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Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership



GSCP Quarterly Safeguarding Download

The Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership Newsletter has moved from a monthly update to a quarterly download of partnership and other national and local safeguarding information to National guidance and legislation changes. The Safeguarding Download will be quarterly issued in the month following the preceding quarter.

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ISSUE DATES

Q1 - July

Q2 - October

Q3 - January

Q4 - April



The Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership

The Gloucestershire NHS Integrated Care Board, Constabulary, and Local Authority share an equal duty under the Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 Statutory Guidance (WT2023). They must ensure that their organisations, along with any agency related to children's services, referred to as Relevant Agencies, collaborate effectively to keep children safe.

The Partnership will publish its local arrangements, outlining how it will meet its WT2023 obligations. Its Yearly Report will detail how these arrangements have been met each year.

[Published Arrangements](#)

[Yearly Report](#)

Published: April 2025

Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews Including Rapid Reviews



Under the legislation Working Together to Safeguard Children Statutory Guidance the local Safeguarding Partners must have a process in place to identify, review and respond to serious safeguarding incidents that are referred to the Partners for consideration of a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review (LCSPR).

This section will provide you with an update on serious safeguarding reviews that have taken place in Gloucestershire highlighting the learning and recommendations.

Rapid Reviews

The Partnership undertook a Rapid Review in Q4 2024/2025. One of the key findings related to an absence of any information relating to the father of the child in question.

The GSCP would like to remind colleagues of the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review's report on "The Myth of Invisible Men". The evidence gathered during this review underscores an urgent need to

improve how the system identifies, responds to, and intervenes with men who may pose a risk to the babies they care for. The role these men play in a child's life, their parenting history, and their own childhood experiences, and how these affect them as adults, are often overlooked by services responsible for safeguarding children and supporting parents.

Rapid Review Key Recommendations

1. **Professional Curiosity:** Importance of asking detailed questions and not taking information at face value.
2. **Holistic Assessment:** Need for comprehensive assessments that consider the entire family's history and current situation.
3. **Multi-Agency Collaboration:** Ensuring all relevant information is shared among agencies to better understand and support families.
4. **Support for Young Parents:** Providing targeted support for young parents with adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) to improve their parenting skills and family outcomes

“The Myth of Invisible Men”

Safeguarding children under 1
from non-accidental injury caused
by male carers

September 2021

The Partnership is involved in one LCSPR which is a cross border review relating to the death of a child.

Key Learning

Key learning will be disseminated via this GSCP Safeguarding Download once the LCSPR has been published.

[LCSPR Process](#)

[LCSPR Library](#)

Multi Agency Policies and Procedure Updates

Updates to the GSCP Multi Agency P&P Manual



When using the manual, please refer to the main procedure manual before individual local arrangements.

[Procedure Manual](#)

Procedure Manual Updates

The manual is regularly refreshed and updated, the following changes to chapters should be available in May 2025:

Sexually Coerced Extortion: Information has been added in relation to sexually coerced extortion, Artificial Intelligence and updated national links to advice. [Online Safety](#)

- **Child Sexual Abuse/Harmful Sexual Behaviour:** These chapters have been refreshed and links added to additional sources of information.
 1. [Child Sexual Exploitation](#)
 2. [Child Criminal Exploitation](#)
 3. [Child Sexual Abuse in the Family Environment](#)
 4. [Harmful Sexual Behaviour](#)
- Guidance links to the **DBS** have been included - [DBS guidance leaflets - GOV.UK](#)

- **Parents with Learning Disabilities:** This chapter has been refreshed: [Parents with Learning Disabilities](#). There is an intention to include **Parents with Neurodevelopmental Conditions including Autism Spectrum Disorders** at a later date.
- **Radicalisation and Extremism – updated Prevent Duty Guidance:** This chapter has been updated to reflect updated Prevent Duty Statutory Guidance. [Radicalisation and Violent Extremism](#)

GSCP Local Arrangements



This section provides access to essential resources in the form of documentation that supports the work of the Safeguarding Children Partnership in Gloucestershire.

[GSCP Local Protocols](#)

These documents are all underpinned by the main procedure manual, which serves as the primary reference for safeguarding protocols. By utilising these resources, the Partnership can work cohesively to protect and safeguard children in Gloucestershire.

Local Protocol Updates in the Quarter

1. Children in Care Discharge
From Hospital - Protocol
Updated and published

[Children in Care Discharge From Hospital Protocol](#)

Local protocols are regularly being reviewed and updated to reflect changes in national guidance and legislation. this section will advise on these updates

Practice Development

If you work with children, young people and their families as a practitioner, a manager, registered childminder and / or have a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) role, you must attend the gateway Child Protection Inter-Agency (CPIA)



Updates on GSCP Multi Agency Training Courses

This section will provide you with up to date information on courses and event that the GSCP are planning and running.

The links below will redirect you to the relevant web pages.

[Training Curriculum and Course Information](#)

[Course Funding and Membership](#)



GSCP Learner Management System

[GSCP Training Platform, User Guides and Troubleshooting](#)

National Safeguarding Information



[Website](#)

National review into child sexual abuse within the family environment:

National child safeguarding practice review investigating the experiences of children who were sexually abused by a family member. This report describes very shocking things about the lives, distress and pain of children who had horrific abuse perpetrated on them, by adults who should have cared for them and kept them safe.

[I wanted them all to notice](#)

Race, racism and safeguarding children:

Panel Briefing 4: Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel report about safeguarding children from Black, Asian and Mixed Heritage backgrounds.

[It's Silent](#)

Local Safeguarding Information





The Bridge Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) works to support recovery and health of children affected by sexual assault and sexual abuse.

Based in Bristol and serving the children and young people of Gloucestershire (and the wider region) regardless of when the abuse happened, we offer both acute (≤ 7 days) and historic (ARC) services.

We are available for advice and strategy invitations 24/7/365 and see CYP daily including evenings for young people when appropriate. CYP can visit us for advice, examination, forensic evidence collection, related healthcare (including STI screening) and for onward referrals. We consider non-police referrals for YP ≥ 13 years old with information sharing with children's social care in all cases. **Anyone**, including CYP, can phone us for advice.

Please phone 0117 3426999 if you have any questions or see our website which contains further information and referral forms.

To receive training about our service please email: thebridge@uhbw.nhs.uk

Child Death Overview Panel

The Child Death Review process is designed to ensure Local Partners are in a position to learn any lessons there might be from the death of a child or young person.

Gloucestershire CDOP



Child Safety Week is coming soon

Gloucestershire CDOP and Partners are glad to support CAPT Child Safety Week which runs from Monday 2 to Sunday 8 June, with the theme **Safety is for Sharing**.

Fresh on the website you'll find

[Parent Pack](#)

Get the latest version of our parent pack with top tips to share with your communities. Includes our freshly updated fact sheet on burns prevention and first aid.

[Display pack](#)

Bring your Child Safety Week displays to life with our colourful posters. Includes our brand new Child Safety Week poster for 2025.

[Child Safety Week](#)



[CDOP Web Pages](#)

As part of the GSCP Website you can find all the information you need on the Gloucestershire Child Death Overview Panel

Gloucestershire Safeguarding In Education Partnership



GSEP is a Traded Service for education settings. Providing specialist safeguarding support and advice to member schools.

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information you need on the
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