

Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership



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COVID-19 UPDATES



Covid-19 makes safeguarding more difficult due to reduced contact between professionals and vulnerable people with fewer support networks in place. Isolation, money problems and health difficulties increase the pressure and raises the possibility of abuse and mistreatment. There are particular risks for people isolated with abusers and those more vulnerable to being misled or mistreated so please read the [SSCP's 7 Key Points for Safeguarding for Shropshire Volunteers](#)



During the Covid-19 pandemic it is important that all staff members and volunteers are vigilant in order to keep children as well as adults who access support safe. Social distancing means that there are limited opportunities for outside agencies to see what is happening. We must be alert to the potential for abuse and neglect and speak up so please read the latest [Whistleblowing Guidance](#) produced by Shropshire Partners in Care (SPiC) and SSCP.

NSPCC

The [NSPCC has provided guidance](#), for those trained to use GCP2 (Graded Care Profile 2) to assess risk of neglect, on ways to support your practice during the current lockdown. Including ways that you can adapt the use of GCP2 to help monitor and measure the quality of care a child receives.

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WEBSITES

<http://www.safeguardingshropshireschildren.org.uk/>

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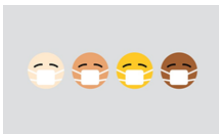
Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust have provided information on the support their [Health Visitors, School Nurses and Family Nurses](#) can still provide to children and families during the coronavirus pandemic.

FREE ONLINE LEARNING

- Free [Mental Health and Wellbeing Training Resources](#) from Virtual College - This free course has been designed as a resource pack full of tips and advice to help an individual's mental and well-being. This resource pack includes information on a wide range of different topics; from stress management to work-related mental health to tracking indicators of mental health such as sleep.
- Dewis Choice Project, a research project based at Aberystwyth University, is offering [free online training to frontline practitioners dealing with cases of domestic abuse among older people](#) during the current coronavirus lockdown.
- The Department of Health and Social Care has asked SCIE to develop a [series of webinars to support you and your team to keep adults with care and support needs safe in a variety of settings](#). Each week they will explore specific aspects of the safeguarding process. Attend one-off sessions to refresh your learning in a particular area or sign up to all six for a complete overview and introduction to safeguarding adults. These Webinars start on Wednesday 6th May.

SSCP COVID-19 WEBPAGES

Visit our websites for information and resources on safeguarding issues and responses during the Covid-19 Pandemic



[Adult Safeguarding Resources](#)



[Children's Safeguarding Resources](#)