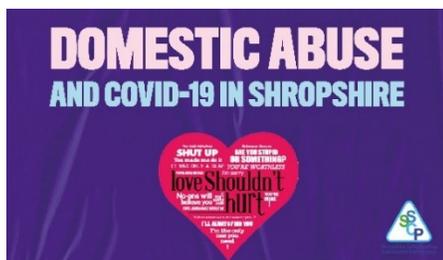


Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership



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Domestic Abuse



SSCP has produced a [Poster for Domestic Abuse](#) services and contact details in Shropshire during COVID-19

[Make Yourself Heard](#) is a video produced by West Mercia Women's Aid to highlight Press 55 if you can't talk

The MARAC, which stands for Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference, is a meeting between representatives from different organisations in Shropshire to discuss the safety, health and wellbeing of people experiencing domestic abuse and violence, and to provide a safety

plan for them and their children. The MARAC is a coordinated response to domestic abuse where professionals share information, obtain a clearer picture and are then able to provide the right help to make the victim and children safer and reduce the risk of further abuse. Visit the [Community Safety MARAC information webpage](#) for further information.

The National Female Genital Mutilation Centre has published a new infographic highlighting the link between COVID-19 and gender based violence including domestic abuse; and restricted access to services. The infographic can be accessed [here](#).

Ministry of Justice published a final report exploring how effectively the family courts identify and respond to allegations of domestic abuse and other serious offences, in cases involving disputes between parents about the arrangements for their children. The report contains a number of recommendations. There is an implementation plan which outlines how the Government intends to respond. The report and the implementation plan can be read [here](#). The Ministry of Justice Press Release can be viewed [here](#).

Keeping Safe

Two new training podcasts have been launched to help people identify and act on any safeguarding concerns they may have about an adult or a child during the coronavirus pandemic. The podcasts, created by SSCP and Shropshire Partners in Care, are for anyone working or volunteering in the local community. The podcast sessions are aimed to raise awareness of abuse and neglect of children and adults, what to look for if you do see a child or adult being subject to this, and what appropriate action you can take. [If You See Something Say Something Part 1](#) and [If you See Something Say Something Part 2](#)



Everyone has a right to be safe from harm and abuse. All of us have a role to play in safeguarding, never more so than during COVID-19. [Safeguarding is Everyone's Business](#) is a new Government leaflet.

[Keep Safe](#) provide Easy read COVID-19 information posters which are free to print or share online Use them on their own or in combinations to get the message across



Being a parent or caregiver in the digital age can be challenging. [Keep It Real Online](#) provide useful tools and advice to help you 'keep it real online' with your children and young people.

Every year, and in particular during the warmer summer months, the police receive reports of people jumping into rivers, canals, lakes, reservoirs and quarries, and getting into difficulty. Shropshire Council's Leisure Services has information on their webpage from West Mercia Police regarding [open water safety](#).

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Shropshire Council has produced great new booklet for the public that contains a variety of information such as local immediate support and online resources for managing wellbeing during the Coronavirus pandemic. Visit the Shropshire Council [Health & Wellbeing webpage](#) to access this booklet and further information and useful links.

[Young Minds](#) provide tips, advice and where to get support for parents regarding their child's mental health during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

[Zero Suicide Alliance](#) offer free online suicide awareness training, which provide a better understanding of the signs to look out for and the skills required to approach someone who is struggling



Samaritans has launched a new confidential support line for NHS & Social Care workers. Call free on 0300 131 7000 from 7am to 11pm, 7 days a week

Pick up the Phone, You are Not alone – guidance and confidential support for adults and young people with suicide concern. Information leaflet can be accessed [here](#)

[Shout is the UK's first 24/7 text service](#), free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text 85258 to get 24/7 help from Crisis volunteers.

Shropshire Council have produced a [Bereavement and Grief During the COVID-19 Pandemic booklet](#) if you have been bereaved or know someone who has lost a loved one at this difficult time. The booklet provides some information on feelings and thoughts that accompany grief, and what you can do that might help

Review of Children's Escalation Policy

SSCP is currently reviewing its Children's Escalation Policy through a multi-agency case file audit and an online survey. The survey has been developed to ascertain professionals' awareness of the policy and any barriers they've experienced in putting the policy and guidance into practice.

Could we please ask that you disseminate the survey link to all staff in the children's workforce and ask them to complete the survey to assist us with the review of the policy and to make the necessary improvements. It should only take approximately ten minutes to complete and the survey will close on 17th July

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EscalationPolicySurvey>



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) was on 16th June. Each year on this day people come together throughout Shropshire, the United Kingdom and the world to send out a clear message that the abuse and neglect of our older generation will not be tolerated. Thank you to everyone who sent us photos of them wearing purple to show their support for WEAAD 2020.

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