

Safeguarding Update August 2019

Designated Safeguarding Officer

It's recommended at least one person in your organisation is a 'designated safeguarding officer' (DSO). Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 places duties on a range of organisations and individuals to ensure their functions are discharged having regard to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It's also recommended a deputy is appointed to cover sickness or leave. Here are details of our next DSO course coming up on **Thursday, 19th September**. [Book a place](#). Just 3 places left!

Domestic Abuse training (Free) (Recognising & Responding) Course

"Someone walks into your organisation and discloses they are experiencing DOMESTIC ABUSE – What do you do next?" FREE one-day multi-agency training course for everyone, covering how to recognise coercive control and grooming techniques; examining the issues involved in why people stay; how to respond and information on support agencies and [Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference \(MARAC\)](#). [More information](#). Contact: evolve@bradford.gov.uk or Admin 01274 434503.

Help I'm Lost Cards

Fantastic resource from SNOOP to support children and adults with disabilities to feel safe when out and about by carrying a card and having access to safe places. There are many safe places across the district and police and uniform services have been trained to help.

If you want a Help I'm Lost Card or want training on how to become a safe place then contact carol.beardmore@snoopcharity.org. Packs and training are free. For more information visit <http://www.snoopcharity.org/services/after-school-care/> and here is their [leaflet](#).

Knifefree Campaign

The #knifefree campaign has been running over the Summer to early September 2019. The [#knifefree Partner pack](#) has been updated and is designed for use all year round.

Child Death Review Mortality Meetings Process training

Thirty minute information sessions on the new [Child Death Review Mortality Process](#) will be taking place during September 2019. The sessions last just 30 minutes and will be held Monday, 9th September between 12.30 and 5pm and Friday, 20th September between 9.30 and 12 noon. All events to be held at Margaret McMillan Tower, Bradford. [Book a place.](#)

Clare's Law Campaign

West Yorkshire Police are encouraging anyone with concerns about their current or ex-partner to use their 'right to ask' to check whether they have a history of domestic abuse. Applications can be made by males or females over the age of 16-years-old in heterosexual or same-sex relationships. [More information.](#)

Silent help

If you are in a situation where you can't speak (choking, heart attack, intruder, domestic violence etc) you can call 999 and when they answer, press 55 and this tells them you need help, but can't speak and they will dispatch police to you. [More information.](#)

Forced Marriage & Honour Based Violence

New training dates for forced marriage training coming up in October and November. [Book a place.](#)



What to Do if you have Concerns a Child is at Risk of Harm

New guidance from Bradford Safeguarding Children Board

This is just to remind professionals working with children and young people across Bradford & District that there have been some important changes as to how agencies should report their concerns about children and young people at risk of harm into Bradford Children's services. The new guidance aims to help agencies identify a child's level of need and to know how to respond appropriately, giving the right help at the right time. It is important that VCS organisations working with children and young people have an understanding of this new guidance. Here is a summary and all relevant documents can be found on the Bradford Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) in the ['Documents and Resources' section.](#)

Please ensure all staff and volunteers in your organisation are made aware of this important new guidance and begin using it. You may find this [presentation](#) used at the launch event

helpful, as part of cascading this within your organisation. Here is a [summary](#) of the new guidance and resources.

Young Lives want to know how you find the new guidance and processes when making referrals so we can feed this back to Bradford Children's Services. We will be putting together a brief survey but in the meantime email us at younglivesbradford@cabad.org.uk. It is important to focus on telling us about current experiences of referring in rather than historic ones.

NEW: Communication Matters: talking, listening, telling

This new course from the Bradford Safeguarding Children Board is designed to develop skills in communicating with children and young people. Dates available in October, November and January 2020. [More information.](#)

Free local Safeguarding training

The [Bradford Safeguarding Children Board](#) and [Bradford Council Workforce Development Unit](#), offer a range of free Safeguarding training. Visit their website for their latest training courses. Here are some courses we would particularly recommend if you are a Safeguarding Lead for your organisation:

- [Allegations Management](#) - Tuesday, 1st October
- [Safer Recruitment](#) - Tuesday 22nd October
- [Neglect](#) – Tuesday, 22nd October

And don't forget to take a look at their great range of free [BSCB e-learning resources](#) (topics include Basic Awareness of Child Abuse and Neglect; Domestic Violence, Early Child Development; Hidden Harm – the effects of parental problem substance use on children and more. Use these resources with volunteers and staff to run your own in-house training. Participants will just need to get a log on by registering on a course and access to a computer to work through the training together, stopping for breaks for discussion.

LOCAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Local DBS Support

[Keighley Volunteer Centre](#) can help with [DBS checks](#) done. Contact: admin@keighleyvc.co.uk See also Government guidance, [DBS checks: guidance for employers](#) and details about the [DBS Update Service](#). To receive the DBS quarterly newsletter. Sign up [here](#).

Safeguarding Advice

Young Lives Bradford provide Safeguarding advice to VCS groups working with children and young people in the District. Email us at younglivesbradford@cabad.org.uk

We also co-ordinate the VCS Safeguarding steering group which acts as an advisory body to the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) and to the Young Lives Bradford team, to share information and promote good Safeguarding practice for children and young people within the sector. The groups also contributes to the work of the BSCB and its sub groups. If you are interested in being part of this group which meets for two hours every two months email us at younglivesbradford@cabad.org.uk