range of behaviour neglecting to care for one’s personal hygiene, health or surroundings and includes behaviour such as hoarding” (DH 2014, P234).

“Capacity is a highly significant factor in both understanding and intervening in situations of self-neglect”.

There are a wide range of perspectives that inform professionals’ understanding of self-neglect. There is however, no conclusive evidence on causation or on the effectiveness of particular interventions. There are tensions between respect for autonomy and a perceived duty to preserve health and wellbeing. The former principle may extend as far as recognising that an individual who chooses to die through self-neglect should not be prevented from doing so; the latter may engage the view that action should be taken even if resisted, to preserve an individual’s safety and dignity. Human rights arguments are engaged in support of either perspective.

Self-neglect and Safeguarding enquiries:

Ordinarily, an enquiry under Section 42 of the Act is not appropriate where people are failing to care for themselves as is primarily aimed at those suffering abuse or neglect from a third party. Local Authorities may choose to undertake safeguarding enquiries or request others to do so for people where there is not a Section 42 enquiry duty, if the local authority believes it is proportionate to do so. This will enable the local authority to promote the person’s wellbeing and support a preventative agenda.

Finding the right balance between respecting the adult’s autonomy and meeting the duty to protect their wellbeing may involve building up a rapport with the adult to come to a better understanding about whether self-neglect or hoarding are matters for adult safeguarding or any other kind of intervention.

The Internet and Indecent Images of Children: working together to make children safe

In January 2018, the STOP IT NOW! Indecent images of children deterrence campaign was launched in the North West. Supported by TITAN, and the six regional police forces, it aims to stop the creation, viewing and sharing online of Indecent Images of Children (IIOC).

As a result of a greater investment in resources across the region in response to this threat area alongside the launch of the campaign, we are seeking an improving public awareness of this issue. This awareness, of course, needs to lead to action.

To help raise professional understanding of this crime area, and to share the findings of the impact of the campaign so far, the conference is for all partner agencies across the region. This is in recognition of the fact that this issue impacts us all in various ways, and that we are all essential parts of the solution.

It will take place on Monday 16 April 2018 at Leigh Sports Village from 09.30 until 1600. There will be presentations from a number of different perspectives, including the ex-wife of an offender, a police officer working in a specialist unit arresting online offenders, research on the impact on children when their father is arrested, and the voice of an offender. ACC Barr is opening the conference and presentations will be given by Tink Palmer from the Marie Collins foundation and Donald Findlater from Lucy Faithful Foundation.

Crucial to all decision making is a robust risk assessment, preferably multi-agency that includes the views of the adult and their personal network.

There is a 7 minute briefing on self-neglect from Stockport Safeguarding Adults Board which you can access via: <http://www.safeguardingadultsinstockport.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Self-Neglect.pdf>

The conference is free to attend but there is an expectation that attendees are in a position to contribute to discussion and to influence actions by their organisations afterwards. On the day we plan to generate components for an online prevent strategy for the region so that, acting in concert and based on sound evidence, we can help ensure children and young people in the region are as safe as can be in [their lives online](#).

Please confirm your attendance by email to ; North.West.Regional.CSE.Intel@merseyside.pnn.police.uk

NICE Guidance on Child Abuse and Neglect

Help to overcome abuse

NICE has published a short guide for young people receiving support following child abuse and neglect. The guide, written by young people who have experienced abuse or neglect, outlines messages from the NICE guideline on child abuse and neglect (published in October 2017), which the young people felt were most important to highlight.

Source: [NICE](#) Date: 02 March 2018

Further information: [Getting help to overcome abuse: a quick guide for young people receiving support \(PDF\)](#)