

BNSSG Link GP Meeting

February 2023



Service transition
New Topics
Current service
Understand needs

What we will cover



ANY LEARNING



TRAINING EVENTS



Q&A

Key
themes at
this time

Newly published CSPR
- Family A

Missing Person's rollout
- South Gloucestershire

CP-IS update

Family A -
CSPR

South
Glos

January
2023

Mother, Father and three children under the age of 4 living in the home

Domestic abuse, substance misuse, emotional neglect of the children and poor parental mental health

Recognising the need to fully understand the family history to form assessments

Mental health issues were not known to services other than the GP who was prescribing antidepressants

Parents were registered with different GP practices - Dad's GP did not know of CP Plan or DV in household

Mum had care leaver status

[South-Gloucestershire-Childrens-Partnership-CSPR-Family-A-January-2023.pdf](#)

[\(southglos.gov.uk\) Family-A-Learning-Brief-January-2023.pdf](#)
[\(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership
Child Safeguarding Practice Review
Family A
January 2023

Family A
The South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership agreed to undertake a Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) by considering the engagement of professionals with a family of three children who are anonymised as Family A.
When the children were under 5 years old, their father died and their mother has been convicted of his murder. At the time of their father's death, the children were on child protection plans and a decision had been made to implement the Public Law Outline due to concerns about domestic abuse, the impact on the children of the parent's poor mental health and substance misuse, and the emotional neglect of the children.

Theme: Domestic Abuse

- Making assumptions about who is the victim and who is the perpetrator in a family can lead to ineffective plans
- When there are claims and counter claims it is vital to unpick 'who does what to who'
- Understanding the power dynamic is crucial
- Building a good relationship - trust is key to effective working



Click here to see resources about Domestic Abuse and links to MARAC

The policy of separate and isolate does not always work

Couples in an abusive relationship sometimes decide not to separate and safety planning needs to happen

Mother told the review that the requirement to separate from her partner meant she had to be secretive and could then not ask for help or be honest with professionals in case she would 'lose' her children

The Children's Partnership commissioned Nicki Pettitt, an independent reviewer to lead this CSPR

Professionals from all of the involved agencies took part in the review

Members of the family also contributed their views to the CSPR

Recommendations

1. SGSCP considers the practice briefing on safeguarding children in families where there is domestic abuse that was commissioned following the National CSPR 'Child Protection in England' to align learning
2. Consider the learning from this CSPR in the review of Domestic Abuse Training that is underway
3. All agencies review paperwork to ensure all GPs for the family are recorded and that relevant information is shared with them all
4. Partner agencies provide assurance regarding what they are doing to promote the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 in respect of children as victims of domestic abuse
5. Consider making 'including fathers as equal parents' a priority for 2023 onwards
6. Share this CSPR with Safeguarding Adults Board and Community Safety Partnership with a view to considering commissioning of services for lower level perpetrators of Domestic Abuse
7. Information about orders or plans in respect of Domestic Abuse (e.g. MARAC and DVPOs) are shared with all professionals working with children in the family, and that the MARAC plan and any plan/s for the children reflect and compliment each other
8. SGCP considers how it can ensure that professionals in all partner agencies are aware of the responsibilities for and services available to care leavers

Evidence of Good Practice

- The Transitions team are providing Freedom Programme work with a group of care leavers as a preventative measure. This is good practice and consideration should be given to widening this approach
- Parent Link worker at the school has been consistent and attended core group meetings and had regular check-ins with the child at school and continues to do this now
- Support is available to care leavers until the age of 25, and this is good practice and responsible corporate parenting

Theme: Working with Fathers

- Fathers need to be fully considered in assessments and plans
- There is routine questioning for women about Domestic Abuse, but this doesn't happen for men
- There were opportunities for improved professional curiosity about Domestic Abuse in respect of Father in this case

Theme: Full understanding of family history is needed for an assessment:

- Impact of childhood trauma needs to be considered in assessment by any agency.
- Practitioners need to be curious about multiple presentations and what lies behind this and not treat incidents in isolation
- Vulnerabilities need to be explored, mental health, drug or alcohol misuse, domestic abuse, being a care leaver

Theme: Remain child centred when there are dominating parental factors

- Consider what a day in the life of this child is like
- Be aware that a child's behaviour may be their 'voice'
- Recognise and challenge child blaming language

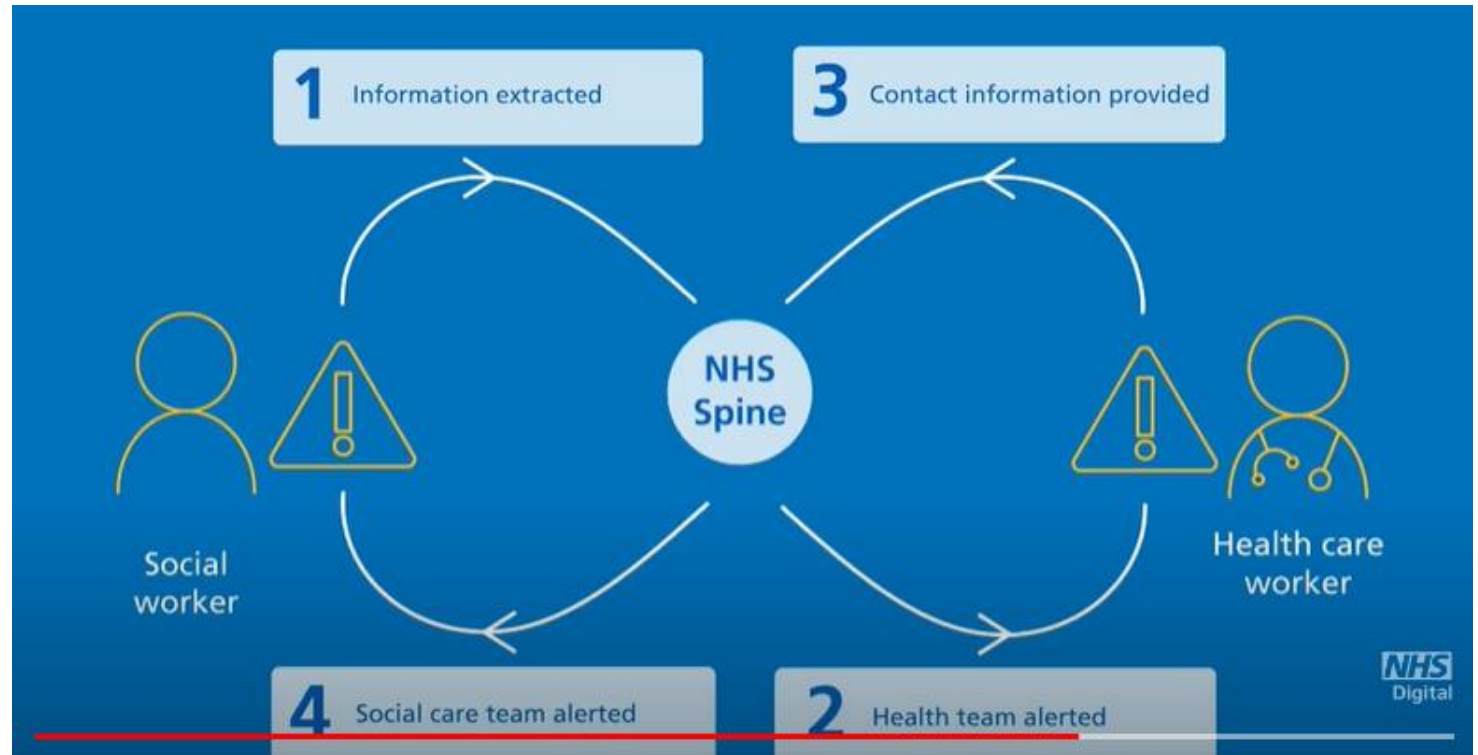
You can read the full CSPR Family A by clicking here

Missing persons notifications

- Police to send ICB notifications of missing children under the age of 18 to ICB
- ICB to disseminate this notification to relevant GP Practice
- GP practice to appropriately code this notification
- Will start in South Glos area and rollout across BNSSG
- [Bristol](#)
- North Somerset
- South Glos

Child Protection Information Sharing System

CP-IS



Bristol safeguarding referrals

Adults

Written referral form online:

[Safeguarding adults form for professionals](#)

This is a form for professionals who suspect that an adult in Bristol with care and support needs is at risk of harm from others due to abuse or neglect, or at risk of self-neglect but their health or welfare is not in immediate danger.

Professionals must complete the form as fully as possible.

A lack of information may cause a delay and can leave a person unsafe.

Children

'First Response' for [professionals](#) working with children:

- **Make a written [referral](#) online**
- [Advice](#) about making a referral (Families in Focus)
- [Consent](#) and information sharing
- [Request](#) information from First Response

If you're concerned that a child (under 18) is at risk of being abused or neglected contact the First Response team on **0117 903 6444**.

OOH - Emergency Duty Team on 01454 615 165.

South Glos safeguarding referrals

Welcome to South Gloucestershire Safeguarding

If you are worried about a child, young person or adult, who you think is being abused or neglected – [REPORT IT](#)

- **'ART': access and response team**
- **Adults** In hours 01454 868007
- OOH 01454 615165
- **Children** In hours 01454 866000
- OOH 01454 615165
- **Written referrals via ART** the '[help request form](#)'



Safeguarding Board



Children's Partnership

Concerned about an adult?

01454 868007 - Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm

01454 615165 - Out of hours and at weekends

In an emergency please ring 999

Concerned about a child?

01454 866000 - Monday to Thursday 9am - 5pm

01454 866000 - Friday 9am - 4.30pm

01454 615165 - Out of hours and at weekends

In an emergency please ring 999

North Somerset safeguarding referrals

Adults

North Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board [link](#)

Care Connect: 01275 888801 (Weekdays 8-6)

Duty Team: 01454 615165 (OOH)

Raise a Safeguarding Adults Concern:
[written referral form](#)

Children

North Somerset Safeguarding Children's Board: [link](#)

Level 1 and 2: Early Help and universal services

Level 3: Family Wellbeing

Level 4: Children's Social Care Services

The **Front Door** uses a [written referral form](#) known as 'request for support' to allocate cases.

Connect Care: 01275 888808 (Weekdays 8-5)

Duty Team: 01454 615165 (OOH)

Safeguarding Level 3 Training

- All GPs & primary care staff need to ensure that they have adequate training in safeguarding which is appropriate to their role. This is quite a complex area which often causes some confusion.
- The **ICD** gives definitive guidance: [Intercollegiate Document: Adult Safeguarding - Roles and Competencies for Health Care Staff](#)
- The **RCGP** also produced a useful summary: [RCGP primary care safeguarding training requirements](#)
- **ONLINE** training recommended via the [e-LFH website](#)
 - ✓ Search '**Safeguarding Adults module**' → Links to futures website → Sign up for free via your nhs.net email account
 - ✓ For children it's the same: Search '**Safeguarding Children & Young People**'
 - ✓ Provides the certificate for your ePortfolio / appraisal

Safeguarding Level 3 Training

You can access L3 training via your local authority, adults safeguarding partnership or children's safeguarding board locally.

The majority of training is now online via modules/ webinars/ safeguarding meetings.

When you require an update for multidisciplinary, **interactive training** (every 3 years) the ICB team will also provide L3 sessions as follows:

- **Children - Fri March 10th, 2023, 09:00-12:00**
- Adults - Fri June 9th, 2023, 09:00-12:00
- Children - Fri Sept 8th, 2023, 09:00-12:00

To apply please email: bnssg.safeguardingadmin@nhs.net

Link GP meetings | GP Q+A sessions

Link GP meetings 2023

1-2:30 pm

- Bristol - Tues 16th May 2023
- South Glos - Wed 17th May 2023
- North Som - Fri 19th May 2023

GP Q+A sessions

1-2 pm

- Fri Feb 24th
- Wed March 22nd
- Tues April 25th

Final Bits

Contact us:

bnssg.safeguardingadmin@nhs.net

Receive lots of individual emails about patients/queries

We provide a 'guiding critical friend' voice to help navigate the system

We can not dictate actions or hold clinical responsibility for individual cases

Response times may not match clinical need at times, we are not an emergency service

Q&A



ANYTHING YOU
WOULD LIKE TO
DISCUSS



HOT TOPICS



CONCERNS



LEARNING NEEDS



Thank you