

Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership Newsletter

August 2023

Welcome to Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership's newsletter.

Lancashire Safeguarding is a multi-agency Partnership established to ensure safeguarding measures are met, and that vulnerable children and adults across Lancashire, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen are protected from harm, and abuse and lessons are learned from case reviews and improvements identified and implemented.

Training Opportunities

Please find below details for safeguarding training available online and locally:

Connect 5 Mental Health and Wellbeing training

A 2 day course focusing on a range of CBT based tools that can be used with clients to assist them to have better insight into their situations and can help them to make changes in their lives. The following date is available:

8th August 2023

If you would like to attend, please email your name, job role, team/service/department and which course you would like to attend to: helena.brown@blackpoolcarers.org

Trauma Informed Lancashire training

The main aim of these workshops is to educate individuals to understand and be more aware of the trauma people may have experienced, and by making this a multi-agency approach, we hope that people have a more positive experience both in terms of interactions with services and in those services being structured to deal with their needs. They have been great in helping to reduce violence as a wider project. Book on [here](#).

Orange Button Community Scheme

People who are having thoughts of suicide, or who are worried about a friend or family member, can now push the button when they see someone wearing a distinctive orange badge, and ask them for information and support. The orange button is worn by people in Lancashire and South Cumbria who have undergone specialised suicide prevention training, and while they are not able to counsel people, they can provide comprehensive signposting to relevant services. There is also an orange button sticker that can be supplied to businesses and organisations such as cafes, shops and pubs, to place in a prominent window alerting people to trained staff available to help.

Join the Orange Button community by accessing the training [here](#)

Policy News

Below you will find recently published policies and procedures:

[Deaths overseas of children normally resident in England](#)

Things to look out for

Section 11 Practitioner Survey

We are asking all front line practitioners who work in a local authority, district council, police and probation services and health services. The survey should only take 10 minutes to complete and will be available between 1st August and 30th September. You can find the survey [here](#).

OFLOG to provide data for Adult Social Care

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) have released a policy paper outlining further details about the role of the new Office for Local Government (Oflog). A 'data explorer' will be established which will cover four main areas, one of which will be adult social care. You can find information [here](#).

QES Case Review System for all CSPRs and SARs—we are now live!

From 17th July 2023 instead of emailing referral forms to the JPBU, we are requesting that any **new** CSPR and SAR notifications are made via this link: <https://www.casereview.co.uk/#!/Login>

Please note that you don't need to have access to the QES system to be able to make a new referral. Instructions to support making a new referral have been sent to SPOCs across all key agencies.

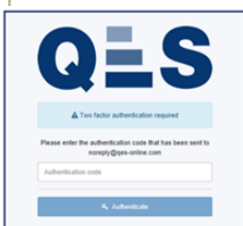
The current process still remains that senior managers/Single Points of Contact should be informed that a referral/notification is going to be made.

Anyone involved in CSPRs/SARs reviews who requires access to the system will need to complete an Acceptable Use Agreement. You will only be able to see new referrals which you are involved in.

The agreement needs to be completed by the user, signed by their manager and sent to the JBPU@lancashire.gov.uk, where the team will add the user onto the system, and also give them access to a Teams Channel to raise issues, have access to guidance etc.

Awareness sessions for both systems will be planned over the next few weeks.

If you have any queries please contact JPBU@lancashire.gov.uk



National News

There are a number of consultations currently ongoing regarding safeguarding for both adults and children. You can have your say by clicking on the following links:

- [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#) (Closes on 6th September)
- [Information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners](#) (Closes on 6th September)
- [Domestic Homicide Review legislation consultation](#) (Closes on 11th August)
- [Mandatory reporting for child sexual abuse consultation](#) (Closes on 14th August).

The NSPCC's annual safeguarding conference, How Safe, took place on 26th July 2023, with discussions and presentations on the theme 'child protection in a cost of living crisis and beyond'. Highlights from the event can be found [here](#).

It was MCA (Mental Capacity Act) Awareness Week in June this year. As part of the week in action the Pan-Lancashire Safeguarding Adult Boards put together a resource pack to support awareness of the five principles of MCA. Follow the links below for more information:

[Introduction to MCA 5 minute briefing](#)

[MCA: an overview video](#)

[Practicable Steps for People with communication difficulties](#)

[Blackpool Advocacy Service](#)

[SCIE Respecting the right to make unwise decisions](#)

[SCIE Representing the person](#)

[SAB MCA learning zone](#)

[Mental Capacity Act Toolkit](#)

[Advocacy: What is an IMCA](#)

[Lancashire Advocacy IMCA Support](#)

[Blackburn with Darwen Advocacy Service](#)

[NICE guidelines](#)

[CQC guidance—Capacity and consent](#)

[MCA 2005 at a glance](#)

The DfE has published a policy paper on information sharing which explores the barriers and potential enablers to better information sharing. You can find it [here](#).

The Counter-terrorism strategy (CONTEST) has been updated. You can find it [here](#).

The Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme have published 3 new Spotlight briefings sharing the research/insight on police learning from Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements serious case reviews, with a focus on VAWG, mental health and vulnerability. You can find them [here](#).

Have a safeguarding concern? - Contact your local authority here:

Blackpool Children:

01253 477 299 Duty.assessment@blackpool.gov.uk

Blackpool Adults:

01253 477 800 01253 477600 (emergency out of hours) Adult.socialcare@blackpool.gov.uk

Lancashire Children :

0300 123 6720 0300 123 6722 (out of hours) [Online here](#)

Lancashire Adults:

0300 123 6720 0300 123 6722 (out of hours) [Online here](#)

Blackburn with Darwen Children:

01254 666 400 01254 587 547 (out of hours) [Online here](#)

Blackburn with Darwen Adults:

01254 585 949 01254 587 547 (out of hours) safeguarding.adults@blackburn.gov.uk

We want to hear from you!



We are continuously learning and wanting to improve the work that we do. If there is anything you would like to see on this newsletter that would help you and your colleagues to safeguard adults and children better we want to hear from you. If you would like to be added to the distribution list for this newsletter you can also contact us directly. Please email us at : JPBU@lancashire.gov.uk with the email title 'Safeguarding newsletter'.