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Welcome to the newsletter from the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board (GSAB). The GSAB is a multi-agency partnership that is committed to promoting the health and well-being of adults at risk in our community.

As well as this newsletter, we also send out GSAB Alerts to those signed up to our mailing list. Alerts are sent via email and provide information on hot topics. To sign up for GSAB Alerts, please visit <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gsab/> and sign up in the top right hand corner of the homepage.

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### GSAB Vision

***“To provide assurance that adults at risk are safeguarded from abuse and neglect. All partner agencies of the GSAB will work together to assure that people who have care and support needs are empowered to be kept safe from harm, abuse and neglect and that when abuse occurs, partner organisations respond effectively and proportionately”.***

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### How to report a safeguarding concern

- Professionals: Use the Online Portal  
<https://forms.gloucestershire.gov.uk/AdultSocialCareReferral>
- Members of the public: Telephone 01452 426868 (8am to 5pm Monday to Friday). You can also email: [socialcare.enq@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:socialcare.enq@gloucestershire.gov.uk)
- For out of hours, call the Emergency Duty Team on 01452 614194

Information that would be helpful includes:

- Why you are concerned
- The name, age and address of the adult at risk
- If anyone lives with them
- If they are getting help from any organisation
- Who may be causing the abuse

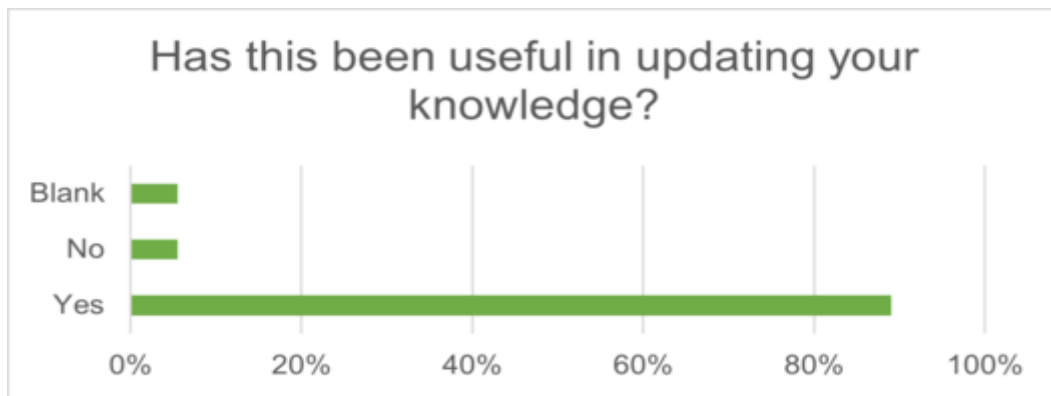


## GSAB Roadshows 2024

Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board (GSAB) held two Roadshows for professionals in April

2024. One was a face-to-face event, held at The Pavilion in Cheltenham, and the other was virtual, via MS Teams. 62 people attended the face-to-face event and 59 the virtual one. The theme was 'Reviews', with presentations on Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs), Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) and Children's Reviews.

An evaluation questionnaire was provided for those who attended the face-to-face event, and the feedback was very positive, some of the results are shown below.



## Locality Community Partnership (LCP)

As part of the national roll out of the Community Mental Health Transformation Programme, Gloucestershire Health and Care (GHC) NHSFT have co-designed and co-produced a new model for the way in which they support people with serious and enduring mental illness.



Locality Community Partnerships (LCPs) are weekly online meetings, where members from health, social care and VCSE partners come together in a multidisciplinary approach, to discuss how best to support someone with a serious or enduring mental illness, who do not currently fit a single service or may have a level of complexity that may need a multi-agency offer.

There are a range of services people can be referred to, nearly all having acceptance and exclusion criteria. When people do not meet the criteria for an individual service, they cannot access services and where people meet the criteria the service takes on almost sole responsibility of needs even when they are complex. The LCP brings a 'no wrong door' approach, supporting clinicians, professionals, and individuals users in navigating access to community, specialist Mental Health and VCSE services and supports the development of a collaborative, personalised support offer.

You may bring someone to the LCP for support if:

- A referral to a GHC service is deemed not appropriate or a person has been assessed and deemed not suitable for the service.
- The current intervention is not working.
- A single service cannot meet the patient need and a wider collaborative offer is required.
- You feel you require additional support and you/the person you support would benefit from a multiagency discussion.

- You identify the person as vulnerable and are unsure whether they have/are at risk of a serious mental illness or are suffering a period of distress.

System partners may also discuss a person at the LCP for support with:

- Discharge Planning
- Escalation of support needs i.e., patient has become too complex for current intervention/support.
- Person is currently known or supported by your service/organisation, but you do not believe this is the appropriate agency for them.

If you would like to discuss a referral, please send an email to [LCP@GHC.nhs.uk](mailto:LCP@GHC.nhs.uk), please state which ILP or PCN you are referring from in the subject heading. You, or a colleague, will need to present the referral at the LCP meeting.

You can find out more about the LCP model and Community Mental Health Transformation at: [www.ghc.nhs.uk/cmht](http://www.ghc.nhs.uk/cmht).

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## Police Professional Standards - Abuse of Position for a Sexual Purpose

Abuse of position for a sexual purpose (APSP) is a serious issue within policing relating to sexual predatory behaviour towards victims and witnesses by officers/staff.

This behaviour is perpetrated by a small minority of officers/police staff, but has the biggest impact on the confidence of the public within the police service as well as having a hugely detrimental effect on the victims.

Gloucestershire Constabulary want to reassure partner agencies that abuse of position for a sexual purpose is treated as serious corruption, and any reports will be taken seriously and investigated fully.

Concerns can be reported directly to [acu@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:acu@gloucestershire.police.uk) or anonymously via [The Police Anti-Corruption and Abuse Reporting Service | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/)



## Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)

Domestic Homicide Reviews will be renamed to Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews to better reflect all deaths which fall within their scope.

This will better recognise the often hidden victims of domestic abuse who die after suicide, coercive and controlling behaviour, and economic abuse.

This means that a Domestic Homicide Review can be commissioned whenever there is a death that has, or appears to have, resulted from domestic abuse. As well as physical abuse, this includes controlling or coercive behaviour and emotional and economic abuse. It will help to ensure that lessons are learned from fatal domestic abuse cases.

[Fatal domestic abuse reviews renamed to better recognise suicide cases - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fatal-domestic-abuse-reviews-renamed-to-better-recognise-suicide-cases)

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## LeDeR Annual Report

Learning from the lives and deaths of people with Learning Disabilities and Autistic People (LeDeR) is a national service improvement programme that was set up with the aim of reducing health inequalities and preventing premature mortality by making changes to services both locally and nationally. The aim of the



LeDeR Annual Report is to share learning from the LeDeR programme in Gloucestershire in order to promote change across the health and social care system. This report summarises what has been found out from the LeDeR reviews carried out in the reporting period, highlighting good practice and areas for improvement.

Click on the following link to view the LeDeR Annual Report [Learning from Deaths Review Gloucestershire \(LeDeR\) : NHS Gloucestershire ICB \(nhsglos.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhsglos.nhs.uk/deaths-review-gloucestershire-leder)

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## Safelincs Online Home Fire Safety Check

Safelincs is an easy to use home fire safety check which has been developed through a partnership between the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC), Fire Kills and Safelincs. It will take you through your home one room at a time and the simple questions will help you spot fire risks as you go around your home. It is free to use and only takes about 15 minutes to complete.

The tool will offer tips and advice on the steps you can take to reduce those risks. At the end, you will receive a personalised fire safety action plan to help keep you and your household safe from fire.

You can use the tool to:

- Identify fire risks in your home
- Learn how you can reduce the risks
- Create your own home fire safety plan.

To access this, use the link below:

[HFSC \(safelincs.co.uk\)](https://safelincs.co.uk)

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## VIA - Gloucestershire's New Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service (18+)

From 1 April 2024, Gloucestershire's Drug & Alcohol Recovery Service is being delivered by Via. They will be delivering drug and alcohol support for people aged 18 and over living in Gloucestershire.

Via will provide free, confidential treatment and support to adults who live in Gloucestershire who need help with alcohol and drug issues. The service will be delivered from hubs in Cheltenham, Gloucester, and Stroud, as well as across an extensive network of community partnerships throughout the county. To find out more about this service use the link below:

[Via to provide new drug and alcohol recovery service in Gloucestershire - via \(viaorg.uk\)](https://viaorg.uk)

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## GSAB Updated Policies and Procedures

The Gloucestershire Multi Agency Policy and Procedures are currently being updated and the revised version will be available shortly. These, and all of the other GSAB policies, can be found at:

[Multi agency safeguard policy and procedures | Safeguarding Adults in Gloucestershire](#)



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*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*

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